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LOS ROBLES MASTER CHORALE APPOINTS NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Los Robles Master Chorale is pleased to announce the appointment of Lesley Leighton as its new Artistic Director. Leighton will assume the position in September when the Chorale begins its 31st season.

A doctoral student in choral conducting at the University of Southern California, Leighton has impressive credentials as both conductor and singer. She is currently Director of the Oriana Women's Chorus at USC and Assistant Director of the Choral Society of Southern California. With a Masters of Music in Vocal Performance from USC, she has sung with Los Angeles Master Chorale and the Jacaranda Chamber Singers, and has appeared as a principal artist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, LA Opera, Los Angeles Master Chorale, New York City Opera, and the Norway Symphony.

From 2002 to 2004, Leighton was Director of Development for the office of New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg.

One of Ventura County's preeminent performing arts groups, Los Robles Master Chorale has premiered works by both internationally-renowned and local composers, welcomed an impressive array of guest conductors, and embarked on six international concert tours. A fully independent organization since 2007, LRMC is a non-profit corporation under IRS section 501(c)(3).

Maestra Leighton will be on the podium when the Master Chorale presents its holiday concerts on December 12 and 13 in Thousand Oaks.

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