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The Davis Chorale Gears up for its 40th Anniversary Year

To celebrate its 40th anniversary year in 2018, the Davis Chorale is planning special events and concerts with ambitious programs of major works for the 2017/18 season. Starting out on November 11, the Chorale will join the Camellia Symphony Orchestra under guest conductor Michael Morgan, who is Music Director of the Oakland Symphony, in presenting the Mozart's Requiem in the Levine completion. A festive holiday concert with hand bell collaboration will follow on December 16 and 17. The eclectic program includes best loved traditional and exciting newer songs from different eras and countries, which have become the hallmark of the choir.

The official anniversary celebration in 2018 features two concerts with full chamber orchestras and soloists. The first on May 19th presents Requiem by John Rutter, Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen, and Song for Athene by John Tavener, all three late 20th century compositions.

The Requiem is especially meaningful for the occasion, because four of its movements were premiered by the Chorale in 1985 at Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento. The soprano solos were especially written for Rachel Kessler, the founder of the Davis Chorale, and will be performed by Mrs. Kessler's daughter Carol Kessler.

Song for Athene, a funeral song from 1993, received later world attention when performed during Princess Diana's funeral. Lux Aeterna represents perhaps best the style that the Chorale loves, blending references to earlier compositional practices within a freshly contemporary idiom.

The anniversary festivities end with a second concert in December 2018, featuring the Magnificat by J. S. Bach and St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britten with participation of the Davis Children's Chorale.

The Chorale, an organization of about 70 singers, hopes that its special efforts for the coming season may attract additional members. Persons interested in joining the Chorale are urged to schedule an audition with Artistic Director Alison Skinner by calling 530-574-8419 or e-mailing Alison@davischorale.org.

To kick off the new season prospective members as well as friends and members of the Chorale are invited to an open house on August 26, 2017 from 10 am – 12 noon at the Davis Lutheran Church at 8th and B Streets. The first rehearsal is on Monday September 11 from 7 pm – 9:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis.

For more information, please consult www.davischorale.org.

