



Angel City Chorale Press Information

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MISSION STATEMENT

Angel City Chorale (ACC) is an accomplished community choir providing artistic growth and joyful musical opportunities for our members and our audience. Embracing diversity in our membership and in our music, we endeavor to create spirited musical, educational, and adventurous community-building experiences in our home of Los Angeles and throughout the world.

WHO WE ARE

Angel City Chorale is a welcoming, inclusive musical ensemble that reflects the generational, racial, ethnic, cultural, and musical diversity of Los Angeles. Artistic Director Sue Fink founded ACC in 1993 in the world-famous McCabe's Guitar Shop with just 18 singers. They are now over 160 voices strong, with new members joining every year by audition. The supportive environment Sue has created accommodates singers with a wide range of musical training and experience to create a world-class choral sound.

Twice a year, Angel City Chorale offers public concerts that have garnered a loyal following of Angelinos. These exuberant concerts reflect the diversity of the choir, drawing songs from popular, classical and world music traditions, as well as commissioning and performing new compositions. Audiences are thrilled by a kaleidoscopic array of songs and uplifted by ACC's infectious sense of joy.

Not only does Angel City Chorale introduce Los Angeles audiences to world music and culture, through albums, DVDs and YouTube videos, the choir shares its music with the world. ACC's YouTube video of the song "Africa" has over 45 million views and counting. The Chorale appears on Christopher Tin's Grammy-nominated album *The Drop that Contained the Sea* and performed the world premiere of that song cycle at Carnegie Hall in 2014. In 2016 the choir recorded Christopher Tin's new composition "Sogno di Volare"—the title theme for *Civilization VI*—at Abbey Road Studios in London.

Angel City Chorale is committed to bringing music to those whose circumstances have cut them off from the mainstream of society. Every December, the Tour of Hope takes the choir's holiday concert on the road, offering free performances at homeless shelters, retirement communities, and other social service agencies. In addition to bringing the joy of music, Angel City Chorale donates needed supplies and equipment to these agencies.

In 2011, Angel City Chorale partnered with the [Amy Foundation \(formerly the Amy Biehl Foundation\)](#), an organization focused on the empowerment of the youth from the townships of Cape Town, South Africa. Focusing on creativity, The Amy Foundation aims to make learning enjoyable while fostering the drive for academic and personal success. Eighty chorale singers and family members spent over a week in Cape Town, getting to know the people and culture of South Africa and performing with talented young singers from the foundation choir. This year, ACC is bringing young members of that same township choir to Los Angeles to sing at its 25th Anniversary concert in June.

In a world in need of hope and peace, Angel City Chorale uses the universality of song to bring joy and build community, first within the choir, then with audiences, and finally in the Greater Los Angeles community and beyond.