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**ABOUT LOS ANGELES CHILDREN’S CHORUS**

**Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, Artistic Director**

2023|24 Season

*38th Season*

GRAMMY Award-winning Los Angeles Children’s Chorus (LACC), one of the world’s preeminent youth choruses, has been lauded as “hauntingly beautiful” (*Los Angeles Times*), “the best children’s chorus I have ever heard” (*Esa-Pekka Salonen*), and “one of the true artistic gems of Los Angeles” (*Gustavo Dudamel*).

Led by Artistic Director Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, LACC annually appears in more than 50 public performances, including in its own self-produced concerts and in collaborations with leading organizations such as Los Angeles Opera, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Master Chorale, and Pasadena Symphony and POPS.

The Chorus annually serves over 400 young people ages 6-18 from 40+ communities across Southern California through its seven choirs, First Experiences in Singing class, and First Experiences in Choral Singing ensemble.

LACC is featured in alumna Billie Eilish’s 2021 cinematic concert experience *Happier Than Ever: A Love Letter To Los Angeles* on Disney+, and has appeared on John Williams’ 2017 recording, *John Williams & Steven Spielberg: The Ultimate Collection,* and the Los Angeles Master Chorale’s critically-acclaimed Decca recording, *A Good Understanding*. The subject of four documentaries by Academy Award®-winning filmmaker Freida Mock, LACC is featured in the Academy Award®-nominated *Sing!,* about a year in the life of the choir. LACC has performed with John Mayer on NBC’s “The Tonight Show” and been featured on PBS’s “Great Performances,” BBC Radio, and PRI’s nationally-syndicated show “From the Top.”

Winner of the 2022 GRAMMY Award for Best Choral Performance for its performance on the LA Philharmonic’s 2021 album, *Mahler Symphony No. 8*, and recipient of Chorus America’s Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence, LACC frequently serves as a cultural ambassador on tours that have taken the Chorus to 20+ countries on 6 continents.

LACC was founded in 1986 by Rebecca Thompson and led from 1995-2018 by Artistic Director Emerita Anne Tomlinson.

For more information, please visit www.lachildrenschorus.org.