



CHAMBER CHORUS

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The Texas Voices Opens its Seventh Season on Oct. 18, 2009

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The Texas Voices, Collin County's professional chamber chorus, will begin its seventh season of public concerts with *A Tale of Two Centuries* on Sunday, October 18, 2009.

The 2009-2010 season will bring stylistic variety and guest artists to the chamber chorus roots of The Texas Voices. To start this season, The Texas Voices will branch out to opera with the opera-style vocal ensemble, Fifth Octave. The holiday season will feature the chancel choir from Northway Christian Church and the premiere of Debra Scroggins' new cantata, *Magnificat*. The February concert will usher in a rhythmic Latin spirit for Spring. The diverse season will end in May with a grand finale salute to native Texas composers.

The 24-member chorus, directed by Alan Dyer, will perform its first concert of the season on Sunday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 6121 E. Lovers Lane in Dallas. Tickets are \$22 regular, \$15 for seniors (65+), and \$10 for students and may be purchased online at www.thetexasvoices.org, at the door, or by calling 214-384-6336.

2009-2010 Concert Season ***The Texas Voices***

A Tale of Two Centuries:
Baroque and Classical Song from the 1600s and 1700s
Sunday, October 18, 2009, 2:30 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
6121 E. Lovers Lane, Dallas

Special matinee performance! Don't miss this unique chance to hear The Texas Voices transformed into an opera chorus as it is joined by the opera-stylists, "Fifth Octave" for a spirited afternoon of Henry Purcell, G.F. Handel, J.S. Bach, Franz Haydn, and W.A. Mozart.

My Soul Rejoices: A Celebration of Advent and the Christmas Season
Sunday, December 6, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Northway Christian Church
7202 W. Northwest Hwy. Dallas

Together with the chancel choir of Northway Christian Church, The Texas Voices will celebrate Advent with a splendid array of glorious holiday music. This concert will feature the world premiere of *Magnificat*, a joyous cantata for

double-choir and instrumentalists by Debra Scroggins, Composer-in-Residence for The Texas Winds. The Sixth Annual Holiday Silent Auction also will be part of the evening's festivities.

Latin Love: Poetry and Song from Latin American

Sunday, February 21, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1919 Independence Pkwy., Plano

When it comes to matters of the heart, nothing says "amor" like the exuberant, vibrant music and texts of Latin American artists. This concert will feature songs performed in Spanish, Portuguese and English, and will include the exquisite *How Do I Love Thee* by Salvadoran composer Carlos Colón.

Deep in the Heart: A Salute to Texas Composers

Sunday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Mesquite Arts Center

1527 N. Galloway, Mesquite

Whether Texas born or Texas bred, many talented composers call Texas home. Texas composers' unique choral works display a wealth of creativity befitting our great state. This concert will feature selections from Composer-in-Residence Debra Scroggins, Tom Council, Paul Thompson, David Ashley White, Robert Young, and Ross Bernhardt. The Texas Voices will be joined by special guest artists, Camerata Winds.

About The Texas Voices

Founded in December 2002, this 24-voice ensemble celebrates the choral tradition with a rich variety of music, from sacred to secular, classic to contemporary. Artistic Director Alan Dyer has gathered skilled singers from a broad range of backgrounds to create the first professional chamber chorus specifically serving North Dallas and Collin County. Dyer brings to the combination a musical sensitivity that places The Texas Voices among the top echelon of choruses nationwide.

About Alan Dyer, Artistic Director

Alan Dyer has been a choral director, performer, and educator in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for more than 20 years. In addition to directing The Texas Voices, Dyer is a member of the music faculty at Texas Woman's University, is a music associate at First Unitarian Church of Dallas, and the principal accompanist of the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas. Dyer earned a master of music degree from Southern Methodist University and bachelor of arts degree in piano performance from Dallas Baptist University. He also has completed doctoral courses at the University of North Texas. Dyer is active in the American and Texas Choral Directors Associations.