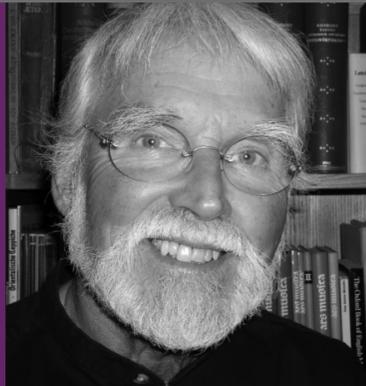


A Note From Our
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



*Dear Friends of
the Santa Cruz
Chorale,*

After each performance of the Santa Cruz Chorale, members of the audience rave, saying “that was your best concert yet”—and each time they’re right. The musical caliber of the group has improved steadily over the past few years, and I’m amazed at the development of the singers’ skills. Their comprehension of musical phrasing and ability to follow the guidance of their conductor (not to mention often flawless intonation) give me great pleasure—and pretty obviously the audience shares this pleasure! The Chorale members have always described themselves as “amateurs in the original sense of that word—people who seriously pursue an art for the love of it.” It is true that the singers pursue their art seriously and with great affection; also, they have preserved that sense of excitement characteristic of hobby musicians. Nonetheless, despite their modesty in claiming otherwise, the ability of the Santa Cruz Chorale to make exquisite music exquisitely has developed beyond what would normally be termed “amateur.” —Christian Grube



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The Santa Cruz Chorale

SEASON 33  2015-2016

Concert 1: CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHORALE

The Santa Cruz Chorale

🍷 Saturday, December 19, 2015,
8:00pm

🍷 Sunday, December 20, 2015,
4:00pm

Holy Cross Church
123 High Street, Santa Cruz

Probably more music has been composed specifically for Christmas than for any other Christian festival. Through the centuries Christmas has inspired music by the great composers, as well as carols and popular songs the world over. This great wealth of music attests to the need that people have felt and feel to sing of the meaning of Christmas, and choral singers particularly look forward to their Christmas programs. Likewise, audiences flock to these concerts to be reminded of beloved traditions and to partake in the joy. This year the Santa Cruz Chorale's festive Christmas program includes works by Giovanni da Palestrina, Claudio Monteverdi, Johann Pachelbel, G. F. Telemann, Peter I. Tchaikovsky, Felix Mendelssohn, John Tavener, Trond Kverno and Eric Whitacre. We will be accompanied by the Monterey Bay Sinfonietta, as well as a wind quartet, organist Vlada Volkova-Moran, and tried and true vocal soloists. As always, carols from many countries will repeat the sounding the joy of the season.



Concert 2: GUEST CONCERT: THE SJSU CHORALIERS IN CONCERT

*The SJSU Choraliers and
The Santa Cruz Chorale*

🍷 Sunday, March 20, 2016,
4:00pm

Holy Cross Church
123 High Street, Santa Cruz

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
CHORALIERS
DR. JEFFREY BENSON, DIRECTOR

The SJSU Choraliers will present an exceptional afternoon of music featuring selections from Frank Martin's *Mass for Double Choir*, as well as music from the Renaissance and modern times. The British composer and lecturer Phillip A. Cooke found it hard to believe that Frank Martin's *Mass* languished, unpublished for so long, when it was obviously a masterpiece. Although composed in 1922, the *Mass* was not released for publication or performance until 1963. To quote Cooke from 2010, "A work of such searing beauty and luminescence should surely have not sat in a drawer gathering dust whilst the world was crying out for more sacred masterpieces to rival Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms* and Szymanowski's *Stabat Mater*." We are thrilled to host the Choraliers, known for their exquisite blend and masterful musicianship.

Concert 3: STRAVINSKY MASS AND RENAISSANCE MOTETS FOR CHOIR AND WIND INSTRUMENTS

The Santa Cruz Chorale

🍷 Saturday, June 25, 2016,
8:00pm

🍷 Sunday, June 26, 2016,
4:00pm

Holy Cross Church
123 High Street, Santa Cruz

The main work of the Santa Cruz Chorale's June concert is Igor Stravinsky's *Mass for Mixed Chorus and Double Wind Quintet*, composed in 1948. It is one of Stravinsky's very few compositions that was not commissioned, which is to say that he wrote it not from need, but because the idea was close to his heart. Although the *Mass* is decidedly "modern," its debt to tradition can be heard not only in Gregorian reminiscences, but in the wind instrument accompaniment that reminds one of early Renaissance compositions. The Chorale's program will feature motets from that older period by Giovanni Gabrieli, Jacobus Gallus and Ludovico Viadana, which offer an exciting contrast to the sounds of the Stravinsky *Mass*.



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Please join our treasured group of donors and sponsors by contributing to The Santa Cruz Chorale. Your tax-deductible gift will pay our soloists and instrumentalists, providing much-needed support for these fine musicians.

Thank you!

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3. Stravinsky Mass and Renaissance Motets

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