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Proceeds will be donated to SAP-VN and Vietnamese-American Cancer Foundation

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Ngan Khoi Chorus, a Southern California based 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, was established in April, 1989 for the purpose of promoting choral singing among Vietnamese Americans. Ngan Khoi believes that choral singing nurtures both spiritual growth and social responsibility. Using one's own voice as an instrument, a singer gains a profound sensation caused by the vibration of the vocal chords and the physiological impact of the sound. In the choral environment, a singer interacts with others to achieve a state of perfect sensation by the sheer synchronization of vocal sounds. Choral singing leads to a balanced sensitivity, which contributes to harmonious living.

Ngan Khoi Chorus has been on the forefront of producing and promoting the appreciation of folk and classical music in the Vietnamese American community in an effort to bring about a consonant blend of Vietnamese and American music traditions. This way, the music serves as an ambassador creating a cultural bridge between Vietnamese and American People.

ACTIVITIES

Since its debut concert dedicated to "Singing For Tomorrow", Ngan Khoi Chorus has been a pioneer in the relatively new tradition of Vietnamese choral singing. Over the last seventeen years, Ngan Khoi, one of the Vietnamese American choirs of significance outside of Vietnam, has lived up to the challenge of promoting choral activities with consistency in its musical quality, philosophical commitment, and social awareness. The group meets every Sunday for three hours to practice the art of choral singing. Its ties to the Vietnamese community have been consolidated by the success of its sold-out concerts which take place once or twice a year.

Ngan Khoi has performed to audiences of over 1000 attendees at the following venues:

- * MY BELOVED VIETNAM, September 1990, Plummer Auditorium, Fullerton, California
- * NGAN KHOI EVENING, October 1991, Chapman University Auditorium, Orange, California
- * NGAN KHOI EVENING, April 1993, Foothill College Theater, Los Altos, California
- * NGAN KHOI EVENING, November 1993, Plummer Auditorium, California
- * NGAN KHOI EVENING, October 1994, Foothill College Theatre, California
- * NGAN KHOI EVENING, September 1995, La Mirada Theatre, La Mirada, California
- * THOUSAND MILES FROM HOME, January 1997, Jesse Jones Hall, Houston, Texas
- * NGAN KHOI EVENING, May 1998, La Mirada Theatre, California
- * NGAN KHOI EVENING 1999 to celebrate Ngan Khoi's 10th anniversary at La Mirada Theatre.
- * NGAN KHOI EVENING 2002, August 31-2002, La Mirada Theatre, California
- * AFTERNOON MUSIC WITH NGAN KHOI 2005, July 3 - 2005, La Mirada Theatre, California, Ngan Khoi collaborated with The Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation VACF to raise funds for anti-cancer programs.

The 1993 concert saw an auspicious development in the birth of the Ngan Khoi Children's Chorus, Ngan Khoi's attempt to bridge generational boundaries. The rave review that the Ngan Khoi Children's Chorus received for its 1993 debut performance speaks for the children's promising future. They have already started "singing for tomorrow".

To further enhance Ngan Khoi's visibility and credibility in the community, the leaders of Ngan Khoi have been taking instrumental roles in organizing several other local musical events, including classical chamber music recitals and cross-cultural concerts throughout California. Ngan Khoi Chorus has also created an inspiration for Vietnamese American musicians to participate in philharmonic organizations.

CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS:

Profits from past performances of The NGAN KHOI CHORUS have been donated to various charitable organizations and activities including Trung Tâm VIỆT NGI in Southern California, SAP- VIETNAM, VN-HELP, and HỒI CỨU TÙ NHÂN CHÍNH TRỊ. The amount of aid provided to flood victims in Vietnam, to refugees in the Philippines, to disabled children in Vietnam, and to other similar causes has amounted to more than US \$20,000.00.

The collaboration with VACF (Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation) in organizing the 2005 Fundraising Concert has produced the DVD "Me Trong Long Nguoi Di". Ngan Khoi Chorus has given the full rights to VACF to use this DVD for their further fund raising efforts which are expected to bring more than \$30,000.00 to VACF anti-cancer programs.

NGAN KHOI CHORUS also organized concerts to raise funds for cultural purposes. Project CD "VIET NAM 1975" has raised almost \$20,000.00 for producing a CD featuring the symphonic suite by composer Le Van Khoa entitled VIET NAM 1975. This CD was finally realized and distributed in May 2005 by Mr. Le Van Khoa and has been acclaimed in many Vietnamese communities worldwide.

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