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**O.C. Tanner Gift of Music Concert  
Presents Mahler's Symphony No. 2**

SALT LAKE CITY – The O.C. Tanner Gift of Music in conjunction with the Utah Symphony and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir is proud to present two concerts which will take place Friday 20 November and Saturday 21 November at 7:30 p.m. in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Temple Square.

Keith Lockhart will conduct the Utah Symphony and Mormon Tabernacle Choir in Mahler's Symphony *No. 2 in C Minor*, also known as the *Resurrection*. Soloists for the performance will be soprano Janice Chandler Eteme and mezzo soprano Nancy Maulsby. Earlier this year, Lockhart concluded eleven seasons as conductor of the Utah Symphony and for the next two seasons he will serve as Conductor Laureate, conducting several programs a year. He has been conductor of the Bostons Pops since 1995 and in 2006 was named Principal Conductor of the Brevard (North Carolina) Music Center.

Speaking of Mahler's works, Lockhart said, "You have to be prepared to go on a journey, for someone to take you and leave you changed at the end. If you could say one thing about Mahler, it's that he was unlike anyone else in his ability to do that."

This symphony represents Mahler's tribute to the process of death: questioning, fond memories, grieving, despair, and finally being filled with a rejoicing hope for the afterlife. The choral section in the fifth movement was originally taken from the poem *Die Auferstehung* by Friedrich Gottlieb Klopstock with changes and additions from Mahler. This piece was Mahler's most popular and successful work during his lifetime, and continues to awe and impress audiences worldwide when performed.

Janice Chandler Eteme has sung for some of the best orchestras and conductors around the country. She has performed Mahler's famous symphony on many varied occasions as well as a wide range of musical selections in addition to releasing her own CD. She has performed on a previous Tanner Gift of Music concert in 1999 when the Choir and Symphony performed Brahms' *Requiem* under the direction of Craig Jessop.

Nancy Maultsby "combines a warm, lustrous and versatile voice with artistic intelligence and intensity of expression" according to the *Washington Post*. Her operatic career has allowed her to sing a wide range of vocal pieces, including the great symphonic works.

The "Gift of Music" concert series began in 1983 when Obert C. Tanner and his wife Grace Tanner endowed a trust as a gift to the community. These funds provide members of the community with the opportunity to hear concerts featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Utah Symphony for free.

Because of very high demand for tickets to this event in past years, tickets are distributed through a random selection process. Those interested may register on the Internet at [www.lds.org/events](http://www.lds.org/events) for the opportunity to receive tickets from Saturday, 3 October at 12:01 a.m. through Monday, 12 October at 11:59 p.m. Those without Internet access may register over the phone at (801) 570-0080 (local) or at 1-866-537-8457. All registrations received during those two weeks will have equal chances at receiving tickets in the random selection process.

Not all registrations will be selected to receive tickets, and only one registration per household can be accepted. The maximum number of tickets that a household may request is four. Tickets will be mailed to those selected within 10 days after the registration process closes. Patrons not selected to receive tickets will be notified by e-mail.

Tickets are limited to those 8 years of age and older. The performance will likely last around 90 minutes.

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