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**University of California Alumni Chorus
presents a Holiday Concert
titled "Children Are Our Hope"
at Berkeley's First Congregational Church**
*December 1 concert features
Rutter's Mass of the Children and
Honegger's Une Cantate de Noël*

December 1, 2013, BERKELEY, CA -- The **University of California Alumni Chorus** presents a Holiday concert at **Berkeley's First Congregational Church** on **Sunday, December 1 at 7:30 pm**. Themed "Children are Our Hope," the concert features **John Rutter's Mass of the Children** and **Arthur Honegger's Une Cantate de Noël**. Conducted by **Dr. Mark Sumner**, Director of the UC Choral Ensembles, the concert also features the **UC Women's Chorale**, and soloists are soprano **Kate Offer** and baritone **Brian Leerhuber**.

Tickets 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, or online at tickets.berkeley.edu (Phone and online sales end at 5:00 pm Tuesday the 26th of November.). For more information go to the U.C. Alumni Chorus website, 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 2012, a group from the Chorus toured Cuba, enjoying a cultural exchange with

choirs from Havana, Matanzas, Cienfuegos, and Santiago de Cuba. Previous tours were to Australia, England, the Czech Republic and Hungary, China, the Baltics (Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Russia), and South America (Uruguay and Argentina). In the summer of 2009, the Chorus was invited to participate in the International Choral Festival in Missoula, Montana and the ensemble has twice performed together with the Claremont Chorale, both in Claremont, California and in the Bay Area.

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FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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featuring

Arthur Honegger’s *Une Cantate de Noël*

and

John Rutter’s *Mass for the Children*

University of California Alumni Chorus

with the U.C. Women’s Chorale

Kate Offer, soprano

Brian Leerhuber, baritone

Dr. Mark Sumner, conductor

Sunday, December 1, 2013, 7:30 pm

First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley

Tickets: \$20 - \$15 - \$6, call (510) 642-3880., buy online at <http://www.ucac.net> , or at the door.

Phone and online sales end at 5:00 pm November 26.

Information: www.ucac.net

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