# **MUSIC SERIES 2024-2025 PRESENTS**



# Giuseppe Verdi REQUIEM

# SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 4:00 P.M. SANCTUARY

Carly Cummings, Soprano Patricia McAfee, Mezzo-Soprano Timmy Simpson, Tenor Sean MacRae Smith, Baritone

The Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale Brian Woods-Lustig, Conductor Sarah Amos, Organ Bryan Verhoye, Piano Oksana Germain, Piano David Whitman, Timpani

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# I. REQUIEM ET KYRIE

Solo Quartet and Chorus Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let everlasting light shine upon them. A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Sion, and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer; before Thee all flesh shall come. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let everlasting light shine upon them. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

# **II. DIES IRAE**

The day of wrath, that day will dissolve the world in ashes, as David prophesied with the Sibyl. How great a terror there will be when the Judge shall come who will thresh out everything thoroughly!

The trumpet, scattering a wondrous sound through the tombs of every land, will gather all before the throne.

Death and nature shall stand amazed when creation rises again to answer to the Judge.

A written book will be brought forth which contains everything for which the world shall be judged. And so when the Judge takes his seat whatever is hidden shall be made manifest, nothing shall remain unavenged. The day of wrath, that day will dissolve the world in ashes, as David prophesied with the Sibyl.

What shall I, a wretch, say then? Whom shall I ask to plead for me, when scarcely the righteous are safe?

#### Chorus:

Dies irae, dies illa, solvet saeclum in favilla, teste David cum Sibylla. Quantus tremor est futurus, quando judex est venturus cuncta stricte discussurus.

Tuba mirum spargens sonum per sepulcra regionum coget omnes ante thronum.

#### Bass:

Mors stupebit et natura, cum resurget creatura, judicanti responsura.

Mezzo-soprano and Chorus: Liber scriptus proferetur in quo totum continetur, unde mundus judicetur. Judex ergo cum sedebit, quidquid latet apparebit, nil inultum remanebit. Dies irae, dies illa, solvet saeclum in favilla, teste David cum Sibylla.

Soprano, Mezzo-soprano, and Tenor: Quid sum miser tunc dicturus? Quem patronum rogaturus, cum vix justus sit securus? *Quartet and Chorus:* Rex tremendae majestatis, qui salvandos salvas gratis, salva me, fons pietatis.

Soprano and Mezzo-soprano: Recordare, Jesu pie, quod sum causa tuae viae, ne me perdas illa die. Quaerens me, sedisti lassus, redemisti crucem passus; tantus labor non sit cassus.

Juste judex ultionis, donum fac remissionis ante diem rationis.

#### Tenor:

Ingemisco tanquam reus, culpa rubet vultus meus, supplicanti parce, Deus. Qui Mariam absolvisti, et latronem exaudisti, mihi quoque spem dedisti. Preces meae non sunt dignae, sed tu, bonus, fac benigne, ne perenni cremer igne. Inter oves locum praesta, et ab haedis me sequestra, statuens in parte dextra.

#### Bass and Chorus:

Confutatis maledictis, flammis acribus addictis, voca me cum benedictis. Oro supplex et acclinis, cor contritum quasi cinis, gere curam mei finis.

Dies irae, dies illa, solvet saeclum in favilla, teste David cum Sibylla. King of dreadful majesty, who freely saves the redeemed, save me, O Fount of Pity.

Recall, merciful Jesus, that I was the reason for Thy journey: do not destroy me on that day. Seeking me, Thou didst sit down weary, Thou didst redeem me, having endured the Cross: let not such great pains have been in vain.

Righteous Judge of vengeance, give me the gift of redemption before the day of reckoning

I groan as one guilty, and my face blushes with guilt. Spare the suppliant, O God. Thou who didst absolve Mary [Magdalene] and hear the prayer of the thief, hast given me hope as well. My prayers are not worthy, but Thou, O good one, show mercy, lest I burn in everlasting fire. Give me a place among the sheep, and separate me from the goats, placing me on Thy right hand.

When the damned are confounded and consigned to scarring flames, call me to be with the blessed. I pray, suppliant and kneeling, a heart as contrite as ashes, take Thou my ending into Thy care.

The day of wrath, that day will dissolve the world in ashes, as David prophesied with the Sibyl. Solo Quartet and Chorus: Lacrimosa dies illa, qua resurget ex favilla judicandus homo reus. Huic ergo parce Deus, pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Amen.

That day is one of weeping on which shall rise again from the ashes the guilty man, to be judged. Therefore spare this one, O God, merciful Lord Jesus. Grant them rest. Amen.

# INTERMISSION

# **III. OFFERTORIO**

#### Solo Quartet

Domine Jesu Christe, rex gloriae, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu.

Libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum; sed signifer sanctus Michael repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam, quam olim Abrahae promisisti, et semini ejus.

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine laudis offerimus. Tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus; fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam, quam olim Abrahae promisisti, et semini ejus. Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the bottomless pit.

Deliver them from the jaws of the lion, that hell may not swallow them up, and they may not fall into darkness; but may the holy standard-bearer Michael bring them into the holy light, as Thou didst promise of old to Abraham and his seed.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, sacrifices and prayers of praise. Do Thou receive them on behalf of those souls whom we commemorate this day. Allow them, Lord, to pass from death to life, as Thou didst promise of old to Abraham and his seed.

# **IV. SANCTUS**

Chorus I and Chorus II: Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth! Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis! Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

# V. AGNUS DEI

Soprano, Mezzo-soprano, and Chorus: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Mezzo-soprano, Tenor, and Bass: Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis; cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es

Soprano and Chorus: Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna in die illa tremenda;

quando coeli movendi sunt et terra. Dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem. Tremens factus sum ego et timeo, dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira.

Quando coeli movendi sunt et terra.

Dies irae, dies illa, calamitatis et miseriae, dies magna et amara valde.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna in die illa tremenda.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; grant them eternal rest.

# VI. LUX AETERNA

Let everlasting light shine on them, O Lord, with Thy saints forever, for Thou art merciful. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let everlasting light shine upon them; with Thy saints forever, for Thou art merciful.

# VII. LIBERA ME

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death on that awful day when the heavens and earth shall be moved. When Thou shall come to judge the world with fire. I am seized with trembling and I fear the time when the trial shall approach, and the wrath to come.

When the heavens and the earth shall be shaken.

The day of wrath, that day, of calamity and misery, a dreadful and exceedingly bitter day.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let everlasting light shine upon them.

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death on that awful day.

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## ∽ PERFORMERS ∽

**BRIAN WOODS-LUSTIG** is the Director of Choral Activities at First United Methodist Church of San Diego and serves on the faculties of the University of San Diego and Grossmont College. At First Church, Brian leads a program of over 100 singers in five choirs ranging from middle school to adults and prepares the Masterwork Chorale and Chancel Choir for two concerts annually. Brian also leads the flagship mixed choir at USD and just started as the conductor of the Grossmont Master Chorale. Prior to coming to San Diego, Brian served as the Chorister Program Manager and Assistant Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, as well as on the music faculty at Midlands Arts Conservatory in Columbia, South Carolina. Brian holds music degrees from Houghton University, the University of Georgia, and most recently Cambridge University (UK).

**SARAH AMOS** is Director of Music Ministries and Principal Organist of First United Methodist Church of San Diego, where she oversees a bustling music program and performs on the celebrated 107-rank Blackinton and Associates Organ. Prior to her position at First Church, she served as Organist of San Dieguito United Methodist Church in Encinitas, CA (2019-2024) and Centralia United Methodist Church in Centralia, MO (2016-2019). Sarah studied organ and piano performance at Western Michigan University and earned an MM in Collaborative Piano and MA in Musicology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. A highly sought-after musical collaborator, Sarah currently works for San Diego State University's choral program as a studio faculty accompanist and previously served as the rehearsal pianist for La Jolla Symphony Chorus.

**CARLY CUMMINGS** is a San Diego based soprano who has most recently been on stage performing as Suor Genovieffa in *Suor Angelica* with Lyric Opera of Orange County. Carly won first place in the 2025 La Jolla Symphony and Chorus Emerging Artist Competition and has been awarded an Honorable Mention in the 2024 Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition, Western Region, after winning the San Diego District. Carly also recently performed as La Cugina in San Diego Opera's 2024 production of Madama Butterfly. Previous roles include Berta in Rossini's *11 Barbiere di Siviglia* with Opera Neo, Magda in Puccini's *La Rondine* at Peabody Conservatory, and Pamina in Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* with Music on Site. Carly holds a Masters Degree in Vocal Performance from Peabody Conservatory, and she is currently studying with Enrique Toral.

**PATRICIA MCAFEE**, a native of La Mesa, began her musical study as a cellist and attended San Diego State University as a performance major on that instrument. As a singer, she is familiar to San Diego audiences in her many principal roles with San Diego Opera as well having been a member of the chorus for 35 seasons, appearing in more than 100 productions. She has also sung roles with Arizona Opera, Opera Pacific, Portland Opera, Opera San Jose, Long Beach Opera and Pittsburgh Opera. She performed the title role in Richard Strauss' Salome in a concert performance with the New York Opera Project, and covered that role, along with the title role in Puccini's Turandot, for Des Moines Metro Opera. She has been a soloist/section leader here at First Church since 1999, having previously held the same position at both La Jolla Presbyterian Church and Village Church (Rancho Santa Fe).

**TIMMY SIMPSON** sings with many local organization groups like Bodhi Tree Concerts, San Diego Opera, SACRA/PROFANA, San Diego Master Chorale, Capella Gloriana, and is the tenor section leader for First United Methodist Church of San Diego. He has been a featured soloist in *All is Calm* with both Bodhi Tree Concerts and New York City Opera, Saint Saen's *Christmas Oratorio*, Bach's *St. John's* Passion, Handel's *Messiah*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Bach's *Magnifcat in D* and *Cantata 63*, several solo quartet concerts at First United Methodist Church of San Diego, Mozart's *Requiem*, Handel's *L'Allegro, Il Penseroso, ed il Moderato*, Bach's *Cantata 140* and Vivaldi's *Lauda Jerusalem*, and Schubert's *Mass in G*, with Grossmont Symphony and Master Chorale, and Schubert's *Mass in Eb* at Chapman University. In concert with San Diego Symphony, Timmy was featured in "Beyond the Score: Ives' Symphony #2: Things Our Father Loved", and in the San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops, he has been a soloist in the Final Fantasy and Broadway Pops concerts. Timothy holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Chapman University.

**SEAN MACRAE SMITH** is a music educator, performer, and composer originally from Denver, Colorado. A graduate of Pomona College, he holds a BA in Music with concentrations in musicology and composition and a minor in Physics. During his time at Pomona, he proposed and developed the curriculum for a music pedagogy reading group which brought together students and faculty in an effort to implement informed learning models and promote educational equity. Since moving to San Diego in 2022, he has put these principles into action as a private voice and piano teacher. Alongside his role as Bass Section Leader at First Church, Sean can also be found singing with SACRA/PROFANA, the San Diego Symphony Festival Chorus, and the odd jazz combo here and there. His compositions have received no awards nor accolades, but his mom is still proud of him, and he was recently selected as one of 13 Composition Fellows for Choral Arts Initiative's 2025 PREMIERE|Project Festival.

Native San Diegan **BRYAN VERHOYE** is a concert pianist who trained at the University of Southern California School of Music, the Aspen Music School, and the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been a pianist and keyboardist with the San Diego Symphony for many years, and has appeared annually since 2001 in the Carols By Candlelight concerts at the California Center for the Arts Escondido, alongside performers such as Kenny Loggins, America, Kim Carnes, Collin Raye, and the Little River Band. Bryan appears frequently as a solo recitalist, accompanist, and chamber music performer in San Diego and throughout the West Coast. Along with being a published composer and arranger, Bryan is the accompanist for the San Diego Master Chorale, as well as Music Associate/Pianist at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. In addition to his life in music, Bryan delights in being husband to Shelly Marie and father to Molleigh Rae.

**OKSANA GERMAIN** began taking piano lessons at the age of 5 years old. By the time she was 15, she was a San Diego Symphony Best & Brightest Young Artist winner, and performed as a soloist with the Symphony in its 100-Year Anniversary Gala. Oksana was a finalist in the 2014 Eastman School of Music Piano Concerto Competition (as a freshman) and was also the recipient of the Howard Hanson, Phillip Farish and Avis D Vaughn Scholarships. She majored in Piano Performance both as an undergraduate at the Eastman School of Music and as a Masters student at the Anton Bruckner Private University in Austria. Currently, she is on the faculty of the San Diego Piano Academy teaching lessons to students of all ages. She also is a collaborative pianist for students and choirs of the vocal department at SDSU in addition to students of other instruments around town.

**DR. DAVID WHITMAN** has multiple advanced degrees in Percussion Performance and Pedagogy and has served as dedicated faculty in the School of Music and Dance at San Diego State University for 13 years. He has been lauded by critical review as a "percussion guru" "with albums released on Ropeadope Records and Shifting Paradigm Records following the release of his debut album *Oh, Clara!*, which won the distinction of Best Album Jazz Instrumental at the Lincoln Center in 2018. Three of his albums were nominated for GRAMMYs (*Oh, Clara!, Soul Flow*, and *Oh, Hugo!*). Summer '25 jazz engagements in Tokyo and Manhattan with jazz pianist Marie Kitaya and acclaimed New York pianist and critic Ethan Iverson are sandwiched by performances with a variety of touring artists and shows in San Diego, including Wicked and various orchestras (including the San Diego Symphony Orchestra). His live performances and recordings "alike have been recognized by critics many times over for their outstanding quality and authenticity and his drum set instruction book, "The Daily Drummer," appears as a best seller on Amazon and Amazon Kindle.

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