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## **Mormon Tabernacle Choir Announces 2018 Tour**

Tickets on Sale at 7 West Coast Locations in U.S. and Canada

SALT LAKE CITY — The world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square are headed west for their 2018 tour, performing in seven cities in California, Washington, and Vancouver, Canada. The Classic Coast Tour begins on Monday, June 18 and will conclude 16 days later on Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

The tour takes its name from the classic musical experience the audiences and performers will share at the specially-selected venues for this tour. Of these concert events, Choir music director Mack Wilberg said, “When we experience great music, in great spaces, it makes for a great experience—both for the audience, and the performer as well.”

Ron Jarrett, president of the Choir, added: “There is nothing quite like hearing the Choir and Orchestra live in concert and experiencing their signature all-encompassing sound. We love going on the road to connect with our audiences and seeing first-hand the pure joy music can bring to the hearts and minds of our fans.”

Music for the Classic Coast Tour concerts will be drawn from the Choir’s vast repertoire which ranges from choral masterworks to inspirational music from around the world to American folk hymns and spirituals and much more.

### **TOUR CITIES AND VENUES**

The 2018 Classic Coast Tour performances will begin on Tuesday, June 19, with a concert in Costa Mesa, California at the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. The Choir performed in 2004 at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, but this will be the Choir’s first performance in this new concert hall built since its last visit.

The next stop will be familiar one for the Choir and Orchestra as they make a return appearance at The Music Center’s Walt Disney Concert Hall on Wednesday, June 20. They last appeared there in 2005 for the American Choral Directors Association.

The Choir and Orchestra will then head to a performance at the William Randolph Hearst Greek Theatre at the University of California, Berkeley on Saturday, June 23. The last time the Choir performed in Berkeley, California was over a hundred years ago in 1902.

Then it’s on to Mountain View for a concert at the Shoreline Amphitheatre on Monday, June 25. The Choir and Orchestra will wrap up the California leg of their tour in Rohnert

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Park on Wednesday, June 27 with a concert at Weill Hall + Lawn at the Green Music Center on the campus of Sonoma State University.

The Choir and Orchestra will be crossing over into Canada for a concert at The Orpheum in Vancouver, British Columbia on Saturday, June 30. The Choir previously performed in Vancouver in 1962 and 1986.

The tour wraps up on Monday, July 2 with a visit to Seattle, Washington with a performance at the S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium at Benaroya Hall. The Choir first visited Seattle over a century ago as part of its 1909 Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition Tour and has returned for four other performances, most recently in 2005.

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

Ticket purchase information and purchase links can be found at [motab.org/tourtickets](http://motab.org/tourtickets). The Seattle concert is already sold out and seats at the Costa Mesa concert are extremely limited. Great seats are available at the remaining locations and patrons can take advantage of summer weather and great prices on lawn seating at Berkeley, Mountain View and Rohnert Park.

### **TOURING HISTORY**

Since its first tour outside of Utah in 1893, the Choir has toured extensively across the United States and abroad. It has performed throughout Europe and in music capitals from Israel and Russia to Japan and Australia. Its travels have also included performances at the inaugural activities of seven U.S. presidents. After its founding in 1999, a small ensemble from the Orchestra at Temple Square accompanied the Choir on tours in 2001 and 2003; however, since 2005, a full complement of the Orchestra has traveled on tour with the Choir on tour.

The all-volunteer Choir and Orchestra usually tour every other year since all of the performers must take vacation time from their jobs and leave their families to undertake the travel. The most recent tour was an enormously well-received tour to seven European countries in 2016.

### **ON TEMPLE SQUARE DURING THE TOUR**

Since many visitors will come to Temple Square unaware that the Choir and Orchestra will be on tour, substitute events are planned on Temple Square during their absence. See [www.mormontabernaclechoir.org/tour](http://www.mormontabernaclechoir.org/tour) for details.

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