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Cappella Gloriana sets concert featuring world premiere song

San Diego's professional chamber choir Cappella Gloriana will perform "Dutch Treat/American Sampler" at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Encinitas.

The first half of the program will be Renaissance music featuring works by Dutch composer Josquin Dez Prez, and the second half of the program will be American music from the 18th Century to the present, including songs by Cappella co-founder and conductor Stephen Sturk.

The concert is made possible in part with funds from the City of Encinitas Community Grant Program and the Mizel Family Foundation. The grant also commissioned Sturk to set the poem "Frog Festival" by Encinitas Poet Laureate Trish Dugger, and the new song will be performed for the first time at the concert. One of 18 arts groups to receive 2008 Encinitas grants, Cappella Gloriana also was a Community Grant Program recipient in 2006. Cappella Gloriana formed in 1996 and is "ensemble in residence" at St. Andrew's church as well as at St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego, where Sturk is composer-in-residence. He is on leave as music director at St. Andrew's.

Music on the first half of the program commemorates the feast day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, celebrated on Aug. 15, with portions of Josquin's *Missa de Beata Virgine* and his motet *O Virgo Virginum*, along with Marian music by Mouton, Palestrina and Corteccia. Music on the second half features songs by William Billings, Charles Ives, Mrs. H.H.A. "Amy" Beach, Sturk, former Cappella choir member Derek Keller and Howard Helvey, representing four centuries of American sacred music.

Cappella Gloriana will perform the all-American second half of the program again on Sept. 20 at a 2 p.m. concert in San Pedro at the Warner Grand Theater in its debut at the World Festival of Sacred Music, Los Angeles.

Tickets for the Aug. 15 concert are \$20 at the door. St. Andrew's is located at 890 Balour Dr., Encinitas, 92024.

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