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The Choral Project Announces 2005-2006 Season Celebrating 10 Years of Musical Excellence!

SAN JOSE, CA -- The Choral Project, the critically acclaimed 45-voice Bay Area vocal ensemble announces 2005-2006 Season – celebrating 10 years of musical excellence.

2005-2006 - 10th Season Program

10th Anniversary Gala Concert - To kick off our tenth season, we celebrate the past decade by singing repertoire chosen by our loyal fans. The program includes works by Eric Whitacre, René Clausen, Arvo Pärt and Maurice Duruflé. Folk songs and spirituals round out this concert for everyone. Some favorites include Frank Ticheli's moving setting of "There Will Be Rest," and Sarah Hopkins's evocative "Past Life Melodies," a piece featuring haunting overtone singing. Singers of years past will be joining us for this gala event to launch our tenth year.

Friday, September 23, 8:00pm - Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Saturday, September 24, 8:00pm - Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Winter's Gifts - The Choral Project joins once again with the critically-acclaimed San José Chamber Orchestra in a program that features a rich diversity of musical treats for winter. Selections include Arvo Pärt's monumental "Te Deum," J.S. Bach's masterpiece "Singet dem Herrn" (Motet No. 1) as well as a collection of carols from around the globe.

December 9, 8:00pm - Mission Santa Clara de Asis
December 10, 8:00pm - Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz
December 11, 7:00pm - St. Benedict's Church, Hollister

One is the All - Experience new understanding of yourself and those around you in "One is the All," a fully-staged theatrical work portraying our human experience through song, movement and visual media. The production will feature a world premiere work from acclaimed Broadway composer Stephen Schwartz ("Wicked," "Pippin," and "Godspell") written especially for The Choral Project. Choreography by Yvonne Farrow and Charlotte Culbreth-Garcia. Staging by award-winning director Marc Jacobs. Don't miss this unique experience. Expect to be affected.

Saturday, June 24, 8:00pm - The California Theatre
Sunday, June 25, 4:00pm - The California Theatre

Season tickets for these three concert events are on sale now. To order season tickets, use the downloadable form available at www.choralproject.org.

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About The Choral Project

The Choral Project was founded by Artistic Director Daniel Hughes in September 1996 to expand the choral art through excellent performance of high-level choral literature and to bridge the gap between text and music, singer and spectator. The 45-voice ensemble rehearses at Lincoln Glen Church in San José.

The Choral Project has performed throughout Northern California in concert performances, interfaith services, and choral festivals. Some of these performances include the honor of being selected as a performing choir at the American Choral Directors Association Western Division Convention in Los Angeles (March 2000), the showcase choir for the National Association of Composers of the USA Composer's Competition (November 2000), and the featured performing ensemble for the California Music Educators Association Conference (January 2001). In June 2001, The Choral Project embarked on its first international tour to Mexico and Costa Rica, reaching a larger audience and connecting with other choral ensembles. In October of 2002, the Choral Project represented the State of California at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. at the State Day Celebration for California. In July 2004, the ensemble took 2nd place in the Mixed Choir competition at the 58th annual International Eisteddfod, scoring 274 out of 300, trailing the first place choir by only one point. The Choral Project received the highest individual score of any performing group (95 out of 100) for its performance of Juris Karlsons's "Neslegtais Gredzens," acclaimed by the judges as a "tour de force."

Committed to a brighter future for our world, The Choral Project makes yearly contribution to charitable organizations, including Toys-for-Tots, Resource Area for Teachers, ARIS, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Rain Forest Project, and SARDUS (Search and Rescue Dogs of the United States). For more information, visit www.choralproject.org.

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