

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

# CHORALE

Interim conductor Lauren Whitham

2015 SPRING TOUR PRESS RELEASE

## *“Dances to Life”*

**Thursday, April 16, 2015 • 7:30 p.m.**

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Portland, OR

The Pacific Lutheran University School of Arts and Communication and the Department of Music are pleased to announce the University Chorale 2015 Spring Tour. The tour includes a performance at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The address of the church is 11560 SE Market St, Portland, OR 97216. Admission is free (an offering will be taken). The concert program offers music spanning several centuries and genres, including works by Felix Mendelssohn, Claudio Monteverdi and Eric Whitacre. We also feature PLU's new Department Chair, Dr. John Paul, who will accompany the Chorale on the violin during their performance of his original composition *How I Came to Be*. Dr. Paul comes to PLU from Marylhurst University where he served as Music Department chair for 13 years. Lauren Whitham, PLU alumna and visiting instructor of music, conducts the program.

The Pacific Lutheran University Chorale is a mixed choir comprised primarily – though not exclusively – of freshmen and sophomore singers representing a variety of academic disciplines. The choir meets four days a week for a ninety-minute rehearsal and sings many times each year in concerts, tours, and campus ministry events. The choir tours regionally and appears on PLU Christmas compact discs.

The Chorale has recently performed for conferences of the Washington Music Educators Association (2010) and American Choral Directors Association (2006). In March 2012, the ensemble performed for the ACDA Northwest Division Conference.

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