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Los Angeles Master Chorale Announces New Board Member Tom Strickler



(Tuesday, March 30 , 2021, Los Angeles) – The **Los Angeles Master Chorale** announced today the appointment of Tom Strickler to its board of directors.

The board, chaired by Philip A. Swan, provides leadership in carrying out the Master Chorale's mission to share the spectrum of choral music with the widest possible audience.

“We are thrilled to welcome Tom Strickler to the Master Chorale’s board or directors,” said Swan. “Tom is a pioneer in the worlds of entertainment and education, and his guidance will be invaluable, especially during this critical time of planning our post-pandemic future.”

“Tom’s extensive experience and lifelong love of choral music make him ideally suited to help the Master Chorale realize its vision of increasing access to the choral art form,” said President & CEO Jean Davidson. “Tom’s valuable perspective complements the skills and experiences of our board of directors, and those of the entire organization.”

Tom Strickler is cofounder of Endeavor, the largest talent and literary agency in the world. While at Endeavor (1995–2009), Strickler headed up the motion picture department and served on the Endeavor management committee, during which time the firm grew from 4 to 800 employees, earning over 300 million dollars annually in revenue. Prior to founding Endeavor, Strickler was an agent at internationally recognized firms CAA, InterTalent, and ICM.

In 2011, upon his retirement from Endeavor, Strickler founded Extera Public Schools in East Los Angeles to address the detrimental effects on disadvantaged students in an area of the city burdened by poverty and a failing educational system. Currently the schools serve 1000 students in Boyle Heights, and are among the highest performing elementary schools in East Los Angeles.

In 1996, Strickler, along with Kris and Doug Tompkins (founder of North Face and Esprit), purchased a 190,000-acre ranch in the Chacabuco Valley located in the Aysen region of Chile. In 2019, the land, now 752,000 acres, was donated to the people of Chile, subsequently becoming Patagonia National Park.

Strickler currently serves on the boards of the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, and SCI-Arc.

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