The Chamber Chorale
Home Concert 2019

With Guest Ensemble
Shadow Ridge High School
Chamber Singers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 - 7:30 PM
Lee and Thomas Beam Music Center
Dr. Arturo Rando-Grillot Recital Hall
The University of Nevada, Las Vegas celebrates its 61st anniversary this year. We are a young institution, recently named as the nation’s most diverse universities in U.S. News & World Report’s annual listing. While always looking to the future, we also celebrate our rich history. The Alma Mater was composed by internationally renowned composer Eric Whitacre, a Chamber Chorale alumnus and UNLV graduate. We warmly share it with our audiences at the conclusion of our concerts.
The **Shadow Ridge Chamber Singers** are the top auditioned ensemble from the Shadow Ridge High School choir program. Students from grades 9-12 audition yearly to perform in this group and sing in multiple choirs at Shadow Ridge. Since the choir’s inception in 2015, the choir has enjoyed working towards musical excellence and education. The choir performs throughout the year at various concerts and festivals and enjoys a robust performing schedule during the holidays. Many students who participate in this ensemble audition and perform in CCSD district & NMEA all-state honor choirs. We are thrilled to share our performance with the audiences and choirs of UNLV.

**Mr. Jim Halvorson** is completing his fourth year as director of the Shadow Ridge choir program and his 11th year in high school choir with the Clark County School District. Prior to teaching high school, Jim taught elementary music for 11 years. Jim is active in district and state choir programs, serving as judge, clinician, and technology provider for the choirs each year. This year Jim will become the President for the Nevada chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. When he is not involved with his school choirs, Jim directs the Silver Statesmen barbershop chorus. He holds a degree in K-12 vocal music education from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN.

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The **UNLV Choral Ensembles** enjoy a reputation for excellent performances throughout the southwest and beyond. Under the direction of David Weiller and Joseph Svendsen, the choirs (Concert Singers, Chamber Chorale, University Chorale, and Las Vegas Master Singers) present several concerts annually on the university campus and in the greater Las Vegas community. The choirs sing a wide variety of musical styles and genres, encompassing sacred and secular music, *a cappella* as well as accompanied songs, music of non-western traditions, and major works with orchestra. Annual concert tours encompass Nevada, California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and Washington, while special itineraries include Hawaii, New York, Mexico, and Canada. The choirs’ rich history includes singing with the world-renowned Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, a massed choir performance in New York City’s Carnegie Hall, concerts with the Mexico National Symphony in Mexico City, and frequent appearances with the Las Vegas Philharmonic. UNLV choirs have performed for conferences of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), National Association for Music Education (NAfME), and Intercollegiate Men’s Choruses. In June 2019, choir members embark upon their first European tour to Spain and Portugal. The UNLV Division of Choral Studies sponsors an active student chapter of the **American Choral Directors Association** that supports choral music and special student projects. The chapter has hosted the ACDA Western Division Student Symposium numerous times on the UNLV campus.
The UNLV Choral Ensembles express their heartfelt appreciation to the Las Vegas Master Singers for their vision and commitment in establishing the

**SUSAN L. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHORAL STUDIES,**
an endowed fund providing ongoing support of talented choral musicians at UNLV.

We also thank the Master Singers for their recent establishment of the

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DIALOGUES OF THE CARMELITES  
**Friday-Saturday, March 15-16, 7:30 pm**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2:00 pm**  
**Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV**  
UNLV Opera Theater and Symphony Orchestra bring Francis Poulenc's dramatic opera to life in this fully staged and costumed production, sung in English. ($)

MAKE OUR GARDEN GROW  
**Saturday, March 30, 7:30 pm**  
**Sunday, March 31, 3:00 pm**  
**Green Valley Presbyterian Church, 1798 Wigwam Parkway, Henderson**  
The Las Vegas Master Singers, chorus-in-residence for the Las Vegas Philharmonic, celebrate their 26th anniversary with a concert encompassing the Renaissance era to the present day. The Durango High School Vocal Infinity and Del Sol Academy of Performing Arts Singers are featured guest artists. (Free)

SINGING IN OUR COMMUNITY  
**Thursday-Friday, April 11-12**  
The UNLV Concert Singers & Chamber Chorale perform at schools throughout the Clark County School District. For a complete itinerary, contact the Choral Studies office.

CHAMBER CHORALE HOME CONCERT  
**Wednesday, April 24 – 7:30 pm**  
**Lee & Thomas Beam Music Center, UNLV**  
Noted for their "joyous singing, impressive performance and expressive fervor," the UNLV Chamber Chorale returns from their annual spring tour to present musical gems by Josquin des Prez, Jacob Handl, David Brunner, and Eric Whitacre. ($)

DESERT ROSE FESTIVAL & CONCERT  
**Friday, April 26 – 7:30 pm**  
**Lee & Thomas Beam Music Center, UNLV**  
A full day of choral workshops for high school choir students culminates in a performance of the university choirs and the Silverado High School Madrigals as guest artists. ($)

SPRING JAZZ FESTIVAL  
**Monday, April 29 – 7:30 pm**  
**Alta Ham Fine Arts Building – Black Box Theatre, UNLV**  
The Jazz Singers perform on this first evening of the UNLV Spring Jazz Festival (April 29-May 1). The Latin Jazz Ensemble is also featured this evening. ($)

STARS & STRIPES  
**Friday, May 3 – 7:30 pm**  
**Lee & Thomas Beam Music Center, UNLV**  
UNLV Opera Theater presents an evening filled with scenes from American operas. ($)

30th Annual ELEMENTARY CHORAL FESTIVALS  
**Tuesday-Wednesday, May 7-8 – 9:45 am**  
**Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, UNLV**  
The UNLV School of Music and Clark County School District host this annual event featuring outstanding elementary school choirs from throughout the valley. (Free)

ODE TO JOY  
**Saturday, May 11 – 7:30 pm**  
**Reynolds Hall, The Smith Center, 361 Symphony Park Avenue, Las Vegas**  
The Las Vegas Philharmonic, conducted by Maestro Donato Cabrera, celebrates their 20th year season finale in a performance of Beethoven’s monumental Symphony #9 with the Las Vegas Master Singers, UNLV Concert Singers and Chamber Chorale. Pre-concert conversation at 6:30 pm. For more information, visit the website: lvphil.org ($)

JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY  
**Wednesday, May 8 – 7:00 pm**  
**Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas**  
UNLV Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Jazzmin’. (Free)

PORTUGAL and SPAIN!  
**Friday-Sunday, June 7-16**  
A touring choir of UNLV students, alumni and community members will tour throughout Portugal and Spain, with performances in Lisbon, Ribeiro, Salamanca and Madrid.

EUROPEAN HOMECOMING  
**Tuesday, June 18 – 7:30 pm, Lee & Thomas Beam Music Center**  
Our touring choir celebrates their return from Portugal and Spain with one final performance on the university campus. ($)
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It is a pleasure to invite you to become a member of the Friends of UNLV Choral Music. The UNLV choirs enjoy an outstanding reputation for vibrant performances throughout the southwest and beyond. From Las Vegas to New York, from Mexico to Montreal, the university choirs are ambassadors of art and goodwill through their voices united in song.

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