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Hallelujah! San Diego's Messiah Sing-along Returns This Saturday

SAN DIEGO – November 29, 2018 – San Diegans' annual chance to sing a time-honored Christmastime classic, George Frideric Handel's oratorio “Messiah,” with the San Diego Master Chorale returns this Saturday, December 1, at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral at 1 p.m.

For this unique annual performance, SDMC and audience members will sing as one, directed by SDMC Music Director John K. Russell, and accompanied by St. Paul's organist and SDMC Associate Music Director Martin Green.

“I love how the Messiah doesn't just bring our community closer together – it's an opportunity for us to share the one instrument we all have--our voice,” said Russell. “That sense of coming together to create this incredible music makes the sing-along one of my favorite holiday pastimes.”

About Messiah

G.F. Handel composed Messiah in under four weeks in 1741 – a remarkable feat for this 259-page score. Proceeds from its 1742 premiere in Dublin went to a local hospital, and to free 142 men from a local debtors' prison. While it's not strictly a “Christmas” piece (other sections visit Jesus's death and resurrection), it has been a Christmastime mainstay in Britain and the United States since the early 19th century, helping it become one of the most frequently performed choral works in Western music.

Venue and ticket information

SDMC's Messiah Sing-along is: Saturday, December 1, 1:00 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 2728 Sixth St., San Diego.

Single tickets are free for children under 12; \$20 for seniors (60+), military, and students; and \$25 for adults. Purchase tickets [online](#) or at the door.

About SDMC

Declared “The Voice of San Diego” by mayoral proclamation, the San Diego Master Chorale (SDMC) is the county's premier choral ensemble, showcasing more than 100 of San Diego's finest singers. Established in 1961, SDMC is the preferred choral ensemble for the San Diego Symphony and other collaborating organizations, and a favorite community outreach group for K-12 schools and senior centers countywide. Funding from the City of San Diego and private donors enables SDMC to fulfill its mission: Promote and preserve the art of choral music through performance, education, and diverse community outreach. Visit sdmasterchorale.org, and follow on Facebook and Twitter.