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***SANTA BARBARA CHORAL SOCIETY AUDITIONING SINGERS FOR 2008/09 SEASON***

Following its Granada Theatre debut performance in a highly-acclaimed co-production of *Carmina Burana* with the State Street Ballet, the Santa Barbara Choral Society is preparing for its first season as a Resident Company at the Granada by auditioning new singers on August 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Music Academy of the West. Experienced singers should call 965-6577 to schedule an audition. Paid section leaders positions are also available for qualified candidates.

The 2008/09 season includes a holiday *Messiah* concert (Dec. 6,7) with guest soloists, a performance with the Santa Barbara Symphony of Puccini's *Messe di Gloria* (April 18,19), and a performance of the Verdi *Requiem* (May 16,17), which is considered by many to be the greatest choral masterwork of all time. (The group will also perform a benefit concert of the Mozart *Requiem* and Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* in Van Nuys on March 8.)

Now in its 61<sup>st</sup> continuous year of performing, the Santa Barbara Choral Society is under the direction of JoAnne Wasserman, who will be auditioning all new singers as well as all current Choral Society members. Committed to sustaining professional choral musicians in the area, the Choral Society employs a core group of professional singers to lead and mentor their sections. Choral Society rehearsals are held at the Music Academy of the West in Montecito.

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