



Peninsula Women's Chorus spring 2008 concert, "Expanding Horizons" to showcase young talent

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Palo Alto, Calif. - The Peninsula Women's Chorus (PWC) will present its spring 2008 concert, "Expanding Horizons" on Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, 2008. Led by Artistic Director Martín Benvenuto and accompanied by Susan Soehner, the program will feature works from the 2008 Poetry and Music Project and showcase the collaborative works of local and young artists.

The 2008 Poetry and Music Project, like the original Poetry and Music Project launched in 2000, is a partnership between local school-children, local composers and singers. This year, the PWC coordinated with Tapestry Arts to collect poems written by third-grade students attending Escuela Popular Charter School located in San Jose. Poems were then set to music by Bay Area music teacher Karen Linford and three aspiring young composers (ages 12 to 16) from Cantabile Children's Chorus. The PWC spring concert will feature the compositions that resulted, as well as selections from the 2000 Poetry and Music series.

The spring concert also will feature recently commissioned works by Stacey Garrop, Chen Yi, Chan Ka Nin's hauntingly beautiful setting of Ave Maris Stella and a set of spring sketches by Veljo Tormis. The concert celebrates the simple quotidian pleasures of springtime, as well as new adventurous music, and locally brewed talent, both young and "old."

Saturday, May 17, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Seminary
320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Sunday, May 18, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
3149 Waverley Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Tickets available through our website www.pwchorus.org
General Admission \$18 advance purchase or \$20 at concert
Student/Senior \$15 advance purchase or \$18 at concert

*For the Sunday performance at Grace Lutheran, to celebrate young artists, children 12 and under will be admitted free.

For more information, please visit www.pwchorus.org/concerts.html or call (650) 327-3095.

The Peninsula Women's Chorus (PWC) is a 50-voice non-profit 501c3 choir that performs challenging contemporary and classical music locally, nationally and abroad. It is considered the premier women's vocal ensemble in the San Francisco Bay Area. Founded in 1966, the PWC has made a significant impact on the emergence of women's choral music. The PWC is a two-time winner of Chorus America's prestigious ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming and has performed three times by invitation at the national American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) convention. The PWC has also won 3rd place in the 2006 Bela Bartok Choral Competition. Since the fall of 2003, the PWC has been directed by Martín Benvenuto.

For further information about the PWC, please visit our website at www.pwchorus.org.