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**Schola Cantorum, Stanford Office for Religious Life and Department of Music present
A Musical Tribute on the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11
Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 1:30 PM
Stanford Memorial Church
Free and open to the public**

MOUNTAIN VIEW (August 9, 2011) — As we approach the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., the peninsula choral community, led by Schola Cantorum in partnership with the Office of Religious Life and Department of Music at Stanford University, will pay homage to those who lost their lives and those who gave aid in our national tragedy. The eighty member Schola Cantorum chorus will be joined by singers from choirs throughout the Bay Area to present a moving musical tribute. Performing with the choir, orchestra, and University Organist Robert Huw Morgan, in Mozart's Requiem in d minor will be local celebrated soloists, Christine Abraham, *soprano*, Malin Fritz Walrod, *alto*, Victor Floyd, *tenor*, and Jeffrey Fields, *baritone*, who have generously donated their talents and services to this event.

Memorial Church at Stanford University will serve as the venue for this simple, yet elegant observance of the tragedy, just as it did on the one year anniversary of the attacks nine years ago. The public is welcome to attend, free of charge, to experience the memorial singing of Mozart's Requiem. The singers and orchestra will perform under the baton of Schola Cantorum's conductor and music director, Gregory Wait. Says Wait, "We who have made our life's work the choral art know the power and impact of joining in community to sing with one voice. This event will be a fitting way for all of us who participate on this day to pay tribute -- whether as performers on the platform or as members of the audience seated in the congregation."

The Rev. Scotty McLennan, Dean for Religious Life at Stanford University, will preside over the service which will include the dean's reflections and candle lighting.

Schola Cantorum is an auditioned chorus for men and women based in Mountain View, California, Under the leadership of music director Gregory Wait, Senior Lecturer and Director of Vocal Studies at Stanford University, Schola Cantorum presents an expansive repertoire of concert programming each season to audiences in the Peninsula and south bay. Schola Cantorum has been inspiring and transforming audiences with its magnificent live sound for 48 years.

The Office for Religious Life at Stanford University strives to guide, nurture and enhance spiritual, religious and ethical life within the Stanford University community. The September 11th Musical Tribute will begin at 1:30 pm. Members of the surrounding community are invited to attend this moving service, which is free and open to the public.

The **Department of Music** was formally founded in 1947, but music has been an important facet of the University from its inception, when founder Jane Stanford encouraged sacred concerts in Memorial Church. It offers [undergraduate](#) and [graduate programs](#) in a variety of subjects, as well as group and private lessons for students, and opportunities for ensemble participation. The Department of Music presents more than 150 [concerts](#) and recitals each year, providing performance opportunities for students throughout the University. Braun Music Center is the departmental home base, which houses our major venues, Dinkelspiel Auditorium and Campbell Recital Hall, as well as rehearsal studios, practice facilities, classrooms, and faculty offices. It is also home to the [Center for Computer-Assisted Research in the Humanities \(CCARH\)](#), a pioneer in the field of large-scale databases for music research; the [Music Library](#), with over 110,000 books and scores, over 34,000 sound recordings, and 9,000 microforms; the [Archive of Recorded Sound](#), with 300,000 recordings; and the [Harry R. Lange Collection](#) of musical instruments and bows. The [Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics \(CCRMA\)](#) is housed in the department's former home at the Knoll, and is one of the world's top-rated facilities for digital sound research.

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