

SD MASTER CHORALE

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SD Master Chorale Collaborates with The Voices of Chennai and Madras Rotary to Raise Funds for the Fight Against COVID-19 in India

San Diego, CA (July 15, 2021) — The San Diego Master Chorale, in partnership with The Voices of Chennai and the Rotary Club of Madras, is dedicating a virtual concert to raise funds and assist those suffering from COVID-19 in India to bolster vaccination efforts there. Under the direction of Dr. John K. Russell, the SD Master Chorale is beginning its 60th Anniversary Season inspiring audiences through live choral music while expanding community outreach programs with this binational response to an urgent global need as the people of India address the COVID-19 pandemic.

The virtual program will be introduced by Deepa Prahalad Abhyankar, a San Diego business executive representing the Indian community in Southern California; individual ensemble introductions by pulmonologist Dr. Ravi Santosham in Madras and Dr. Russell in San Diego; and concluding remarks by Madras Rotary President, Kapil Chitale.

Donations for this binational COVID-19 response will be managed by the Madras Rotary organization in India. <https://milaap.org/fundraisers/support-rcmct>

Larry McIntosh, Board President of SD Master Chorale, stated, “Music and this pandemic observe no borders, and the SD Master Chorale, along with The Voices of Chennai and the Rotary Club of Madras, are proud to share the joy and hope of choral music and raise awareness and donations to provide direct relief to the Indian community to help manage and control this terrible disease.”

The India Outreach concert will be hosted at no charge via [YouTube](#).

“The SD Master Chorale is particularly proud to partner with The Voices of Chennai and the Rotary Club of Madras to help raise awareness and much needed funding for COVID mitigation as the Indian people continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Choral music can serve as a soothing balm to connect people to this important and urgent cause,” said John K. Russell, Music Director.

ABOUT THE SD MASTER CHORALE

The SD Master Chorale connects all people to the joy of professional-caliber live choral music and enriches lives by sharing what we have in common—our voice.

As the SD Master Chorale celebrates its 60th Anniversary Season, it is dedicated to live music performances of the finest choral repertoire, including new compositions, concert versions of award-winning TV and film productions, shorter choral works, and classical master works. Featuring over 100 of the region’s finest singers, it has been the chorus of choice for the San Diego Symphony, Mainly Mozart Festival, La Jolla Music Society, and other fine performing arts organizations. It continues to extend community outreach programs to local elementary and high-school students, seniors, and global humanitarian needs.

Widely recognized for its exciting, inspiring, and comforting performances, the SD Master Chorale is San Diego’s premier choral ensemble. The Chorale was founded in 1961, and today embraces diverse works of many genres to unite audiences and musicians of all cultures, religions, and generations. Each year, thousands of San Diego residents and visitors hear the Chorale outside the concert hall with the San Diego Symphony via broadcasts on KPBS, San Diego’s NPR station. The Chorale has also been a regular participant in the San Diego Symphony’s summer series on the Embarcadero.

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