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**135 San Francisco Bay Area Fallen Heroes To Be Honored in Song**

**Gabriel Faure's Requiem to be performed on June 18 in remembrance of fallen 9/11 and community heroes and first responders for their sacrifices to the community**

Pleasanton, California (May 28, 2011): Newly formed-Pacific Masterworks Chorus will be honoring 135 Police, Fire, Military, and 9/11 fallen heroes at their June 18 concert "From Barber to Barbershop: A Tribute to 9/11 and Hometown Heroes." A roll call of the fallen will be performed during Gabriel Faure's Requiem which will be accompanied by orchestra and sung by the Chorus, singers from the University of California Alumni Chorus, and the community. Guest chorus San Jose-based Voices in Harmony will also perform and dedicate one of their songs to fallen hero mothers.

"This event has been overwhelming with the support of the community and the work of both groups, Pacific Masterworks Chorus and Voices in Harmony." says Tim Salaver, President, "The stories of the men and women who have given their lives while doing their jobs and serving their country and community are emotional and remarkable. We are proud to be honoring them this Memorial Day weekend and with our voices at our concert." The chorus will perform one of the most beloved and performed *Requiems* ever written. The concert which will start at 7:30 pm with a color guard and the ringing of a fire bell will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1225 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton.

Pacific Masterworks Chorus is led by world-renowned choral director Dr. Greg Lyne and accompanied by acclaimed pianist Danielle Naler. The chorus has lent its voices in support of the Dublin Emergency Food Bank, The Salvation Army Concord Food Pantry, and Japan Earthquake Relief. San Jose-based Voices in Harmony will sing "Mama, A Rainbow," a poignant piece arranged by Lyne that will be dedicated to Blue Star, Gold Star, and all mothers whose love perpetuates the memory of the fallen.

"This combination of voices will be a wonderful experience for the singers as well as the audience," says Lyne, "while I may direct both groups, the real stars are the singers who work diligently every week to do what they love. Both choruses will be combining for a finale which will be sure to move the audience."

Local, Bay Area, and Northern California military and police fallen hero organizations helped to identify the fallen heroes to be honored. Fallen heroes nominations will continue to be taken until May 31, 2011, at the chorus website. The list of the honored fallen heroes can be seen at [www.pacificmasterworkschorus.org](http://www.pacificmasterworkschorus.org). Concert tickets can be purchased at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/176834>.

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## **ABOUT PACIFIC MASTERWORKS CHORUS**

The Pacific Masterworks Chorus is devoted to high quality choral performances and recording. The chorus embraces a wide variety of repertoire ranging from works of the a cappella tradition to accompanied compositions including choral masterworks. The Chorus seeks to perform and record distinctive choral music that will delight both our performers and our audiences and also provides training and education in historical and contemporary choral methods for individual growth and community enrichment. For more information, go to [www.pacificmasterworkschorus.org](http://www.pacificmasterworkschorus.org).

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## **ABOUT VOICES IN HARMONY**

Voices in Harmony (VIH), Northern California's Premier Men's A Cappella Chorus, is an award-winning, all-volunteer, 80+ voice male a cappella chorus known for its mastery of technically demanding close harmony. Their repertoire is diverse and encompasses music from the classics to jazz, contemporary to patriotic, pop and traditional choral selections. Voices in Harmony was founded in 2006, based in San Jose, California and under the masterful musical direction of Dr. Greg Lyne. Under his leadership, VIH has rapidly become one of the finest a cappella choruses in the world.

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