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The Choral Project Collaborates with The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus to Present a Unique Spring Concert June 17th and 18th

These award-winning groups will present a community concert in San Jose

- What:** "Let Music Live"
Who: The Choral Project and The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus
When and Where: Friday, June 17th, 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 18th, 8 p.m.,
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, San Jose
Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 student/senior,
available at www.svgmc.org, www.choralproject.org and at the door

SAN JOSE, CA -- The Choral Project, the critically acclaimed 40-voice Bay Area vocal ensemble, and the Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus, a 42-voice community chorus, both directed by Daniel Hughes, will collaborate June 17th and 18th in a program that celebrates community, diversity, our uniqueness as individuals, and our human unity.

The performance features a wide variety of music from Franz Biebl's ever popular "Ave Maria" to Billy Joel's "And So it Goes" to John Martin's inspiring composition "The Awakening," whose final strains cry "Let Music Live!" A portion of this concert's proceeds will go to sponsor VH1's Save the Music Foundation.

"This program holds something for everyone," says Maestro Daniel Hughes, conductor of both choral ensembles. "The broad variety of music ranges from Franz Schubert to James Taylor, from virtuosic Russian choral hymns to the Beatles. The concert should prove to be a thrilling and exciting performance for both the singers and the audience."

The concerts will be held Friday June 17th and Saturday June 18th at 8pm at the Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – 1550 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from members of either chorus, online at www.svgmc.org, www.choralproject.org, and at the door. This concert is expected to sell out so get your tickets early.

About the Musicians

The Choral Project was founded by Artistic Director Daniel Hughes in September 1996 to expand the choral art through excellent performance of high-level choral literature and to bridge the gap between text and music, singer and spectator. The 40-voice ensemble rehearses at Lincoln Glen Church in San José. The Choral Project, whose singing has been described as "pure balm for the ears" (Bay Area Reporter, 2004) recently won 2nd place in the Mixed Choir competition at the 58th annual International Eisteddfod, in Wales. Over 650 choirs from around the world auditioned to participate and only nine were

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chosen to compete. At the end of the competition, The Choral Project, whose performance was described as a "tour de force," scored 274 out of 300, trailing the first place choir by only one point. For more information, visit www.choralproject.org.

The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus is based in San Jose, California, and is a member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, Inc. (GALA). SVGMC is a diverse group of men dedicated to achieving excellence in music and maintaining a high sense of personal and collective pride. Their mission is to promote fellowship within the Silicon Valley gay and lesbian communities and beyond, and through their music, gain the respect and esteem of all people. SVGMC has had the distinction of being recognized as the Best Local Musical Group and the Best Performing Arts Group by the readership of OutNow Magazine for several years in a row. For more information, please visit www.svgmc.org.

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