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Gregory Wait to Retire from Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley

Mountain View, CA - October 13, 2017 - Gregory Wait, Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley's artistic leader for the past 28 years, has announced his intended retirement. The Schola Cantorum community of singers, audiences and donors will celebrate his tenure as Music Director during the 2018-2019 season. His final performance with Schola will be in May 2019.

Speaking on behalf of the community, Catherine Lyman, Schola's board chair, expressed deep appreciation for Greg's superlative and sustained leadership. She added that early notification of Greg's retirement allows time to search for an inspiring successor.

Founded in 1964 with a mission to inspire Silicon Valley residents and build a musical community by "Celebrating the Joy of Singing", Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley is an auditioned 75-voice mixed chorus that presents a regular concert season of dynamic performances of choral masterpieces, new works by living composers, and music from a wide variety of cultural traditions. In addition, it hosts popular audience sing-alongs of major choral works with six weekly Summer-Sings and the Messiah-Sing in December. The Outreach Program takes small groups of Schola singers into schools, senior centers, parks and public places---most recently a "Hallelujah Chorus" flash mob at Westfield mall.

"It has been my profound honor and good fortune to have led Schola Cantorum for the past twenty-eight years," stated Wait. "Schola Cantorum has provided me with the opportunity to perform great works of choral literature and share them with my collaborators (the singers of Schola), our audience, and our donors. I am enormously grateful to the countless volunteers who have spent hours of their time to ensure Schola's success throughout my tenure. I decided to retire following the 2018-2019 season to free up time for Kathy and me to travel, to pursue my hobbies of golf, gardening and cooking, and to attend concerts and exhibits in our incredibly fertile arts region. I extend a heartfelt invitation to join Schola Cantorum and me as we celebrate the final two years under my leadership. This extraordinary choral ensemble will continue to value your attendance at concerts and, of course, your generous donations."

Gregory Wait joined Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley in 1989. He is a Senior Lecturer (Voice and Choral Conducting) and the Billie Bennett Achilles Director of Vocal Studies at Stanford University. Wait also directs the Congregational Oratorio Society, based in Palo Alto.

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