

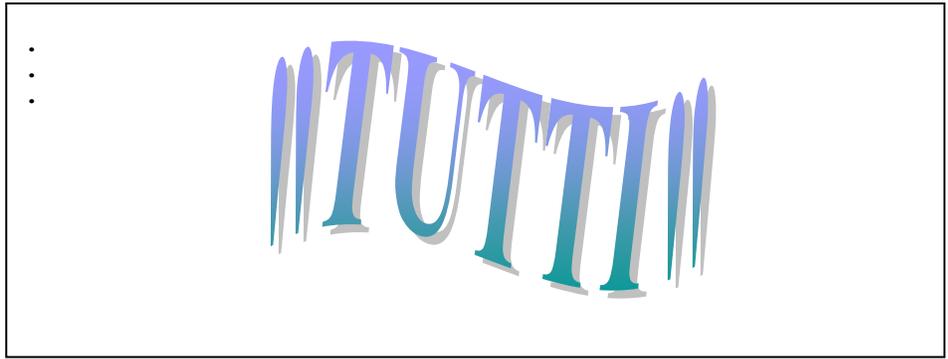
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"ISRAEL IN EGYPT" CHARTS NEW WATERS

~ William Morgan ~

On February 12/13, 2000, the LJS&CA presents another voyage into new territory, as Choral Director DAVID CHASE leads the **La Jolla Symphony Chorus** and players from the **San Diego Chamber Orchestra** in a complete performance of Handel's oratorio, *Israel in Egypt*. With its magnificent choruses and the final triumph of the Israelites' escape across the Red Sea, this work showcases the talents of the Chorus as well as soloists sopranos CHRISTINE CHONG and DONALI PETER; altos REBECCA RAMIREZ and MARTHA JANE WEAVER; tenors MAX CHODOS and STEFAN SCHERMERHORN; and baritones THOMAS ROY and CHRIS STEPHENS.

Israel in Egypt represents the first-ever partnership between the LJS&CA and the **San Diego Chamber Orchestra**. This collaboration comes as a result of an expanded LJS&CA concert season (from 11 concerts to 14). Last year, when the Conductors' Committee and the LJS&CA's Board of Directors planned the 45th Anniversary "Universe to Explore" season, a structure was created minimizing additional rehearsal and performance time for our community musicians, who as volunteers are already contributing a large amount of time and energy to the Association. *Israel in Egypt* was born as a concert to showcase the Chorus, with accompaniment by members of the SDCO. The hiring of the SDCO players also credits the LJS&CA with the kind of collaboration that funding groups like the **San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture** encourage and reward.

A debut performance of *Israel in Egypt* was presented for the community of Fallbrook on Sunday, February 6, 3:00 p.m., at Potter

Junior High School, in collaboration with the LJS&CA and the **Fallbrook Music Society**.

OUTREACH PROGRAM MAKES ITS DEBUT

~ Victoria Eicher ~

Outreach Program #1, a string quartet (STEPHANIE OESTREICH, JEANNE SAIER, NANCY SWANBERG and PETER FARRELL), performed at the Del Mar Heights Elementary and Del Mar Hills Elementary schools, to a very welcoming and enthusiastic audience of 4th - 6th graders.

Upcoming performances are scheduled at Wilson Middle School and the Weingart-Price Library in City Heights.

Outreach Program #2, previewing the March 18/19 concert, will feature a brass ensemble. In addition, the La Jolla High School band program is soon to benefit from the coaching expertise of JEFF NEVIN, MIKE MCCOY and LISA CELLA.

If you or someone you know of are interested in having an outreach program visit your school, please contact BILL MORGAN in the LJS&CA Office, at (858) 534-4637, or VICTORIA EICHER, at (858) 695-0719.

"JAZZART BRUNCH" BENEFIT, MAY 21ST

~ Thelma Parris ~

An exciting new event benefiting the LJS&CA is currently in the planning stages. Chairman DAVID PARRIS and his committee

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(consisting of DIANE SALISBURY, VICTORIA EICHER, DAVID SMITH, DANA KREHMKE,



EVA PARSONS, BILL MORGAN, and COLLEEN PHILLIPS) are already hard at work to plan what promises to be an enjoyable blend of art and music, plus good food and wine.

“JazzArt” will take place on Sunday, May 21, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at The Abbey, on Bankers’ Hill, near downtown San Diego. At this elegant venue, guests will be treated to a bountiful four-course brunch buffet, accompanied by music from the **Art Johnson Jazz Quartet**. Approximately twenty artists will display three examples of their work, which will be sold to benefit both the LJS&C and the artists themselves. Tickets to this event will be \$75 per person.

The sale of one of the artworks will take the form of a high-tech, live (but silent) auction, in which bidders will see their bids displayed on a giant video screen during the course of the event. This piece of art will benefit the LJS&CA 60%, while 40% will go to the artist. The other two pieces will be sold by the artist and will be split 40% to the LJS&CA and 60% to the artist.

This will be an opportunity for art and music lovers to meet some of San Diego’s most interesting artists in person, while bidding on their art for a good cause. Several of San Diego’s most prestigious art galleries are already on-board to help with contacting artists and potential attendees.

A large group of volunteers is needed to execute this ambitious undertaking. Computer skills, stage design and lighting experience are just some of the skills required to bring this event off. Many more volunteers will be needed to run the auction and do a multitude of other tasks. This is an opportunity to bring new volunteers into our Organization -- please spread the word about this volunteer opportunity to family members and friends.

If you (or people you know) are interested in being a part of this exciting and fun project, please plan to attend the next meeting of the “JazzArt” committee on Tuesday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 125 Mandeville. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DAVID PARRIS, at (619) 595-5037.

“MUSIC WITH LOVE” NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

~ Thelma Parris ~

Our 7th annual “Music With Love” fundraiser is coming up soon -- Sunday, February 20, at 2:30 p.m., at the Institute of the Americas. Co-chairs JAN SHARPLESS and THELMA PARRIS need your help to make this event happen. It is this event that specifically supports our annual **Young Artists Competition**, one of our most important outreach activities.

How can you help? Attend! You will find it a most painless way to support our Organization. Music (by fellow ensemble members and Young Artist winners), champagne, yummy desserts, and a tempting silent auction await you at this beautiful ocean-view venue on the north side of the UCSD campus.

Buy your tickets from COLIN BLOOR, JAY SACHS, JEFF NEVIN, NANCY SWANBERG, JAN SHARPLESS, or any Board member. Or call the Office and charge by phone.

You can also help **by donating an auction item**. Some of the items already lined up include a string ensemble (NANCY SWANBERG), chamber music (JEANNE SAIER), wine (JAN SHARPLESS, ROBERT WHITLEY), “Dinner with the Maestro” (SHARPLESS-PARRIS), photographs (DAVID PARRIS), pottery (DIANE SALISBURY), concert tickets from many sister organizations, etc.

What can *you* offer? Please contact THELMA PARRIS at (619) 595-0537 with your ideas. Last year “MWL” raised \$8,000 for our Association. Our goal this year is \$10,000. Please help us attain our goal!

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION WINNERS

~ Thelma Parris ~

Our recent **Young Artists Competition** was a success! Now in its 41st year, this

year’s competition was in some ways an experiment ... and a transition. In order to simplify the competition and increase the prizes, there were only two divisions -- instrumental and vocal. Underwriters were

found for all of the prizes, and an additional prize, “Most Promising Artist,” was added at the last minute when a donor came forward to fund it. Winners of the competition, which was held on January 29, are as follows:

FIRST PRIZE - Milton H. Saier, Sr. Memorial Award - \$1,500 plus performance with the LJS&C on its 2000-01 subscription series: WESLEY PRECOURT, violin.

Beda Farrell Award - \$1,500 plus performance with LJS&C: DARREN CHASE, baritone.

SECOND PRIZE - Greene Music Award - \$1,000: CINDY MONG, viola.

Sempra Energy Award - \$1,000: PRITI GANDHI, mezzo-soprano.

THIRD PRIZE - Tony Kunewalder Memorial Award - \$500: JENNY CHOI, piano.

Carolyn Chase Award - \$500: GREGORIO GONZALEZ, baritone.

Elie & Polly Schneour “Most Promising” Awards - \$250 each: MARISELA SAGER, flute; LAUREL LEE KELLY, soprano.

Six of the winners performed at a “Winners Showcase” on Sunday, January 30, for an appreciative and sizable audience. A reception honoring the winners followed.

Co-chairs JEANNE SAIER and THELMA PARRIS thank all of those who helped at the competition and all who donated toward the prizes. Our Association can be proud of the support it extends to these inspiring young artists.

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