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and The Two Dons

Don Carlo & Don Quichotte

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REQUIEM

La Jolla Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir & Orchestra, Dr. Keith Pedersen, *director* SOLOISTS

Abigail Allwein, soprano

Mary Boles Allen, *alto*

Tony Malerich, tenor

Vincent Martin, bass

William J. Lullo, organist/accompanist

PROGRAM NOTES

WE ARE SO PLEASE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT for our church and community one of the great masterpieces of Western art music, the Requiem (K.626) by W. A. Mozart. If you are a church member or a friend from the community, we are so glad that you have joined us for the final event of the 63rd season of the LJPC Concert Series. We hope you will feel welcome in our church and return as often as you like for future concerts or services.

BEFORE WE PERFORM THE CENTERPIECE of our program, we are delighted to have Søren Pedersen, accompanied by Phillip Dannels, sing for us some songs representing the Romantic operatic tradition as well as newer French art songs. From the age of two, Søren was raised attending La Jolla Presbyterian Church, a regular participant in Sunday School and the children's choir programs until his departure for university. He then spent several years as a choral intern in the Chancel Choir and as a section leader of the youth choir. These early singing experiences helped form his spiritual growth, gave him confidence participating in worship and trying new things, and instilled in him a passion for ministering through music. In a few days, Søren will leave for a six-week young artist opera program in Chautauqua, NY, following which he begin a master's degree in opera and voice at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. The LJPC Concert Series is pleased to present to you these fine young artists today as part of its mission supporting emerging talent.

MOZART REQUIEM

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART (1756-1791) has been called the most famous child prodigy in the history of western music. A virtuoso on keyboard instruments and violin by the age of six, he toured extensively for the next nine years, playing, improvising, and composing for the greatest nobles of Europe. He composed his first work before the age of six, wrote his first symphony when he was nine, and finished his first opera before he turned thirteen. Franz Joseph Haydn, the most revered musician of his time, pronounced Mozart the greatest composer he knew. History has confirmed this judgment, for today, 267 years after his birth, Mozart's music continues to inspire generations of listeners.

The year 1791 was unusually busy and eventful for Mozart. He worked on many pieces and was commissioned to compose two operas and a funeral mass. Combined with recent appointments to the Austrian Imperial court and St. Stephen's Cathedral, this activity promised to stabilize his financial situation. In June of that year, he traveled to Baden to visit his wife, Constanze, who was recovering her health at a spa.

Around this same time, a mysterious stranger requested that Mozart compose a setting of the Requiem (service for the dead). We now know that his visitor was an agent of a nobleman, Count Walsegg. The count, a passionate music lover, is known to have commissioned works from composers and then passed them off as his own. As his wife had died several months earlier, the count wanted a funeral mass to perform on the anniversary of her death; he had planned the secrecy of the commission in order to obscure the identity of the real composer. The identification of the patron who commissioned this work is the answer to the first great mystery regarding Mozart's Requiem (K. 626).

A second mystery, one concerning how much of the work Mozart actually did or did not write, is not so easily explained. During the summer Mozart could not work steadily on the mass, for several other projects were more pressing. He was finishing the opera Die Zauberflöte, and in August he went to Prague, where in eighteen days he finished a second opera. He resumed work on the Requiem upon his return to Vienna in mid-September, but Constanze, his wife, took away the score about a month later because his health began to fail. In mid-November, feeling better, he returned to it again. His final decline began shortly thereafter, however, and he worked on the funeral mass as he was able up to the night before his death on December 5th.

After Mozart's funeral, Constanze needed the work completed in Mozart's style so she could collect the rest of the commission fee. After several composers refused the task, Franz Xaver Süssmayr, a student and friend of the deceased master, agreed to finish the work. He recopied the first two movements, which Mozart had completed, finished the orchestration of the Sequenz and the Offertorium, and set the words of the last movement to music from the first. He later claimed, however, that he wrote the Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei on his own. There is evidence which suggests that the ailing Mozart discussed aspects of the work with Süssmayr while on his deathbed. How much was discussed and subsequently included in Süssmayr's additions will probably never be known.

PROGRAM

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

The Two Dons

"Son io mio Carlo...Per me giunto...O Carlo ascolta...Io morrò" from *Don Carlo*

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Don Quichotte À Dulcinée Song Cycle

Maurice Ravel (1875 - 1937)

Chanson romanesque Chanson épique Chanson à boire

Søren Pedersen, *baritone* Phillip Dannels, *piano*

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Op. 84, Grand Chorus in March-form Alexander Guilmant (1837-1911)

INTERMISSION

Requiem, K. 626

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

I. Introitus: Requiem aeternam

II. Kyrie eleison

III. Sequenz

Dies irae

Tuba mirum

Rex tremendae

Recordare

Confutatis

Lacrimosa

IV. Offertorium:

Domine Jesu Christe

Hostias et preces tibi

V. Sanctus

VI. Benedictus

VII. Agnus Dei

VIII. Communio:

Lux aeterna

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Baritone **Søren Pedersen** is a recent graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in music and psychology. In the last year, Søren sang both solo and chorus roles for the San Diego Opera (SDO), including

Tosca and the world premiere of El Último Sueno de Frida y Diego. Additional professional experiences include the bass solos in First United Methodist Church's performance of Bach's St. John Passion, multiple productions of Handel's Messiah in different San Diego churches, and several private patron concerts for SDO. He has also served as a paid section leader with the San Diego Master Chorale and All Souls Episcopal Church. As a student, Søren sang title roles in Mozart's Don Giovanni and in Puccini's Gianni Schicchi at summer programs in Italy and a lead role in Point Loma Opera Theater's production of *La Bohème*. Søren leaves this summer to attend the Chautauqua Opera Conservatory program in New York following which he will pursue a master's degree in vocal performance at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music at University Cincinnati. Søren is grateful for the support from his LJPC family that he has received over many years.



Accompanist **Phillip Dannels** is a classically trained pianist, operatic tenor, and composer. He studied music at Point Loma Nazarene University. He has been heard in recital throughout the United States. Phillip has performed as a soloist at Copley Symphony Hall in San

Diego in masterclass with Lang Lang. He has performed under the auspices of the San Diego Opera, Bodhi Tree Concerts, and Point Loma Opera Theatre. He spent several seasons as the assistant conductor for Point Loma Opera Theatre and directed their production of Donizetti's *Rita*. In addition, he has served as a répétiteur (tutor/coach) for various operas, operettas, and musicals throughout the San Diego area for productions as well as individual singers and instrumentalists.



Soprano **Abigail Grace Allwein** has most recently been seen in San Diego Opera's *Tosca* as the Little Shepherd Boy, and *Suor Angelica* as Sister Osmina. She is a Craig Noel Award winning artist for ONCE at Lamb's Players' in Coronado. Other credits include the Kathleen Marshall-directed *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Old Globe Theatre, as well as The Old Globe's *The Winter's Tale*, for which she composed original music. Her San Diego Opera credits include *Turandot, One Amazing Night, Così Fan Tutte, Romeo and Juliette*, and the world premiere of *El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego*.



Mezzo-soprano **Mary Boles Allen** sang the role of Sorella Infermiera in San Diego Opera's Suor Angelica in February. Recent concert solos elsewhere were Forrest's Jubilate Deo, Saint-Saëns' Christmas Oratorio, and Vivaldi's Gloria. She was the 2nd Seraphim in Mendelssohn's Elijah and the 2nd Fairy in his Midsummer Night's Dream with San Diego Symphony, and also sang with Musica Vitale. She is a core chorister at San Diego Opera, and a soloist-section leader at La Jolla Presbyterian and Temple Solel, Encinitas. In August, she will participate in a choral residency at St. Alban's, UK.



Tenor **Tony Malerich** is excited to be concluding his first year with LJPC as the tenor soloist for Mozart's Requiem. He has previously sung as a chorister and soloist in Washington DC, around New England, and in Tokyo, Japan. Since his 2018 arrival in San Diego, Tony has been singing with the Master Chorale and later other groups including Sacra/Profana and the San Diego Opera.



Bass-baritone **Vincent Martin** is a sensitive yet commanding interpreter of a wide variety of vocal literature, Vincent enjoys a career that has spanned six decades. Highlights include 343 performances of 78 productions across a 30-year career with San Diego Opera, roles with local regional opera companies, and oratorio and concert work as a soloist.

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Front cover: Salzburg Cathedral, Austria

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In spite of its patch-work composition, much of the genius of a great composer lives on in the piece. The powerful expressiveness of the text setting is enough to merit its consideration as a great choral work. Each movement sets the stage for the text it uses, from the funeral march of the Introit and the terror of the Dies Irae to the tears of the Lacrymosa and the prayer of the Hostias. As one listens to Mozart's dramatic expression of humanity's deepest feelings about death, grief, faith, and the afterlife, one can experience his genius in an individual and personal way. The La Jolla Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra has performed this moving work three times; first in 1964, five years after the start of the Concert Series ministry; then in 2002, both as part of our concert series and in a combined performance in Carnegie Hall under the direction of John Rutter; and most recently in 2010. We welcome you to our current performance of this masterwork.

Mozart REQUIEM Translations

I. Introitus

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.

II. Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

III. Sequenz

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.

Mors stupebit et natura Cum resurget creatura Judicanti responsura.

Liber scriptus proferetur In quo totum continetur, Unde mundus judicetur.

Judex ergo cum sedebit Quidquid latet apparebit, Nil inultum remanebit.

Introit

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Sequence

Day of wrath, that day Will dissolve the earth in ashes As David and the Sibyl bear witness.

What dread there will be When the Judge shall come To judge all things strictly.

A trumpet, spreading a wondrous sound Through the graves of all lands, Will drive mankind before the throne.

Death and Nature shall be astonished When all creation rises again To answer to the Judge.

A book, written in, will be brought forth In which is contained everything that is, Out of which the world shall be judged.

When therefore the Judge takes His seat Whatever is hidden will reveal itself. Nothing will remain unavenged.

Mozart REQUIEM Translations (continued)

Sequenz (continued)

Quid sum miser tunc dicturus, Quem patronum togaturus, Cum vix justus sit securus?

Rex tremendae majestatis, Qui salvandos salvas gratis, Salve me, fons pietatis.

Recordare, Jesu pie, Quod sum causa tuae viae, Ne me perdas illa die.

Quaerens me sedisti lassus, Redemisti crucem passus, Tamus labor non sit cassus.

Juste judex ultionis Donum fac remissionis Ante diem rationis.

Ingemisco tamquam reus, Culpa rubet vultus meus, Supplicanti parce, Deus.

Qui Mariam absolvisti Et latronem exaudisti, Mihi quoque spem dedisti.

Preces meae non sum dignae, Sed tu bonus fac benigne, Ne perenni cremerigne.

Inter oves locum praesta, Et ab haedis me sequestra, Statuens in parte dextra.

Confutatis maledictis Flammis acribus addictis, Voca me cum benedictis.

Oro supplex et acclinis, Cor contritum quasi cinis, Gere curam mei finis.

Lacrimosa dies illa Qua resurget ex favilla Judicandus homo reus. Huic ergo parce, Deus, Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem.

Sequence

What then shall I say, wretch that I am, What advocate entreat to speak for me, When even the righteous may hardly be secure?

King of awful majesty, Who freely saves the redeemed, Save me, O fount of goodness.

Remember, blessed Jesu, That I am the cause of Thy pilgrimage, Do not forsake me on that day.

Seeking me Thou didst sit down weary, Thou didst redeem me, suffering death on the cross. Let not such toil be in vain.

Just and avenging Judge, Grant remission Before the day of reckoning.

I groan like a guilty man. Guilt reddens my face. Spare a supplicant, O God.

Thou who didst absolve Mary Magdalene And didst hearken to the thief, To me also hast Thou given hope.

My prayers are not worthy, But Thou in Thy merciful goodness grant That I burn not in everlasting fire.

Place me among Thy sheep And separate me from the goats, Setting me on Thy right hand.

When the accursed have been confounded And given over to the bitter flames, Call me with the blessed.

I pray in supplication on my knees. My heart contrite as the dust, Safeguard my fate.

Tearful that day When, from the embers, shall rise The guilty man to be judged. Therefore spare him, O God. Merciful Jesu, Lord Grant them rest.

Mozart REQUIEM Translations (continued)

IV. Offertorium

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 prece, 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.

V. Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth! Pleni suni coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.

VI. Benedictus

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.

VII. Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

VIII. Communio

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis mis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

Offertory

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 lion's mouth. Neither let them fall into darkness nor the black abyss swallow them up.

And let St. Michael, Thy standard-bearer, lead them into the holy light which once Thou didst promise to Abraham and his seed.

We offer unto Thee this sacrifice of prayer and praise.
Receive it for those souls whom today we commemorate.
Allow them, O Lord, to cross from death into the life which once Thou didst promise to Abraham and his seed.

Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them everlasting rest.

Communion

May eternal light shine on them, O Lord, with Thy saints for ever, because Thou art merciful.

Grant the dead eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them, with Thy saints for ever, because Thou art merciful.

Lyrics and Translations from *Don Carlo*

Per me giunto è il dì supremo... Io morrò, ma lieto in core Don Carlo, Giuseppi Verdi (1813-1901)

Recitative

Son io, mio Carlo.... Ah! Noto appien ti sia l'affetto mio! Uscir tu dêi da quest'orrendo avel. It is I, my Carlo.... Ah, may you fully know my affection for you!

Uscir tu dêi da quest'orrendo avel. Felice ancor io son se abbracciarti poss'io! Io ti salvai! You must leave this horrible tomb. I am happy again if I can embrace you! I shall save you!

> Convien qui dirci addio. O mio Carlo! Therefore we must say goodbye here. O my Carlo!

Aria

Per me giunto è il di supremo, no, mai più ci rivedrem; ci congiunga Iddio nel ciel, The final day has arrived for me, no, we shall never see each other again; may God unite us in Heaven.

ei che premia i suoi fedel'. Sul tuo ciglio il pianto io miro; lagrimar cosi, perché? No, fa cor, no, fa cor, He who rewards his faithful. I see a tear in your eye. Why do you weep? No, take heart, no, take heart,

l'estremo spiro, lieto é a chi morrà per te. the last breath of he who dies for you is a happy one.

Recitative

O Carlo, ascolta, la madre t'aspetta a San Giusto doman; tutto ella sa...
Oh, Carlo, listen, your mother will wait for you at San Giusto tomorrow; she knows everything...

Ah! La terra mi manca...Carlo mio, a me porgi la man!... the ground is giving way beneath me...My Carlo, give me your hand...

Aria

Io morrò, ma lieto in core, che potei cosi serbar alla Spagna un slavatore! Ah! di me non ti scordar! I shall die, but my heart is glad that I could keep alive for Spain such a savior! Ah! Do not forget me!

Regnare tu dovevi, ed io morir per te. Ah! io morrò, ma lieto in core... You must reign, and I will die for you. Ah! I shall die, but my heart is glad...

La mano a me... Ah! Salva la Fiandra...Carlo, addio! Ah! Give your hand to me...ah, save Flanders...Carlo, farewell! Ah!

Lyrics and Translations from *Don Quichotte à Dulcinée*Maurice Ravel (1875 - 1937)

Joseph Maurice Ravel was a French composer, pianist and conductor. In the 1920s and 1930s he was internationally regarded as France's greatest living composer. He was one of the first composers to acknowledge the potential of recording in making music accessible to a broad public, and in the 1920s several recordings of his work were made.

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Chancon Romanesque

Si vous me disiez que la terre Chinese source: <u>Paul Morand</u> Si vous me disiez que la terre À tant tourner vous offensa, Je lui dépêcherais Pança: Vous la verriez fixe et se taire.

Si vous me disiez que l'ennui Vous vient du ciel trop fleuri d'astres, Déchirant les divins cadastres, Je faucherais d'un coup la nuit.

Si vous me disiez que l'espace Ainsi vidé ne vous plaît point, Chevalier dieu, la lance au poing. J'étoilerais le vent qui passe.

Mais si vous disiez que mon sang Est plus à moi qu'à vous, ma Dame, Je blêmirais dessous le blâme Et je mourrais, vous bénissant.

Ô Dulcinée.

Romantic song

Were you to tell that the earth Offended you with so much turning, I'd dispatch Panza to deal with it: You'd see it still and silenced.

Were you to tell me that you are wearied By a sky too studded with stars -Tearing the divine order asunder, I'd scythe the night with a single blow.

Were you to tell me that space itself, Thus denuded was not to your taste -As a god-like knight, with lance in hand, I'd sow the fleeting wind with stars.

But were you to tell me that my blood Is more mine, my Lady, than your own, I'd pale at the admonishment And, blessing you, would die.

O Dulcinea.

Chanson épique

Bon Saint Michel qui me donnez loisir French source: Paul Morand
Bon Saint Michel qui me donnez loisir De voir ma Dame et de l'entendre,
Bon Saint Michel qui me daignez choisir Pour lui complaire et la défendre,
Bon Saint Michel veuillez descendre Avec Saint Georges sur l'autel De la Madone au bleu mantel.

D'un rayon du ciel bénissez ma lame Et son égale en pureté Et son égale en piété Comme en pudeur et chasteté: Ma Dame.

(Ô grands Saint Georges et Saint Michel) L'ange qui veille sur ma veille, Ma douce Dame si pareille À Vous, Madone au bleu mantel! Amen.

Epic Song

Good Saint Michael who gives me leave
To behold and hear my Lady,
Good Saint Michael who deigns to elect me
To please her and defend her,
Good Saint Michael, descend, I pray,
With Saint George onto the altar
Of the Madonna robed in blue.

With a heavenly beam bless my blade
And its equal in purity
And its equal in piety
As in modesty and chastity:
My Lady.

(O great Saint George and great Saint Michael)
Bless the angel watching over my vigil,
My sweet Lady, so like unto Thee,
O Madonna robed in blue!
Amen.

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Chanson à boire

Foin du bâtard, illustre Dame French source: <u>Paul Morand</u> Foin du bâtard, illustre Dame, Qui pour me perdre à vos doux yeux Dit que l'amour et le vin vieux Mettent en deuill mon coeur, mon âme!

Je bois À la joie! La joie est le seul but Où je vais droit... lorsque j'ai bu!

Foin du jaloux, brune maîtresse, Qui geint, qui pleure et fait serment D'être toujours ce pâle amant Qui met de l'eau dans son ivresse!

> Je bois À la joie! La joie est le seul but Où je vais droit... Lorsque j'ai bu!

Drinking song

A pox on the bastard, illustrious Lady, Who to discredit me in your sweet eyes, Says that love and old wine Are saddening my heart and soul!

I drink
To joy!
Joy is the only goal
To which I go straight... when I'm...
drunk!

A pox on the jealous wretch, O dusky mistress, Who whines and weeps and vows Always to be this lily-livered lover Who dilutes his drunkenness!

I drink
To joy!
Joy is the only goal
To which I go straight... when I'm...
drunk!

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