



PRESS RELEASE

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**Vallejo Choral Society Appoints Derek Tam as New Artistic Director
Announcing March and June Concerts**

Vallejo Choral Society has appointed Derek Tam as new Artistic Director. Distinguished as a director and conductor working with choral and orchestral ensembles, Tam is also a preeminent historical keyboardist and performs regularly as a soloist and with renowned groups throughout the Bay Area.

"I'm so excited to join VCS for my first set of concerts with this storied ensemble," Tam said. "Right from the first rehearsal, I've been impressed and humbled by the chorus's dedication to music and to each other, and I look forward to our March and June performances. It's an honor to build upon VCS's reputation as a focal point for community music-making in Solano County."

"Vallejo Choral Society is thrilled to have Derek Tam take up the baton as our Artistic Director," said Laura Pyles, VCS President. "We caught a glimpse of Derek's directing style when we auditioned him last fall and his nimble conducting for our December performance at St. Peter's Chapel. Now we have the pleasure of weekly rehearsals under Derek's deft direction. His enthusiasm is infectious."

VCS invites the community to meet Derek Tam at its upcoming concerts:

Reprise Benefit Concert

Saturday, March 23, 7 pm, at Springbrook Masonic Temple in Vallejo

- wine and *hors d'oeuvres*
- piano performances by Derek Tam, Norman Ortiz, and Greg Allison
- Silent Auction and Raffle offerings
- performance by the 45-voice VCS chorus of favorites from our recent repertoire
- Tickets \$30, includes food and drinks: www.vallejochoral.org/tickets

A Slavonic Summer

Saturday, June 1, 7 pm, at Community Congregational Church, Benicia

Sunday, June 2, at 3 pm, at First Presbyterian, Vallejo

Vallejo Choral Society's June season finale concert program features the Dvořák Mass in D Major with wind quintet.

Unique among area choruses, Vallejo Choral Society is a premier non-auditioned symphonic choir with a commitment to excellence, producing outstanding concerts and giving its singers opportunities to perform choral masterpieces alongside the best instrumentalists in the Bay Area.

For more information, visit www.vallejochoral.org, email info@vallejochoral.org, or call 707.653.6827.