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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Thomas P. Raley Foundation Invests \$100,000.00 in the Future of the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra and the Performing Arts**

The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra (SCSO) and Artistic Director and Founder Donald Kendrick are thrilled to announce that they have recently received a gift in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Thomas P. Raley Foundation to help grow the SCSO's endowment.

The SCSO endowment, housed with the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, was originally established in 2010 through a generous \$10,000.00 gift from the *Enlow & Melena Ose Endowment for the Arts* honoring the dedication and commitment of SCSO volunteer Caroline Schaefer.

"The Thomas P. Raley Foundation gift of \$100,000.00 to the SCSO's endowment is a terrific investment in the future of the performing arts in our region," says Artistic Director Donald Kendrick. "This amazing donation will help ensure the vibrancy of the SCSO's future and strengthen our legacy. The entire region will reap the benefits of this legacy arts investment for years to come," Kendrick added. "We highly commend and thank the Raley family for their long term support of the arts in our region on so many levels."

Established in 1996, the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra arts nonprofit is finishing its 19<sup>th</sup> season of accountable operations and has offered more than 110 classical music performances, created eight professionally mastered compact disks, and has offered more than 2.3 million dollars of employment for professional players in our region. SCSO Members continue to serve as stalwart cultural ambassadors for Sacramento on national and international levels with highly acclaimed performances in Prague, Vienna, Munich, Budapest, Venice, Lucca, Rome, Beijing, Tianjin, X'ian, Jinan, Vancouver, Victoria, New York (Carnegie Hall) and Los Angeles (Disney Hall). In July 2015 the SCSO will tour to Paris, Normandy and London. The SCSO's KVIE PBS documentary, produced in 2011, has since gone national and is easily available on Youtube.

"We plan to really celebrate the news of the Thomas P. Raley Foundation's gift to the SCSO endowment at our season finale *Songs of Eternity* performance on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM at the Sacramento Community Center Theater," says President James McCormick. "What an exciting way to embrace our 20<sup>th</sup> season next year."

For additional SCSO information, visit [www.sacramentochoral.com](http://www.sacramentochoral.com) or call the SCSO Office at 916-536-9065. Thank you for your support of LIVE classical music in our Community.

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