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Orange County, California | April 13-16, 2023

SoCal SINGS! Choral
Festival



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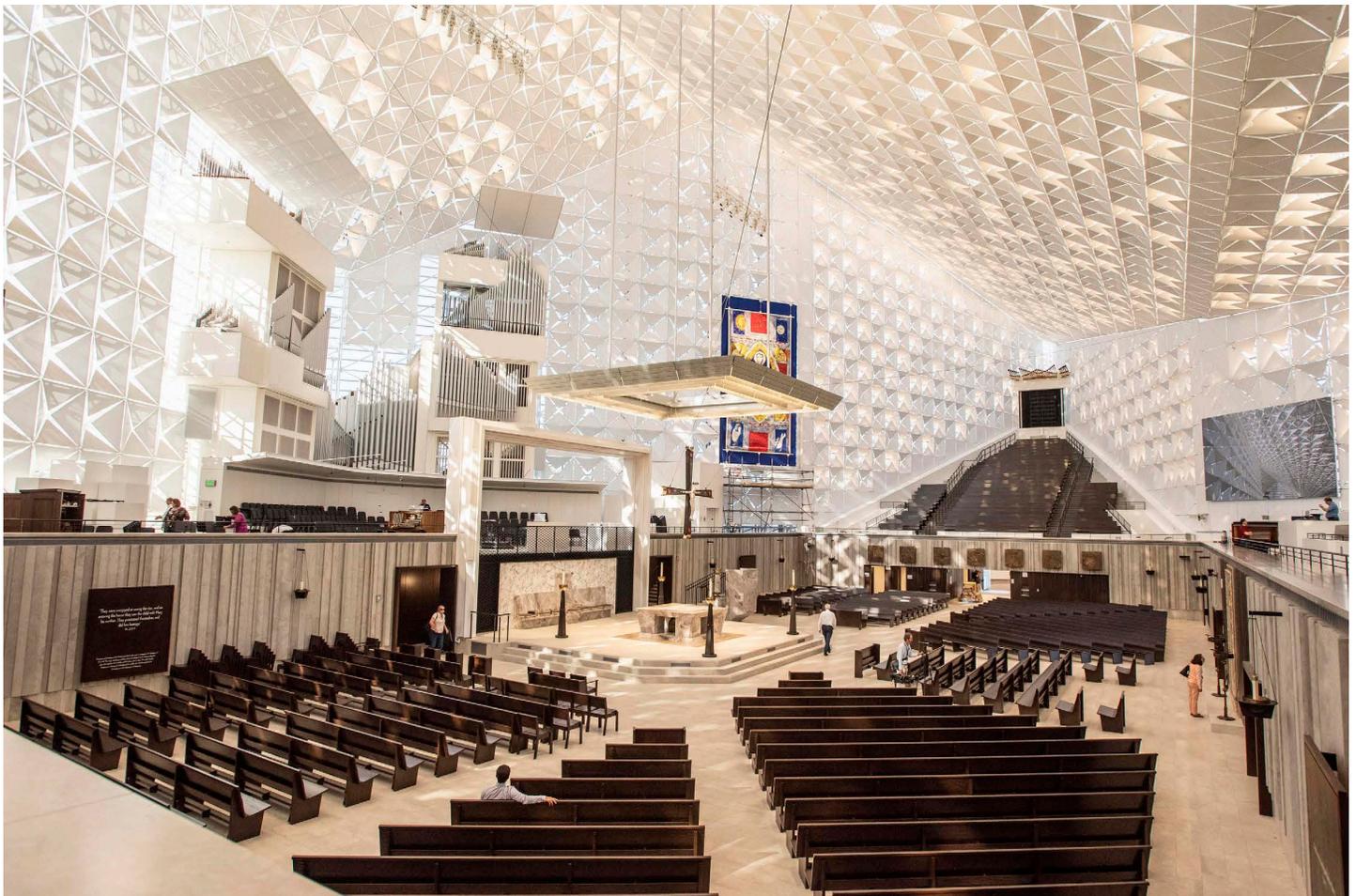
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Dr. Julie Yu (She/Her/Hers) is Professor of Music and Co-Director of Choral Studies at Kansas State University where she oversees and conducts the undergraduate choral ensembles and the Masters in Music choral program. Her choirs have performed in Carnegie Hall, in Hawaii, the National Cathedral in Washington DC, as well as in Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Ireland, and Italy.

She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Central Oklahoma, Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Oklahoma State University, and the Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from the University of North Texas. Before joining the Kansas State faculty, she taught at Norman North High School in Norman, Oklahoma and San José State University.

She has given presentations, conducted, and/or her choirs have performed for state and regional conferences of the American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, and the European Music Educators Association Conferences. She is the past-president of the Southwestern Region of the American Choral Directors Association and served as an International Conducting Exchange Fellow to Kenya in 2019. She serves as a member of the Kansas State University Faculty Senate.

In addition to teaching, her favorite area of research and performance involves working as a guest clinician/conductor for various honor choirs and professional organizations.





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Tour Itinerary

Thursday, April 13, 2023 - Arrive Orange County

Out of town ensembles arrive in Southern California. Time for sightseeing and visits to the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the Getty Museum, Santa Monica Pier, Disneyland and many of the other wonderful sights in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Friday, April 14, 2023 - Orange County

Today out of town and local choirs meet for an opening Festival Choir Rehearsal. After lunch take part in the second rehearsal with Artistic Director Dr. Julie Yu. The remainder of the day is at leisure for sightseeing and dining. Director's Dinner tonight with Julie Yu.

Saturday, April 15, 2023 - Orange County/ Festival Concert

In the morning optional individual ensemble clinics. Mid-afternoon transfer to concert venue for a dress rehearsal and sound-check with the SoCal SINGS! Festival Choir and professional instrumentalists. The evening Festival Concert at Christ Cathedral will feature a performance by the SoCal SINGS! Festival Chorus & Instrumentalists, under the direction of Dr. Julie Yu.

Sunday, April 16, 2023 - Departure

Out of town ensembles will have more time for local sightseeing prior to their departure from Southern California.

Spotlight Performances

Auditioned choirs with 40 and more singers will have the option for a spotlight performance during the Festival Concert and take part in a clinic with Artistic Director, Dr. Julie Yu, in the course of the festival event.

Applications will require two recordings. A blind screening panel will assess submissions based on audio recordings and choir demographic information to ensure a broad representation of ages, voicings, settings, cultural backgrounds, and repertoire.

Two audio recordings: unedited live performance or unedited live studio (audio only) in MP3 format

Note: no virtual choir submissions, please.

- 1 recording from 2019-2020
- 1 recording from 2021-2022
- Recordings may not be enhanced or engineered in any way.
- No recorded accompaniment may be used in any recording.
- Recordings should include complete pieces. If a longer work must be excerpted, up to five (5) minutes may be devoted to it on the MP3. Excerpting a longer work is the only edit permitted.
- The total length of the two recordings should be no more than ten (10) minutes.

Two PDF Programs or Performance Repertoire Lists

- 1 program from 2019-2020
- 1 program from 2021-2022



Package Cost

- \$139 per person for the Festival Only package.
- For each 10 paying participants the ensemble will receive 1 complimentary gala concert ticket.
- Travel to Orange County, transfers and accommodation are not included in this price. Perform America can arrange transportation and accommodation on request.

Festival Inclusions

- Concert management
- Festival chorus development
- Guest conductor/clinicians
- Professional rehearsal accompanist
- Pianist and obligato instruments for gala concert
- Rehearsal schedule and spaces
- Concert Venue
- Stage crew, house management & ushers
- Ticket service, publicity & audience development
- Official concert programs
- Commemorative plaques to participating ensemble directors

Except for rehearsals, clinics, and performances your ensemble's itinerary is flexible. Sightseeing, meals and attractions can be added into the program. All concert and tour production will be professionally provided by Perform America. Please contact us at info@perform-america.com or (404) 689-7826 for a custom proposal.

