



True Concord expands staff with managing director appointment

Tucson, AZ (July 11, 2017)--Tucson-based choral ensemble True Concord Voices & Orchestra has appointed Chuck Tennes as its managing director, a new position whose creation reflects the group's rapidly expanding musical ambitions.

True Concord has gained prominence in recent years with a high profile debut in New York and a Grammy nomination for its recording of Stephen Paulus's "Far In the Heavens." Thanks to a gift from local philanthropist Dorothy Dyer Vanek, five newly commissioned works are planned for coming seasons, and additional recordings are anticipated.

"True Concord's future development will require strong administrative support," says Founding Music Director Eric Holtan. "Chuck's depth of experience in arts administration will be put to good use."



Chuck Tennes

Tennes served as executive director of The University of Arizona's UA Presents from 2011 to 2014. His background includes an internship with the National Endowment for the Arts and positions with the Washington Performing Arts Society and Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center. A parallel career in finance and investments led to a five-year residency in Moscow as chief investment officer for a major Russian bank. He serves on several nonprofit boards in the Tucson area.

True Concord begins its 14th season on October 12 with a program of British music ranging from William Byrd (d. 1623) to the Beatles. In November, audiences can hear the first Tucson performances of David Lang's *little match girl passion*, which won a Pulitzer Prize after its Carnegie Hall premiere in 2007. Leonard Bernstein's highly theatrical *Mass* will be performed at Centennial Hall in January with choreography by UA Dance, and the renowned, Grammy-nominated baritone Jubilant Sykes, performing the central vocal role of the celebrant. True Concord returns to Centennial Hall in February to join forces with the Arizona Choir for Verdi's *Requiem* with its famously thundering *Dies Irae*.

Season ticket information is available at trueconcord.org. or by calling 520.401.2651.

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About True Concord Voices & Orchestra

Grammy-nominated True Concord is Southern Arizona's professional chamber choir and orchestra. Founded in 2004, its mission is to create experiences with music that move, enrich and inspire. This mission is accomplished primarily through the performance of masterworks and the music of America's cultural mosaic. More information at <http://www.trueconcord.org/> and on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).