

## **University of California Alumni Chorus Celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a Silver Jubilee Concert** *HERTZ HALL, NOVEMBER 14, 2010, 7:30PM*

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010, BERKELEY, CA -- The **University of California Alumni Chorus** will perform favorite selections from 25 years of programming in its **25th Anniversary Silver Jubilee Concert** on **Saturday, November 14, 2010, 7:30PM**, in **Hertz Hall** on the U.C. Berkeley Campus. The concert will be conducted by **Dr. Mark Sumner**, director of the UC Choral Ensembles and soprano **Christa Pfeiffer** will be featured as a soloist. The concert will also feature guest appearances by former directors of UC Choral Ensembles, including **Robert Commanday**, **Carol Young Motta**, **Anthony Pasqua**, and **William García Ganz**,

The music for this concert was chosen by popular vote of the chorus and reflects the best from 25 years of concert programming: Gems by Randall Thompson, Aaron Copland, Samuel Barber, Morten Lauridsen, Debussy, Lassus, Mozart, Purcell, Britten and Poulenc are featured alongside some surprises by Steven Stucky, Robert Young, Ronald Staheli and Dominick Argento.

Founded in 1985 following a UC Choral Ensembles reunion organized by former students who had sung with Robert Commanday when he was director, the Alumni Chorus's founding director was Carol Young Motta. Anthony Pasqua led the group from 1989 to 1995 and William García Ganz was interim director from 1995 to 1997. Dr. Sumner has been the director since 1997.

**The U. C. Alumni Chorus** will be joined in performance by former SMAV/UCCE singers and former UC Glee Club and Treble Clef members. Former singers can check our website <http://www.ucac.net> to find out how to take part in this celebration.

Tickets for the November 14th concert are \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors and disabled, and \$6 for all students. Tickets will be available online in early October at <http://www.ucac.net> and at the door.

For more information and to purchase advance tickets, please visit the U.C. Alumni Chorus website: <http://www.ucac.net>.

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About the U.C. Alumni Chorus

Founded in 1985, The U.C. Alumni Chorus is a thriving 100+ 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. This was the sixth Alumni Chorus tour in its 25-year history, with previous tours 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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**University of California Alumni Chorus**  
**Dr. Mark Sumner, director**  
**25th Anniversary, Silver Jubilee Concert**  
**William Garcia Ganz, pianist**  
**Christa Pfeiffer, Soprano**  
**Guest Conductors Robert Commanday, Carol Young Motta, Anthony Pasqua and William García Ganz.**

**Works by Mozart, Britten, Purcell, Copland, Barber, Lauridsen, Poulenc, Lassus and others**

**Saturday, November 14, 7:30 P.M.**

**Hertz Hall, University of California Campus**

**Berkeley, California, 94720**

**Tickets: \$20/\$15/\$6 (students)**

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