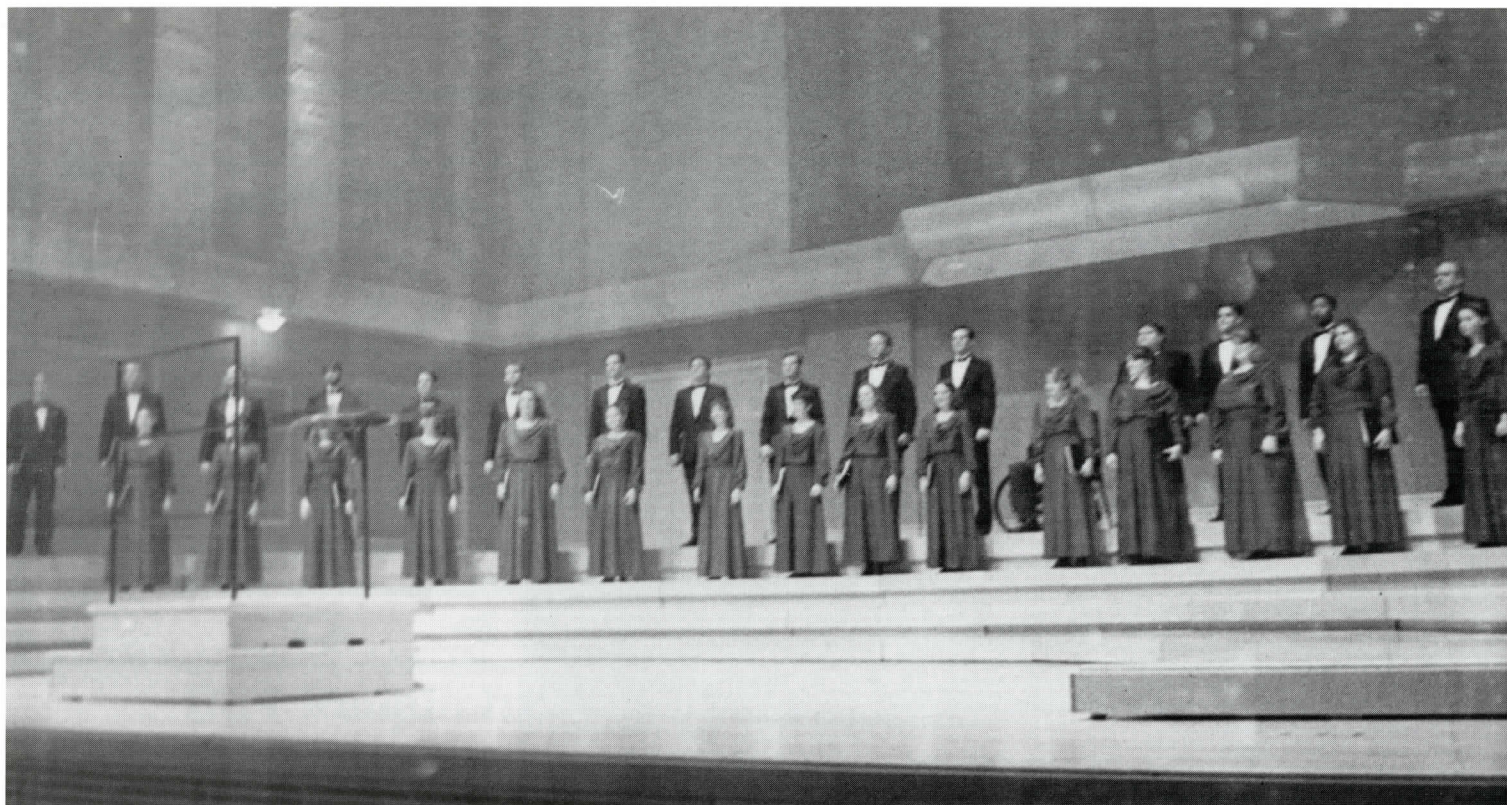




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The Choir of the West is a 46-voice choir that travels the country performing for a large variety of audiences.

the world. The choir has toured the United States extensively as well as Japan, China, Hong Kong, Hawaii and several other countries in its 65-year history at PLU.

The choir's director, Richard Sparks, has been the university's director of choral activities since he came to PLU in 1983.

Sparks was the founding conductor of Seattle Pro Musica from 1972-80 and also the conductor of the Pacific Northwest Bach Festival for seven years. In addition, he has guest conducted such organizations as the Portland Baroque Orchestra, the Northwest Chamber Orchestra and the Portland Symphony Choir.

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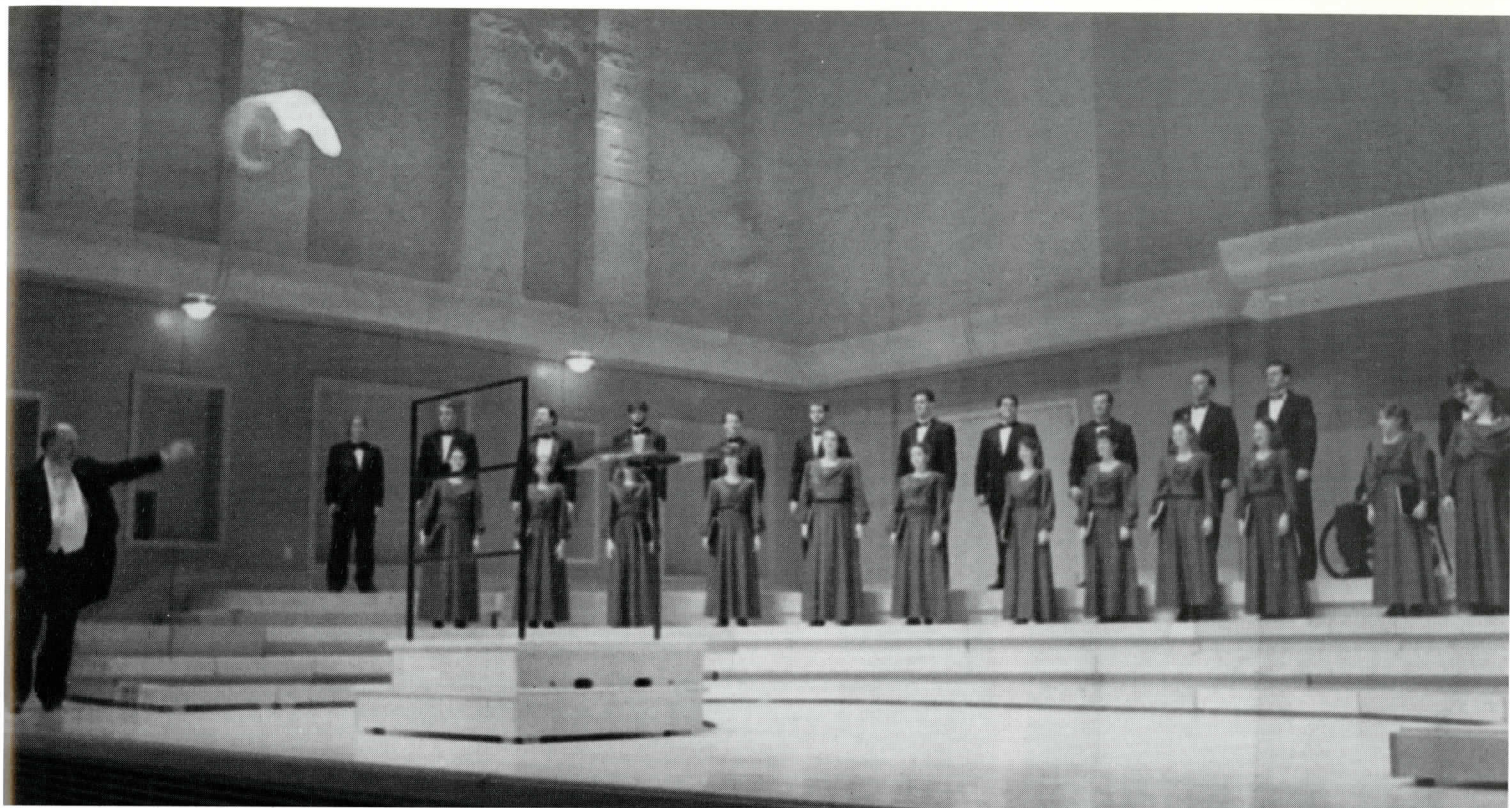


Choir of the West

by Linda Elliot

The renowned Choir of the West from Pacific Lutheran University presents the Rachmaninoff Vespers in a local performance.

The 46-voice Choir of the West has developed a reputation for magical performances throughout



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Top: Introducing the "Choir of the West" led by Richard Sparks, conductor.

Bottom: The Choir of the West performs Rachmaninoff Vespers in the Mary Baker Russel Music Center.

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