Vivaldi "Gloria"

UNLV CONCERT SINGERS & CHAMBER CHORALE
David B. Weiller, Conductor

UNLV CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Taras Krysa, Music Director & Conductor

With guest artists

CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL MADRIGALS
Darrell Crowther, Conductor

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER SINGERS
Karen Miskell, Conductor

Thursday, December 4, 2008
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
- Program -

Coronado High School Madrigals

Ding, Dong Merrily on High ........................................ arr. Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936)

Deck the Halls (in 7/8) .............................................. arr. James McKelvy

Ave Maria ................................................................. Javier Busto (b. 1949)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

We Three Kings ...................................................... arr. Darmon Meader

Centennial High School Chamber Singers

Beati quorum via, Op. 38, no. 3 ........................ Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Angels We Have Heard On High ................................ arr. Craig Courtney

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas .............................. arr. Doug Andrews

Silent Night .............................................................. arr. David Isle

UNLV Chamber Chorale

Jubilate Deo ............................................................. Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594)

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra
Servite Domino in laetitia:
intrate in conspectu ejus, in exultatione,
quia Dominus, ipse est Deus.

La bomba ................................................................. Mateo Flecha the Elder (1481-1553)

¡Ea, ea, sus, empecemos!
Empieza, Gil Picarra,
a tocar con tu guitarra,
y nosotros te ayudaremos.
Esperad que esté templada.
Tiémplala bien, hi de ruin
Dindirindin.....
¡Oh, como está destemplada!
¡Acaba, maldito, ya!
Dindirindin..... ¡Es pondemás!
Sube, sube un poco más.
Dindirindin.....
¡Muy bien esta!

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness.
Enter into his presence with great joy
For the Lord alone is God.

Come on, look sharp, let's begin!
Gil Picarra, you begin
to play your guitar,
and we'll all help you.
Wait until I've tuned it!
Tune it well!
Dindirindin.....
Oh, how out of tune it is!
Hurry up, you [expletive]!
Dindirindin.....
Sharper, a bit sharper!
Dindirindin.....
That is very good!
Ande, pues, nuestro apellido,
el tajer con el cantar
cordes en alabar
a Jesús reñido nascido.
Dindirindin....
Bendito oh que venido
a libros de agonía.
Bendito sea este día
que nació el contento miento.
Remedió su advenimiento mil enojos.
Dindirindin....

Benditos sean los ojos
que con piedad nos miraron,
y benditos, quean si a mansaron tal fortuna.

No quede congoxa alguna,
demos prisa al navegar,
poys ovento nos ha de llevar.
¡Garrido es el vendaval, ¡el vendaval!
No se vió bonanea y gual
sobre tan gran desatiento.
Bien ayas tú, vineto,
que así me ayudas contra fortuna.

Gritá todas a una:
"¡Bonanca, bonanca! ¡Salvamiento, salvamiento!"
Miedo oviest al tormento,
no tuviendo ya speranca
¡O modicae féde!
Ello está muy bien ansi.
Gala es todo. A nadie hoy duela la gala chinela,
de la china gala, la gala chinela.
Mucho prometemos en tormento fiero,
mas luego ofrecemos infinita cera.
De la china gala, la gala chinela.
¡Adios, señores! ¡A la vela!
Nam si pericula sunt in mari,
pericula sunt in terra,
et pericula in falsis fratibus.

Comes on, our comrade,
strum and sing with him
in harmony,
praising the newborn Jesus.
Dindirindin....
Bless is He who has come
to free us from suffering [agony].
Bless this day
for joy was born.
His coming [advent] healed a thousand pains.
Dindirindin....

Blessed are those eyes
that with mercy looked on us,
Blessed, for with their gaze they calmed the wild fates.

Let there be no more anguish,
let us hasten to set sail,
the wind will carry us.
A fair wind it is!
There never was such a calm
after such a storm.
I bid you welcome, wind,
now that you are aiding me against misfortune.

Everyone shout as one:
"Fair weather! Fair weather! Salvation! Salvation!"
You were afraid during the storm
and gave up faith.
Oh weak in faith!
He is very good at that.
Everything is festive now. Let no one grieve today.
Festive garb, festive time.
We make many promises while the storm rages,
and afterwards we offer countless penitent candles.
Festive garb, festive time.

Farewell, hoist the sails!
For there is peril at sea,
there are perils at shore,
and perils in false brotherhood.

Go, Lovely Rose ....................................................... Greg A. Lapp (b. 1960)

Go, lovely rose,
Tell her that wastes her time and me,
That now she knows,
When I resemble her to thee,
How sweet and fair she seems to be.

Tell her that’s young
And shuns to have her graces spied.
That hadst thou sprung
In deserts where no men abide,
Thou must have uncommended died.

Small is the worth
Of beauty from the light retired
Bid her come forth,
Suffer herself to be desired,
And not blush so to be admired.

Then die, that she
The common fate of all things rare
May read in thee,
How small a part of time they share
That are so wondrous sweet and fair!
(Edmund Waller)
I Thank You God ........................................... Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)
Poetry by e. e. cummings

Alleluia ...................................................... Ralph Manuel

Go Where I Send Thee ...................................... André J. Thomas (b. 1952)
Nathan S. Van Arsdale, bass

- Intermission -

UNLV Concert Singers & Chamber Orchestra

Gloria, RV 589 ........................................... Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Athena Mertes, soprano  Juline Barol-Gilmore, mezzo-soprano

I. CHORUS
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

II. CHORUS
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

III. DUET (Soprano & Alto)
Laudamus te. Benedictimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

IV/V. CHORUS
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.

VI. ARIA (Soprano)
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

VII. CHORUS
Domine Filii unigenite, Jesu Christe.

VIII. ARIA (Alto) & CHORUS
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

IX. CHORUS
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.

X. ARIA (Alto)
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

XI. CHORUS
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

XII. CHORUS
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to all those of good will.

We praise thee. We bless thee.
We worship thee. We glorify thee.

We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory.

Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
(Thou) who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

(Thou) who takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

(Thou) who sittest at the right hand of God,
have mercy upon us.

For thou alone art holy.
Thou alone art the Lord.
Thou alone are the most high, Jesus Christ

With the Holy Ghost
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
The **CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL MADRIGALS** is one of four choral ensembles offered at Coronado High School in Henderson, Nevada. Madrigals is the elite singing ensemble on campus consisting of auditioned members that meet prior to the school day, commencing at 6:00 a.m. every morning. These singers participate in multiple performing events throughout the school year, including community performances and fundraisers, such as caroling and singing telegrams. These students average approximately 30 hours of performances throughout any given school year, requiring much preparation and rehearsal time. The Madrigals have consistently earned superior ratings at local, state and national festival performances. Coronado High School opened in 2001 and currently has an enrollment of 3000 students. It is one of 38 high schools in the Clark County School District, with headquarters in Las Vegas, Nevada. The music programs at Coronado have continued to grow and excel, maintaining a reputation of superior performances. Coronado High School is a 2008 Grammy Signature School finalist.

CARISSA ALICEA  TAYLOR HARVEY  JULIAN NERY  
Tiffany Bell  Joshua Healea  Elizabeth J Oliver  
Janay M Bombino  Michelle Johnson  Byrin A Romney  
Kaitlin Busser  Nick King  Garrett Rowe  
Julian Cruz  Jin Lim  Cameron Salway  
Brittany R Eichorn  Evelyn Livermore  Ashlee Saxton  
Courtney Eichorn  Patrick Lynch  Tyler Tingey  
Callie Gerrard  Philipp Maeder  Michelle Tress  
Chelsea Gonzales  Amy L Meatke  Ryan Wisniewski  
Zachary Hakim

**DARRELL CROWTHER** is director of choral activities and music educator at Coronado High School in Henderson, Nevada. He earned his B.M. in music education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the M.A. in music education from the University of Hawaii.

From 1999-2001, Crowther served as accompanist and vocal coach with the Las Vegas Academy of the Performing Arts. From 2002-2006, Crowther served as director of choral activities and music educator at Basic High School in Henderson, Nevada. Under his direction, the choirs were selected four different times to sing back-up for renowned vocalist Josh Groban, including the internationally televised 2005 World Music Awards, aired on ABC, and the 2005 Andre Agassi Grand Slam for Children fundraising event. His choirs ave consistently earned superior ratings at local and national festivals. In 2004, Mr. Crowther was presented with the Nevada State "New Music Educator of the Year" Award.

A native of Las Vegas, Mr. Crowther has extensive singing experience with several community and church choral ensembles, including the Bluth Chorale, the Desert Chorale, the Las Vegas Philharmonic Master Chorale, and the Southern Nevada Lamplight Carolers. He served as artistic director and conductor of the Boulder City Community Chorus and the Crowther Chorale. As an accomplished organist and pianist, Crowther has accompanied and recorded with various religious and community ensembles, and theater companies, including Signature Productions. He has also served as accompanist under the direction of several distinguished conductors, including Rodney Eichenberger, René Clausen, Craig Arnold, Eric Whitacre, Ronald Staheli and Craig Jessop.

Mr. Crowther has presented lecture demonstrations at district, state, national and international music conferences. He is a published composer and arranger of choral music. Crowther is credited as producer, editor and musical director for the commercial album "O Quão Majestoso," an album of Portuguese religious music. He serves as the CCSD Honor Choir chairperson and editor for the state affiliations of MENC and ACDA. He regularly contributes to The Choral Director magazine. He appears frequently as adjudicator and clinician for various choral and solo and ensemble events. He is also a proficient website designer for various music and non-music related sites. Mr. Crowther is a life member of ACDA, and a member of AGO, NATS, MENC and NME. Mr. Crowther is married to Angie Crowther, and has two adorable children, Amity and Seth.
THE CHORAL DEPARTMENT AT CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL consists of five performing ensembles: Men’s and Women’s Choruses, Advanced Women’s Ensemble, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Each ensemble performs quarterly concerts on the Centennial campus as well as in CCSD choral festivals and other activities. This fall, Centennial was pleased to begin a Music Productions course, an ensemble that produces musical stage productions throughout the year. Chamber Singers, CHS’s elite ensemble, has consistently received superior ratings and honors in Clark County and across the U.S. They are active members of the community, singing for holiday events and special occasions. Members of this group achieve high honors in CCSD Honor Choir, Nevada All State Choir, and Solo and Ensemble Festivals; they are also among the top students in their classes at Centennial, both in academics and in extra-curricular activities. CHS is proud to have such talented, intelligent, responsible students and faculty—a trait that puts them among the best in Nevada.

KAREN MISKELL was born in Columbus, Ohio and grew up in the neighboring suburb of Worthington. She completed her bachelor’s degree with honors at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. While there, she had the privilege of studying piano with Ivan Davis and voice with Mary Scheibe. Under the direction of Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe, Karen was a performer in the 2003 National ACDA convention in New York City and at the 2004 Southern Division ACDA convention in Nashville, Tennessee. She is currently in her fourth year of teaching; she spent two years at Bailey Middle School in the Northeast region before moving to Centennial High School. Karen has served as an accompanist for CCSD Honor Choirs, Nevada All State Choirs, and continues to play for ensembles and individuals across the valley. She teaches private piano and voice and is a performer in the Southern Nevada Lamplight Carolers.

The UNLV CHAMBER ORCHESTRA is comprised of undergraduate/graduate music majors/minors in the College of Fine Arts as well as non-music majors. The mission of this performing ensemble is threefold: to train music majors to become professional performers and teachers; to introduce non-music majors to higher quality music making; to enrich the cultural life of UNLV and the greater Las Vegas community. The Chamber Orchestra presents a number of programs each season that include a variety of the orchestral standard repertoire, ranging from early Baroque through modern contemporary.
The UNLV CHORAL ENSEMBLES maintain an active schedule of appearances each year and enjoy a reputation for excellent performances throughout the southwest and beyond. The choirs recently were praised for a concert described as "...glorious, yet disciplined. The choruses performed with unaffected charisma." Under the direction of David B. Weiller and Jocelyn K. Jensen, the choirs (University Concert Singers, Chamber Chorale, Varsity Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorus) present several concerts annually on the university campus and in the greater Las Vegas community. Annual tours have encompassed the southwestern United States as well as Hawaii, New York, Mexico and Canada. Past concert highlights include holiday performances with the world-renowned Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra conducted by Keith Lockhart and participation in a massed choir performance in New York City's Carnegie Hall.

University choirs have been honored with invited performances for western region and state conventions of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) and western division conventions of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) in Honolulu and Los Angeles. The choirs have performed major works with the Mexico National Symphony in Mexico City, the Nevada Symphony Orchestra, the Las Vegas Philharmonic and the University Symphony Orchestra. Major works presented include Bach Magnificat and Christmas Oratorio (Part I), Vivaldi Gloria, Handel Messiah, Mozart Requiem and Coronation Mass, Beethoven Symphony #9 and Choral Fantasy, Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem, Mahler Symphony #2, Offr Carmina Burana, Vaughan Williams Dona Nobis Pacem, Honegger King David, Bloch Sacred Service (excerpts) and Bernstein Chichester Psalms.

The university choirs have appeared in numerous fully staged productions in collaboration with UNLV Opera Theatre, including Gluck Orfeo ed Euridice, Mozart The Magic Flute, Offenbach La Perichole, Puccini La Bohème, Gilbert & Sullivan H.M.S. Pinafore and Patience, Strauss Die Fledermaus and Lehár The Merry Widow. On a lighter note, the choirs have presented concerts of classic musical theatre repertoire, including a concert version of George Gershwin's Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, Of Thee I Sing. Choir members sang in Barbra Streisand's Millennial New Year's concerts in Las Vegas, appeared with composer-songwriter Marvin Hamlisch, performed with popular singer Linda Eder and appeared at the opening of the new Wynn Resort.

The UNLV Choral Ensembles sponsor a student chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), which hosted the 1993, 1996 and 2000 Western Division Student Symposia on the UNLV campus.

The UNLV Choral Ensembles are supported by an outstanding faculty of artist-scholars that includes voice faculty members Alfonse Anderson, Julienne Barol-Gilmore, Luana DeVol, Michael Cochran, Tod Fitzpatrick, Serdar Ilbän and Stephanie Thorpe.

The Chamber Chorale

The UNLV CHAMBER CHORALE has been praised for their "joyous singing, remarkable delicacy and poise, impressive performance and expressive fervor." This select vocal ensemble of 25 undergraduate and graduate singers perform a wide variety of the finest a cappella repertoire encompassing many periods and styles of music. The Chorale performs several times throughout the year and tours in the spring.

BRIANNA BAKER  SARAH FULCO  MICHAEL QUIMSON
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UNIVERSITY CONCERT SINGERS is the music department's main choral ensemble. During a recent concert tour, an enthusiastic music critic praised the choir for a performance in which "...the singers, conductor, pianist and audience members all but danced in the pews... The illustrious Robert Shaw would have a right to feel confident about the future." The concert season includes a wide variety of a cappella repertoire as well as major works with orchestra, performances for university academic events, the vocal-choral area's annual African-American Celebration and tours in the southwest. Membership in Concert Singers includes undergraduates as well as graduate students, and music majors as well as non-music majors.

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CineVegas Conservatory of Music in Toronto, and is currently in the DMA program at UNLV. His principle conducting teachers include Taras Krysa, David Lockington and George Hurst.

In recent seasons his conducting appearances have included National Ukrainian Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra van het Osten, New World Symphony, St. Petersburg Symphony, Moscow Soloists, Slovak Sinfonietta, Spoleto Festival Chamber Orchestra, Kiev Chamber Orchestra and the Lublin Philharmonic Orchestra. He has made three critically acclaimed recordings for the Brilliant Classics label. In addition, Mr. Krysa has served as Principal Conductor of the Ukrainian State Pops Symphony Orchestra, which he led on several European tours with an appearance at the Concertgebouw Hall. Currently, Taras Krysa is serving as the Director of Orchestras at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Music Director of the Henderson Symphony Orchestra.

PHILLIP LENBERG is the Assistant Conductor of The UNLV Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and Henderson Symphony Orchestras. Other conducting positions have included Resident Conductor of Nextet-New Music Ensemble of Las Vegas, Music Director of the SGI Orchestra of Northern California, Assistant Conductor of the Stony Brook University Orchestra, and Founder and Director of the Stony Brook Chamber Orchestra. Prior to Las Vegas Mr. Lenberg served as the Chair of the music department at Woodside International School in San Francisco. As a composer he has written soundtracks for films premiered at Sundance International Film Festival and CineVegas Short Films Festival. Mr. Lenberg studied at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, and is currently in the DMA program at UNLV. His principle conducting teachers include Taras Krysa, David Lockington and George Hurst.

As a frequent concert artist, mezzo soprano JULINE BAROL-GILMORE has performed with the Las Vegas Philharmonic, Southern Nevada Musical Arts Society, Omaha Symphony, Las Vegas Music Festival, Las Vegas Desert Chorale, Performing Arts Society of Nevada, and the Southwest Symphony. She has performed the Brahms Alto Rhapsodie in Las Vegas and Germany, as well as numerous recitals throughout the country. Her passion for contemporary music has led her to collaborations with several important American composers, including Libby Larsen, Virko Balej, and Lori Laitman.

Her operatic experience includes over thirty leading operatic and musical theater roles for several professional organizations including Opera Omaha, Central City Opera, Opera Theater of St. Louis, Des Moines Metro Opera, Dona Ana Lyric Opera, and the UNLV Opera Theater. As a performer of contemporary opera, Ms. Barol-Gilmore appeared as Lena in the world premiere of Libby Larsen’s Eric Hermansson’s Soul, and debuted the title role of Randall Shinn’s Sara McKinnon on a libretto by Tony award winning playwright and director, Mark Medoff, with the Dona Ana Lyric Opera in New Mexico in 2001. She made her Las Vegas operatic debut in 2002 with the Southern Nevada Opera Association (now Opera Las Vegas) as Catherine Wright in Daron Hagen’s Shining Brow. She can also be heard as Samantha in the 1996 recording of The Ballad of Baby Doe on the Newport Classics label.

Awards include national runner-up of the 2004 NATSAA Recital Competition, the Richard F. Gold Career Grant in 1997, the 1996 Central City Opera Studio Artist of the Year, runner-up of the Oklahoma Stewart Awards in 1995, and first place in the New Mexico NATS State Competitions from 1989-1993. Young Artist programs include two seasons with Opera Omaha’s Heartland Opera Theater, and summers with Opera Theater of St. Louis and Central City Opera.

Hailing from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Ms. Barol-Gilmore graduated from New Mexico State University with a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance, followed by a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from the University of Missouri Kansas City Conservatory. She is currently a professor of voice at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where she is also pursuing a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance. Her voice teachers for each degree respectively were Jon Linford, Isci Bashar and Carol Kimball. She remains active as a concert artist and master class clinician throughout the United States, and will perform as the mezzo soloist for Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony in 2009 with the Arkansas Symphony and the Las Vegas Philharmonic.

CRYSTAL CHO, pianist for the University Concert Singers, graduated from Chungang University of Music in Seoul, Korea where she studied classical composition. She is a graduate student in jazz studies at UNLV and is currently studying jazz composition and arranging with David Loeb and Joe Lano. Crystal is also the rehearsal pianist for the Sun City Anthem Choir.

TARAS KRYSA was born in Kiev, Ukraine to a musical family and began his formal studies as a violist at the Moscow Conservatory. After moving to the United States, Mr. Krysa continued his studies at Indiana University and Northwestern University both in violin and conducting. His conducting teachers have included Victor Yampolsky, Jorma Panula and David Zinman. As a violinist, Mr. Krysa has won positions with the New World Symphony Orchestra and St. Louis Symphony Orchestras.

In recent seasons his conducting appearances have included National Ukrainian Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra van het Osten, New World Symphony, St. Petersburg Symphony, Moscow Soloists, Slovak Sinfonietta, Spoleto Festival Chamber Orchestra, Kiev Chamber Orchestra and the Lublin Philharmonic Orchestra. He has made three critically acclaimed recordings for the Brilliant Classics label. In addition, Mr. Krysa has served as Principal Conductor of the Ukrainian State Pops Symphony Orchestra, which he led on several European tours with an appearance at the Concertgebouw Hall. Currently, Taras Krysa is serving as the Director of Orchestras at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Music Director of the Henderson Symphony Orchestra.
Young American soprano ATHENA MERTES is quickly establishing herself as one of our generation's most promising classical singers with a stunning and warm Italianate sound. Having already performed in Graz, Austria, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Lexington, Kentucky, Mertes' opera credits include Morgana (Aci, Teedra), Musetta (La Bohème), Pamina (Die Zauberflöte), Abigail (The Crucible), Zerlina (Don Giovanni), Nella (Gianni Schicchi), Little Red (Little Red's Most Unusual Day) and soprano soloist in Vivaidi's Gloria.

In addition to her success as an opera and concert performer, Mertes has garnered several awards in a very short time. Among these are 1st place in the Dean Allen Scholarship Competition, 1st place (District Winner) for the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Award, the Metropolitan Opera National Council Encouragement Award, and the National Association of Teachers of Singing 1st place award. Last spring, she performed with the Las Vegas Philharmonic as a featured artist in Honegger's King David and guest soloist in the December 2007 Holiday Concert. Her voice teacher is Dr. Alfonse Anderson at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

VALERIA ORE, pianist for the UNLV Chamber Chorale, is a native of Ekaterinburg, Russia. She is a graduate of the P. I. Tchaikovsky Musical College where she received her bachelor's degree in music with an emphasis in choral conducting and voice. Ms. Ore is also a graduate of the M. P. Musorgsky Conservatoire where she received a master's degree in music education. She has performed as both a choirmaster and a member of choral groups that have toured the former Soviet Union, Germany and France.

In 2005 Ms. Ore was a second place winner in the Graduate Student/Advanced Adult Division of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Las Vegas Chapter Competition. In the same year she performed the principal role of Mama Lucia in Opera Las Vegas' production of Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni.

Valeria Ore recently graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where she received the M.M. degree with a dual emphasis in piano accompanying and vocal performance. She studied piano with Professor Carol Stivers and Dr. Enrico Elisi and voice with Dr. Carol Kimball and Dr. Alfonse Anderson. In the summer of 2007 Ms. Ore was selected as one of ten pianists out of thirty-five cities in the United States and Canada to attend the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. She participated as a collaborative pianist in the Opera Studio program. Valeria Ore is currently an adjunct instructor and collaborative pianist at UNLV.

DAVID B. WEILLER has served as Director of Choral Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas since 1984. Under his leadership the university choral ensembles have established an outstanding reputation through their annual concert tours and festival performances. Professor Weiller currently conducts the University Concert Singers and Chamber Chorale. He teaches related courses in choral conducting, literature and pedagogy, and he plays an active role in furthering quality choral performances throughout the school district and community. Professor Weiller is a past recipient of the UNLV William Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching and the UNLV Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award. Many of his former students are successful music teachers across the country.

Professor Weiller maintains a busy schedule as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator, and he currently serves as Nevada state president for the American Choral Directors Association. He recently conducted the Nevada All-State Middle School Honor Choir and served on a select adjudication panel for "Choirs of Note: Minnesota Invitational Choral Festival and Competition" with conductor Dale Warland.

David Weiller has appeared as a guest conductor of the Las Vegas Philharmonic and the Nevada Symphony Orchestra in major works for chorus and orchestra. During his career he has conducted over fifty musical theatre productions at the university and as a principal conductor for the College Light Opera Company at Highfield Theatre on Cape Cod, one of the most respected educational theatre companies in the country, where he specializes in Viennese and early American operetta.

David Weiller holds the A.B. degree in music from Occidental College in Los Angeles and the M.M. degree in choral music from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While completing further studies in music education at California State University, Fullerton, he participated in Helmut Rilling's conducting master classes at the Oregon Bach Festival. As a "life-long learner" Professor Weiller has done intensive summer training at Westminster Choir College, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Nevada, Reno. Recent studies include study in Dalcroze Eurhythmics at Carnegie Mellon University. His teaching mentors include Harold A. Decker, Thomas Somerville, Drinda Frenzel and James A. Young.
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