



THE TABERNACLE CHOIR AT TEMPLE SQUARE

Press Release

Music for a Summer Evening: Celebrating 90 Years of Broadcasting

SALT LAKE CITY – The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square is commemorating 90 years of its weekly broadcast, *Music & the Spoken Word*, with a worldwide celebratory broadcast. The special pre-recorded program, *Music for a Summer Evening: Celebrating 90 Years of Broadcasting*, will air on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The 60-minute broadcast will feature specially selected performances by the Choir and Orchestra along with interviews and performances of renowned guest artists who have appeared with the Choir. Not to be missed are the five Tabernacle organists performing the William Tell Overture in a virtual quintet.

The concert celebrates the impact and influence on audiences around the world of *Music & the Spoken Word* weekly broadcasts, which span nearly the entire lifetime of radio. (Please note there will be no live event in the Conference Center on this evening.)

Bishop Gerald Caussé, Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and advisor to The Tabernacle Choir organization, explained: “Music is an international language—sacred music, in particular. When the Choir sings, there is no language anymore. There are no borders. Music is a way for the Church to reach out to all the world, all people, and communicate with them from the heart.”

Music & the Spoken Word has come to mean even more to many households all over the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, in place of live broadcasts of the Choir and Orchestra, each week specially selected encore episodes of *Music & the Spoken Word* are aired on radio, television, cable and throughout the world over the internet. Tens of thousands more listeners each week are using the broadcast as a start to in-home worship services and receiving the special uplift that the program offers.

This commemorative concert will also be available worldwide on the following broadcast and internet channels: [TheTabernacleChoir.org](https://www.TheTabernacleChoir.org); [the Choir's YouTube channel](#); [the Choir's Facebook page](#); [Broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.Broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org); [the Latter-day Saints Channel](#); and by [using the Alexa Choir skill](#). Fans can also watch the concert on BYUtv, BYUtv.org, and the BYUtv app on Sunday, July 19, at 5:00 p.m. mountain time.

Music for a Summer Evening: Celebrating 90 Years of Broadcasting replaces the Choir and Orchestra’s annual July concert usually held in conjunction with community-wide Pioneer Day

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celebrations. The pre-recorded program was originally planned because the Choir and Orchestra anticipated being on tour in July 2020. Even though the 2020 Choir tour has been postponed and community Pioneer Day celebrations have been cancelled due to COVID-19, the pre-recorded 90th anniversary celebration will still air on schedule. (The [2021 tour](#) will take place in the same cities and countries originally planned.)

When the anniversary celebrations conclude and current health restrictions end, the Choir, Orchestra, and Tabernacle organists plan to continue the weekly tradition of broadcasting *Music & the Spoken Word* to share music that has the power to touch hearts, help people feel closer to the divine and celebrate God's love for all His children.

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