



SACRA / PROFANA

## PERFORMANCE HISTORY

### SEASON X

BORDER X-SINGS: MAY 19, 2019

The San Diego/Tijuana border crossing represents the largest land border crossing in the world. This program explored our common humanity, culture, and issues of immigration and refugees throughout the world.

GENDER: X: MARCH 22-23, 2019

In this program we celebrated women composers and featured guest conductor Dr. Emilie Amrein and our own Assistant Conductor Lara Korneychuk. We also premiered the winning entry from Dr. Sarah Rimkus in our Gender: X Composition Competition.

EXCHANGE: FEBRUARY 16-17, 2019

As we strive to nurture enthusiasm for the choral art, we collaborated on a series of concerts with the L.A. Choral Lab, one of the most innovative choral groups in Southern California. We performed in what are considered the finest choral venues in both L.A. and San Diego!

XMAS: A HOLIDAY CONCERT: DECEMBER 14 & 16, 2018

SACRA/PROFANA put our own twist on Holiday programming and featured new arrangements of traditional Christmas carols, fun takes on Holiday classics, and contemporary pieces on themes of winter and solstice.

RETROX: A RETROSPECTIVE EXPERIENCE: NOVEMBER 2-3, 2018

Kicking off our 10th anniversary celebration, this program featured a number of our "greatest hits" from past seasons. Founding Director Dr. Krishan Oberoi and Artistic Director Juan Carlos Acosta shared conducting duties.

SACRED MUSIC / SACRED SPACE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Returning to the FUMC Concert Series, SACRA/PROFANA presented a mix of familiar anthems and hidden gems of some of the finest in sacred choral music in one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in all of San Diego.

## **SEASON 9**

**BUILDING BRIDGES SPANNING WATER: MAY 20, 2018**

Water has long been a favorite theme of artists, poets and composers throughout the ages and crossing bodies of water is a primary functions of many bridges throughout the world. SACRA/PROFANA performed music with themes of water and bridges by some of the most important composers of the last 100 years.

**BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE SACRED & PROFANE: MARCH 11, APRIL 15, 2018**

This concert explored the gap between secular and sacred music by examining choral music with sacred texts that were written for secular audiences. "Profane" is often mistakenly equated with profanity, but in a historical context, it simply means that which is not sacred...in other words...secular. We performed music by composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Jon Kull (orchestrator for Avatar), Moses Hogan, Gregory Orban, and Brandon Waddles.

**BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN NATIONS: KRENEK, BRITTEN, AND RILKE: FEBRUARY 23-24, 2018**

This concert featured works by Austrian composer Ernst Krenek and British composer Benjamin Britten. Both men were part of a flood of composers, musicians, and others who came to the U.S. from Europe in the years before and during World War II.

**RE-COVERING THE MUSIC OF CAROLE KING: JANUARY 19-20, 2018**

Carole King is one of the most important artists of the 20th Century whose influence stretches well beyond her own recordings. Our program consisted of many of her hits made famous by other performers AND featured Tapestry, her iconic album. All songs were specially arranged by members of SACRA/PROFANA, approved and licensed for this special production.

**THE NUTCRACKER WITH CALIFORNIA BALLET COMPANY: DECEMBER 9-23, 2017**  
SACRA/PROFANA was thrilled to once again lend their voices to California Ballet Company's production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker. This San Diego Holiday favorite is one of the most well-attended productions of the season.

**ALL IS CALM: THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914: NOVEMBER 17-19, 2017**

SACRA/PROFANA, Bodhi Tree Concerts, and San Diego Opera once again featured our men along with other noted local soloists telling the story of the Christmas Day Truce of 1914 through music and dramatic readings. Coming on the heels of Veterans Day, this was a great way to prepare for the upcoming Holiday Season.

**BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN CULTURES: OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2017**

Music is simultaneously one of the strongest identifiers of culture, as well as one of the common elements that help cultures come together. With this program, SACRA/PROFANA will be performing music that spans cultural barriers through style, language, and various musical techniques. They will also be featuring music from cultures not known for their choral traditions. Click [HERE](#) to see videos from this concert!

**SUMMER CHORAL INTENSIVE FINAL CONCERT: JULY 15, 2017**

### **SEASON 8**

**DOCTRINE: MAY 19-20, 2017**

Performances in San Diego and Los Angeles

SACRA/PROFANA teamed up with composer Stephen Feigenbaum, whose 2016 “Yeethoven” project, juxtaposing works by Beethoven and Kanye West, caught the eye of Rolling Stone and Pitchfork magazine. Feigenbaum’s new work “doctrine” was created specifically for SACRA/PROFANA.

**POET’S VOICE: APRIL 21-22, 2017**

In this concert, we flipped traditional programming conventions on its head. Instead of grouping music by composer, we featured the poets who provide us with the text for our beautiful choral music. Performed in libraries throughout San Diego, we featured the texts of masters such as Shakespeare, Dickinson and Rumi.

**VOYAGE: THE SLAVE JOURNEY: FEBRUARY 17, 25-26, 2017**

**ALL IS CALM: THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914: NOVEMBER 19-20**

**SEASON 8 KICK-OFF CONCERT-FEATUREING PURPLE RAIN ALBUM**

**PERFORMANCE: OCTOBER 21-23, 2016**

To continue our mission of “redefining the choir” SACRA/PROFANA kicked off the celebration with a reception and a live performance of our latest project—a top-to-bottom cover of the iconic album *Purple Rain*. The songs on the album were presented in a variety of arrangements from a cappella, to small groups, to instrumental forces.

SACRA/PROFANA SUMMER CHORAL INTENSIVE FINAL CONCERT, JULY 16 2016

## **PREVIOUS SEASONS**

LOCAL CONNECTIONS: May 6-7 and 15, 2016

ONE SINGULAR SENSATION: A TRIBUTE TO MARVIN HAMLISCH WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: March 4, 2016

ROMANCE ISN'T DEAD: February 12-13, 2016

ART OF ELÁN PRESENTS: CONCENTRIC CIRCLES, FEATURING SACRA/PROFANA: January 12, 2016

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT: SACRA/PROFANA PERFORMS WITH THE PACIFIC SOUND BRASS QUINTET: December 7, 2015

CHANT MACABRE: SACRA/PROFANA'S SEASON 7 KICKOFF CONCERT: October 30 & November 6, 2015

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 2: DEAD MAN'S CHEST WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: August 9, 2015

BROADWAY: A RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN CELEBRATION WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: August 7-8, 2015

SACRA/PROFANA SUMMER CHORAL INTENSIVE FINAL CONCERT 2015: July 18, 2015

STAR TREK: INTO DARKNESS WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: July 11, 2015

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS PERFORMANCE: July 1, 2015

2014 CARLSBAD MUSIC FESTIVAL: ADVENTUROUS MUSIC BY THE BEACH: September 20, 2014

TENNIS WITH GERSHWIN: June 1, 2014

SACRA/PROFANA SUMMER CHORAL INTENSIVE FINAL CONCERT: July 19, 2014

VIDEO GAMES LIVE WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: July 24, 2014

DANNY ELFMAN'S MUSIC FROM THE FILMS OF TIM BURTON WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: July 25, 2014

STAR TREK FEATURE FILM WITH LIVE SOUNDTRACK WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: July 26, 2014

BROADWAY TONIGHT! WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY: August 8-9, 2014

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