

Greetings from La Jolla Symphony Chorus!

I hope that your memories of singing with us are pleasant. LJSC has been thriving over these many years, as you can see by visiting our website at www.lajollasympphony.com. We have been giving performances of important major works like Bernstein's MASS, Britten's WAR REQUIEM and many others, and we have taken exciting tours to Europe, Mexico, and Canada ... even to the Himalayan nation of Bhutan! The chorus has been a joy for me all these years.

Now present members are contacting hundreds of singers who have been associated with the Chorus over the last 36 years, to let them know of an historic event coming in the spring of 2012: The La Jolla Symphony Chorus will be performing *Spring Symphony*, by **Benjamin Britten**, with full symphony orchestra, in **Carnegie Hall**, New York City, on Memorial Day weekend, 2012.

For this event, we want to amass a large chorus of present and past members. We will perform the Britten on our subscription series in Mandeville Center, UCSD, on May 5 and 6, with all our present members and as many of the "alumni" as can join us; other alumni will join us in New York. To the greatest extent possible, singers will join us in regular rehearsals at UCSD. Those who are too far away to do so will receive recordings and other aids to make sure that all are prepared when we arrive in New York.

This project is like our other self-funded tours, though the time is more concentrated (five days/four nights) and the destination is The Big Apple and its most prestigious concert hall. We are sponsored by the presenting organization, Mid-America Productions, and all arrangements are made through them.

We will stay in a hotel near Times Square where rehearsal space will be provided. On Sunday, there will be a dress rehearsal in Carnegie Hall prior to the concert. Evenings will be free to enjoy New York with old friends. More information will be forthcoming, if you are interested, and I hope that you are.

Whether you choose to join us or not, we're anxious to know how and where our former singers are. So please do respond, even if the New York trip is not for you.

If you are able to join us, I can assure you an exhilarating musical experience with the wonderful singers of La Jolla Symphony Chorus in the most historic and acoustically-perfect hall in the land!

I hope to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Dr. David Chase
Choral Director, La Jolla Symphony and Chorus