

## Early Start for Azusa Pacific Artist Concert Series



Stephen Layton, conductor of the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, England

Azusa Pacific University's School of Music will open its Artist Concert Series and other concerts and recitals on Monday, Sept. 14 when it presents The Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge (England) under the direction of Stephen Layton. The mid-September date makes it one of the earliest on the classical music fall calendar. The APU series of Artist Concerts for which a modest ticket price is charged is a small portion of the over 18 free recitals, concerts and music events at the university that includes a Faculty Recital Series, Chamber Concerts at Noon, and concerts by students of the music school.

Stephen Layton, a Director of Music and Fellow of Trinity College, brings his award winning 30-member choir during a 12-day concert tour of California to Munson Recital Hall to share their love and understanding of the music of British composers, European greats and even our local California composers, Morten Lauridsen and Eric Whitacre. Under Layton, the choir, made up of undergraduate Choral Scholars, is continuing a tradition at Trinity College that dates back to the 14th century. But, Layton's recordings of Lauridsen and Whitacre's music are successful ventures into contemporary works which prompted a nomination for Grammys in 2006. It is the choir's connection to the works of such heralded British composers as Tallis, Byrd, Elgar and Holst that it is known for. Layton is credited with the success of the choir due to his vibrant interpretations.

The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge concert at APU begins at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13 in Munson Hall. Tickets are \$13 and \$7. Munson Hall is located at

the corner of Citrus and Alostá Ave. in Azusa on the Azusa Pacific University campus. Information on this concert: (800) 219-9920.