

University of California Alumni Chorus presents “C U IN CUBA”

*Cuba Tour Preview Concert is at First Presbyterian Church of
Berkeley, April 28, 2012, 3PM*

MARCH , 2012, BERKELEY, CA -- The **University of California Alumni Chorus** presents “**C U in Cuba**” – a pre-tour concert of American and Cuban music at the **First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley**, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley, California, **on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at 3 pm**. The concert will be conducted by **Dr. Mark Sumner**, director of the UC Choral Ensembles. Pianist William García Ganz will accompany. The program will include Alberto Ginastera 's *The Lamentations of Jeremiah*, selections by Aaron Copland, Morten Lauridsen, spirituals and American classics such as a jazz arrangement of *Georgia on my Mind*, as well as arrangements of Cuban favorites, including *Sin Ti*, *La Perla*, *Yemaya Asesu*, and *Son de la Loma*.

For this concert the Alumni Chorus will be joined by members of the premier student group, Perfect Fifth, and the UC Men's and Women's Chorales who will be joining the tour to Cuba, which will take place May 14-25.

Tickets for the April 28 concert are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students, seniors, and disabled. UC Berkeley students pay \$6. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at (510) 642-3880. (Phone sales end Friday at 12:30pm for weekend performances.) For more information go to the U.C. Alumni Chorus website: <http://www.ucac.net>.

Founded in 1985, The U.C. Alumni Chorus is a thriving 120 member ensemble composed of Cal alumni, alumni of other U.C. campuses, and U.C. Berkeley faculty, staff and graduate students. The chorus performs a wide variety of music, ranging from 16th century chamber choral works to traditional folk music and 20th century musical theater.

Touring has become part of the Alumni Chorus tradition, giving members the chance to sing for and meet other music lovers around the globe. In the spring of 2008, a group from the Chorus toured South America, with performances in Montevideo and Colonia, Uruguay and Buenos Aires, La Plata and Mendoza, Argentina. Previous tours went to Australia, England,

the Czech Republic and Hungary, China, and the Baltics, including Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Russia. In the summer of 2009, the Chorus was invited to participate in the International Choral Festival in Missoula, Montana and the Chorus has twice performed together with the Claremont Chorale, both in Claremont, California and in the Bay Area.

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Music of the Americas

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