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**THE THEME IS CHANGE FOR CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY'S CHORUS**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2015** | CHARLOTTE, NC – The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra has formed a new chamber chorus, which will present four performances during the 2015-2016 season.

The formation of the Charlotte Symphony Chamber Singers is one of a number of changes at the chorus following the arrival of Director of Chorus Kenney Potter last spring.

As part of Potter's new vision for the 150 volunteer singers, the Charlotte Symphony also changed the chorus's official name from the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte to the Charlotte Symphony Chorus.

"The chorus's new name more clearly defines who we are and helps us align our offerings with the recognized Charlotte Symphony brand," says Charlotte Symphony Chorus Board Chair Seth Hickel. "We are looking forward to continuing to provide the Charlotte region with excellence in choral performance this season."

The Chamber Singers' debut performance will include selections by Eric Whitacre, Giovanni Palestrina, and Claudio Monteverdi, among others, and will be held Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold through the Charlotte Symphony ticket office and at the door.

Also new under Potter's direction, the Charlotte Symphony Chorus will sponsor an innovative Young Artists in Residence program to strengthen choral music in the Charlotte community. Up to eight talented high school choristers will be selected to sing with the Charlotte Symphony Chorus and the Charlotte Symphony for their performances of Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* November 19-21, 2015.

"The Young Artists in Residence program is a unique opportunity for talented high school singers to enjoy the rehearsal and performance process of a great masterwork," says Potter. "We are excited to provide this experience for the young artists in our region."

This season, the Charlotte Symphony Chorus will join the orchestra for the Faure *Requiem*, Magic of Christmas December 3-6, followed by two performances of Handel's *Messiah* at Knight Theater December 18-19. The chorus will also join the orchestra for the Charlotte Symphony's Classics season finale, *Carmina Burana*, May 12-14, 2016.

For more information or to purchase tickets to an upcoming Charlotte Symphony Chorus or Chamber Singers performance, please visit [charlottesymphony.org](http://charlottesymphony.org).

**About the Charlotte Symphony**

Founded in 1932 and led by internationally renowned Music Director Christopher Warren-Green, the Charlotte Symphony is a non-profit organization that serves the entire community through music that educates, entertains and enriches the human spirit. We are world-class musicians, music teachers and music lovers. We put violins in the hands of Charlotte's children and actively nurture the next generation with our programs in music education. We bring artistic excellence to Charlotte's parks and hospitals, schools and places of worship, stadiums and concert halls. The Charlotte Symphony is a cornerstone of the cultural community, connecting people and adding value to their lives through music.

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