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The Peninsula Women's Chorus Explores Arts Collaborations Across Different Boundaries in Its Exciting 2012/2013 Concert Season

Highlights Include an October Collaboration with the Triton Art Museum of Santa Clara featuring a Newly-Commissioned Choral Piece Inspired by Museum Artwork, Two Sparkling December 2012 concerts, and Four May 2013 Concerts with the Golden Gate Men's Chorus Featuring a World Premiere, Music from Around the World, and Special Guests

Well-known in choral circles around the world, the Peninsula Women's Chorus (PWC) presents an exciting concert season with inspired music ranging from Renaissance to contemporary. Experience the power and moving musicality of the Peninsula Women's Chorus.

Triton Museum of Art Fall Floral Festival

Santa Clara, California -- *Alla Breve*, the PWC's small ensemble, will sing a newly commissioned work, *Alma Submerged* by Frank Ferko, composed especially for the Triton Museum of San Jose's annual Fall Floral Festival. This unique collaboration connects floral design, modern art, and choral music while supporting an important local art museum. Join the PWC and the Triton Museum on Saturday, October 20 at 6:30PM for an evening of music and art. Admission is \$50; light refreshments will be served.

"Star of Wonder": Winter Concerts

Palo Alto, California -- PWC's holiday concerts, *Star of Wonder*, will feature a sparkling, eclectic collection of vibrant music from around the world. Program highlights include the brilliant "Sanctus und Benedictus" by Poland's greatest living composer, Krzysttof Penderecki, and the sublimely tender "Litanies à la vierge" by Baroque composer M.A. Charpentier. Levente Gyöngyösi's scintillating "Gloria Kajoniensis" will be performed in its entirety, accompanied by violins and percussion. Also featured are star-themed works:

Argentinian composer Emilio Dublanc's "La estrella," Saunder Choi's "Star-crossed, and The Roches classic, "Star of Wonder." Performances on Saturday, December 8 at 2:30PM and December 15* at 4:00PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto (*post concert holiday sing-along); and Sunday, December 16 at 4:00PM at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park . Tickets are \$25 general; \$10 student at St. Mark's and \$30 general; \$10 student at St. Patrick's.

"Sing-Time in Paris": Annual Gala Event

Santa Clara, California -- The Peninsula Women's Chorus' Annual Gala, "Sing-Time in Paris," celebrates the arrival of spring and your chance to savor a delicious lunch, enjoy exciting entertainment and bid on some of the most unique silent auction items to be found in the Silicon Valley. Members of San Francisco's Golden Gate Men's Chorus will join us to perform a delightful selection of French music. Held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, from 12:00 - 3:00PM.

The New Music for Treble Voices Festival

Now in its sixth year, the PWC will be hosting this exciting choral festival. We are thrilled to welcome Canada's Elektra Women's Chorus as our special guests this year. Concert held on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 4:00PM, All Saint's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto. Experience a multitude of voices on stage for an afternoon of new music-making!

"The Son of Man": Spring 2013 Concerts

Palo Alto & San Francisco, California -- In our third collaboration with San Francisco's Golden Gate Men's Chorus, one hundred voices will join in the West Coast premiere of "The Son of Man" by Syrian-American composer Kareem Roustom. We present excerpts from this Middle-Eastern-infused, modern-day oratorio set to the poetry of Kahlil Gibran, consisting of reflections on the ministry of Christ. Rounding out the program are reflections on the power of women with Libby Larsen's "I Just Lightning." PWC will also present a commission from Frank Ferko, "Alma Submerged." Concerts will be held in the two group's respective cities: Sunday, May 5 and May 12, 2013 at 2:00PM at Mission Santa Clara; Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 8:00PM and Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 8:00PM at Mission Dolores Basilica, San Francisco. We invite you to experience this dynamic program with something for everyone!

Conductor Elena Sharkova has written about the PWC, "...such a beautiful, flexible, and intelligent ensemble...!"

TICKETS:

Available online at www.pwchorus.org, and through Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006 (surcharge and handling fees will be applied), or at the door. For more information, call 650-327-3095.

ABOUT THE PENINSULA WOMEN'S CHORUS

The Peninsula Women's Chorus (PWC) is a Palo Alto-based, 50-voice women's choir performing high-quality classical and contemporary music in the Bay Area and many parts of the world. Since its founding in 1966, the Peninsula Women's Chorus has been committed to excellence in the performance of diverse and challenging choral literature for women's voices and is recognized as the premier vocal ensemble for women in the San Francisco Bay area. The PWC has come to national and international attention through live performance and recordings and has added significantly to the choral literature by commissioning new music (winner of two ASCAP awards for adventurous programming). The chorus inspires and enriches its audiences in the Bay Area through its concert series, its ongoing program of premiering new works, and its numerous collaborations with other performing groups.

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