

CONSPIRARE SYMPHONIC CHOIR

CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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GREAT BIG CHORUSES: FROM BROADWAY TO BEETHOVAN IN COLLABORATION WITH CONSPIRARE'S SYMPHONIC CHOIR AND VICTORIA BACH FESTIVAL

*The Grand Finale to a Hugely Successful Season
Featuring 170 Singers and 70 Instrumentalists*

June 6 in Victoria and June 7 in Austin

AUSTIN, TEXAS (May 14, 2015) - One of the most successful seasons in Conspirare's long standing history concludes with the vocal ensemble's seasonal grand finale performance, **Great Big Choruses** taking place June 6 in Victoria and June 7 in Austin.

Austin's premier vocal ensemble had a banner year, receiving its first Grammy® award, after six nominations, in February for *Best Choral Performance*, a new album *Path of Miracles* out in May, and a thrilling season which included five world premiere performances.

Conspirare's season finale, Great Big Choruses, is a collaboration with Conspirare Symphonic Choir and the Victoria Bach Festival Chorus and Orchestra. The program features a glorious repertoire of great choruses from oratorio, opera, and Broadway that includes "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's 9th Symphony, music of Brahms, Verdi, and other beloved composers. Also featured will be the world premiere of *So Long as Days Shall Be* by Donald Grantham (commissioned by Victoria Bach Festival).

The performance will feature 170 singers and more than 70 instrumentalists with solos by Mela Dailey, Laura Mercado-Wright, Eric Neuville, and Charles Wesley Evans. Conspirare's Great Big Choruses is the perfect finale to an amazing year.

"Great Big Choruses is truly the perfect way to end this remarkable season," said Craig Hella Johnson, Conspirare artistic director. "We are thrilled to collaborate with the musicians of the Victoria Bach Festival Orchestra and Chorus. They bring the highest level of artistry and finesse to these great masterworks. This will be very grand, celebratory, and uplifting evening."

GREAT BIG CHORUSES:

Victoria:

Saturday, June 6, 7:30 p.m

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

4102 N. Ben Jordan St. Victoria, TX

To purchase tickets: <http://victoriabachfestival.org/events/great-big-choruses/>

Austin:

Sunday, June 7, 4 p.m., pre-concert talks by Margaret Perry at 3 p.m. (Parterre level)

Dell Hall, Long Center for the Performing Arts

701 W. Riverside Dr. Austin, TX

To purchase tickets: <http://conspirare.org/event/great-big-choruses/>

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About Conspirare:

Conspirare is a family of vocal ensembles known for delivering uniquely beautiful and transformative musical experiences. Its flagship ensemble is Grammy® award-winning Company of Voices, a dream team of professional singers from around the country under the leadership of artistic director Craig Hella Johnson. The Conspirare Symphonic Choir and two Conspirare Youth Choirs complete the Conspirare family. Conspirare's repertoire is as diverse as its talent, spanning eras from medieval to modern. For more information go to www.conspirare.org.