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Roger Wagner will bring 25 members of the UCLA orchestra and 40 members of the UCLA chorus to La Jolla next week to create a program dedicated to the music of Mozart.

The major work of the evening will be the great "Requiem Mass," Mozart's last composition and subject of one of the strangest stories in music history. The work was commissioned anonymously by a Count Walsegg. As Mozart wrote the Requiem he became obsessed with the idea that he was writing it for himself, and that the mysterious cloaked figure with whom he had negotiated for the composition of the Mass was the messenger of death. He died without completing the work, although the concept of the whole is undeniably his.

Roger Wagner, who will lead the chorus and orchestra in recreating this noble music, is director of choral music at UCLA. He is famous with his work with the professional Roger Wagner Chorale. Recognized as an outstanding authority on music of the mediaeval and renaissance periods, he has been awarded a Doctor of Music degree from the University of Montreal. He also has achieved an enviable reputation as a lecturer on choral music and choral singing before major musical institutions both in this country and abroad, and has been invited to conduct at conventions of leading choral associations throughout the world. The world's leading musicians, among them Eugene Ormandy, Leopold Stokowski, Bruno Walter, Otto Klemperer, Serge Koussevitsky, have hailed Wagner's incomparable genius in the field of choral music.

The concert is being sponsored in La Jolla by the University of California's Committee on Intercampus Arts Exchange. It will be given at Sherwood Hall, Art Center in La Jolla, at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 1.

General admission is \$2.50 with a special rate of \$1.00 for students. Tickets are available at the Art Center, at University Extension in downtown San Diego, and on the campus of the University of California, San Diego.