

Mark Sumner has been the Director of the UC Alumni Chorus and UC Choral Ensembles, Berkeley for the past eight years. At Berkeley he also the UC Women's Chorale, Perfect Fifth, and often serves as musical director of BareStage, the student-managed musical theater group. As Director of UCCE he administers five other singing groups. Since moving to the Bay Area in 1997, Mark has served as Director of Music at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Francisco. His previous teaching experience includes choral music conducting positions at UC Santa Barbara and at the University of Southern California in addition to eight years in his hometown, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He has an extensive background as a professional performer presently singing with the American Bach Soloists, the Los Angeles Chamber Singers and Cappella, and the St. Marks School Schola Cantorum, Dallas, Texas. He has formerly sung with the San Francisco Chamber Singers (Volti), Zephyr, the Los Angeles Master Chorale, Los Angeles Music Center Opera, Tulsa Opera and Dallas Civic Opera. He has also served as musical and stage director for various theater companies. Mark received his Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Music from The University of Southern California, his Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas and his Bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University.

Wm. García Ganz, Associate Director of UC Choral Ensembles, conducts the UC Men's Chorale, the Cal Jazz Choir, and assists with the UC Alumni Chorus. In 1999, while Acting Director of UCCE, he led the Alumni Chorus on tour to the United Kingdom. He has long been active in the San Francisco/Bay Area choral arena, and for many years directed the SF Cable Car Chorus and the Golden Gate Men's Chorus. He earned his graduate degree in conducting from San Francisco State University, studying with Byron MacGilvray, Laslo Varga, and Karla Lemon. He has also studied with Rodney Eichenberger and Greg Lyne. In addition to his conducting activities, he maintains a private studio teaching and coaching both voice and piano.

The road is wide and the stars are out and the breath of the night is sweet,
 And this is the time when wanderlust should seize upon my feet.
 But I'm glad to turn from the open road and the starlight on my face,
 And leave the splendor of out-of-doors for a human dwelling place.

A gypsy-man will sleep in his cart with canvas overhead;
 Or else he'll go into his tent when it is time for bed.
 He'll sit on the grass and take his ease so long as the sun is high,
 But when it is dark he wants a roof to keep away the sky.

If you call a gypsy a vagabond, I think you do him wrong,
 For he never goes a-traveling but he takes his home along.
 And the only reason a road is good, as every wanderer knows,
 Is just because of the homes, the homes, the homes to which it goes.

—from Roofs, by Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

Upcoming UC Alumni Chorus and Choral Ensemble Performances

Big Stanfurd "Sing-Off"	<i>Stanford campus</i>	November 26th 8:00 PM
UC Choral Ensembles "Caroling in the City"	<i>Various venues in San Francisco</i>	December 8th 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Cal Jazz Choir Winter Concert	<i>Choral Rehearsal Hall, Cesar Chavez Center</i>	December 8th 8:00 PM
Perfect Fifth Winter Concert	<i>Hearst Mining Building, UC campus</i>	December 9th 4:00 PM
UC Alumni Chorus and UC Choral Ensembles Holiday Concert "Home for the Holidays"	<i>Hertz Hall, UC campus</i>	December 10th 7:00 PM
The Brahms Requiem (full orchestra; in German)	<i>Hertz Hall, UC campus</i>	April 20th 3:00 PM
The Brahms Requiem (full orchestra; in English)	<i>First Unitarian Church, San Francisco</i>	April 27th 11:00 AM
Alumni Chorus Tour	<i>Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Mendoza, Argentina</i>	May 26th–June 7th

The University of California Alumni Chorus

in concert

Dr. Mark Sumner, director
Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Home, sweet home

Music to comfort the soul~~~

Sunday November 18, 2007 - 7 pm
Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley campus



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≧ Programme ≦

Calling My Children Home	Doyle Lawson, Charles Waller, Robert Yates arr. Joseph Jennings
Ye choirs of new Jerusalem	Richard Shephard
My Soul, There is a Country	Richard Shephard
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	American Folk Hymn arr. James Hopkins
A Thanksgiving to God, for his House	Dominick Argento
None Other Lamb	Larry Shackley
Pilgrim's Hymn	Stephen Paulus
Wayfaring Stranger	Appalachian Folk Song arr. Nathan Bigler
I'm Goin' Home	Sally Albrecht, Jay Althouse Dennis Butzlaff, Marcus Carlsson, Bart Gale

Pilgrim Song	Traditional arr. Ryan Murphy
Home in-a That Rock	Negro Spiritual arr. Ken Neufeld/Moses Hogan

≧ Intermission ≦

Goin' Home	Antonin Dvořák adaptation by William Fisher
Home on the Range	Brewster Higley, Daniel Kelley arr. Mark Hayes Robert Moore, harmonica
The Road Home	Stephen Paulus
Home I'll Be	Rita MacNeil arr. Stuart Calvert Orion Mercaitis, trumpet; Jay Adkisson, drums
Home, Sweet Home	Henry Bishop arr. Bob Chilcott
Homeward Bound	Marta Keen arr. Jay Althouse
Abide with Me; 'tis Eventide	Harrison Millard arr. Crawford Gates

≧ Coda ≦

The Road Goes Ever On	Gwyneth Walker Commissioned by the UC Alumni Chorus, 2007, in memory of our co-founder, Ronni Gravitz
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Home, sweet home...music to feed the soul

When deciding on a theme for this concert, I pondered the state of the world and what music I would be drawn to programme to reflect that theme. To start, the emotionally charged subject of homeland and nationalism stood out in my mind. A similar subject was addressed in a small way at our Holiday Concert this past year with our “A Global, Warming Christmas Concert.” Last December, we celebrated holiday tunes and lullabies from around the globe---but my plan was to also address something a bit more than that: an oblique reference to a strong desire of a new direction---an ‘advent’ of hope to come.

That hopefulness has a very deep significance and represents an anchor of existence during our journey through life. I found that the word ‘home,’ alone, also shares such a strong significance—often invoking images far beyond our present abode, stirring memories of all homes past and summons perhaps a vision of eternal dwelling places that exceed our human imagination. While home life can present many of our greatest challenges, the word itself still evokes feelings of joy, security, acceptance, comfort, refuge, learning, and most importantly, love.

Thusly my approach shifted to music about home, finding a treasure of choral repertoire, many arrangements carrying strong imagery and tender emotion. I also thought of the many students who enter and leave our choral rehearsal hall each day, many seeking enlightenment for their minds, and nourishment for some aspect of their being. As we try to get them to dedicate themselves to a pursuit of excellence in the choral art, bringing together their many varied talents and personalities and backgrounds, unforgettable experiences are emblazoned on memories, bonds of friendship and even love are forged, and a home away from home is created; a place of learning, but also a place of refuge and comfort.

May this concert, in some small way, and this holiday season both bring you peace, comfort and love.

From our home to yours.....

UC Alumni Chorus

<i>Soprano</i>	Cricket Rothrum	Virginia Lew	Robert Peri
Susan Bernstein	Marilynn Rowland	Christina Martin	Ken Sanderson†
Jenny Breckler	Kathy Selleck	Karen Møller	Ken Wait
Erica Breneman	Heather Thams	Alma Raymond*	Tom Watrous
Kate Caldwell†	Cathy Thompson†	Judy Roberts	<i>Bass</i>
Allison Catton	Stacy Tsukayama	Deborah Sanford	Raymond Chen
Serena Chan	Katie Woodruff	Emilee Schumer	Gordon Douglass
Jennifer Chen	Jiun-Chyi Yew	Susan Stanley	Jonathan Eastwood
Sue-ting Chene	Wendy Yu	Carol Suveda§	Dan Fabulich
Aviva Cushner	<i>Alto</i>	Karen Warrick	Paul Farrell
Doris Fine	Jody Ames§	Ann Watrous	Chris Griffin
Mary Gallahue	Ruth Chang†	Mary Widenor	Freddy Hansen
Becky Gambatese	Natalia Chousou-Polydouri	Pazit Zohar	Donald Leighton
Linda Groobin	Kathleen Clanon†	<i>Tenor</i>	Robert Moore
Rose Hansen	Carol Conway	Dennis Butzlaff	Doug Raymond
Effie Hsu	Bari Cornet	Joshua Cairns*	Roy Reynolds
Marian Kohlstedt	Sandy Douglas	Marcus Carlsson	Paul Rockett
Deborah Landis	Melinda Erickson	Jordan Fong	David Rowland
Eva Lee	Cricket Evans†	Bart Gale	Mark Sanford
Victoria Lee	Sharon Goetz	Gan Bai	Gary Smith*§
Elizabeth Mayer	Lora Graham†§	Jon Johnsen	Garrett Turner
Holly McCroskey-Lewis	Kathy Jepsen	Stan Lee	Ken Worthy
Karen Moore*	Theresa Johnson	Bob Lesch	Gilead Wurman
Susan Parkinson	Germaine LaBerge	Virginia Lew	* Section Leader
Connie Philipp	Margery Lackman	Monte Meyers	† Chorus Officer
Lauren Polinsky	Cathy Less†	John Moreno	§ Board Member
Luanne Rogers§			