



THE WASHINGTON CHORUS  
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FRENCH-AMERICAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

invite you to

*A Parisian Spring Gala*

La Maison Française

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

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Come join us—friends and supporters of THE WASHINGTON CHORUS and the FRENCH-AMERICAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION—as we celebrate the glory of springtime in Paris with magnificent French music at a **gala party April 26 at La Maison Française**, and a **Kennedy Center concert May 1** featuring the greatest French choral music of the 20th century. Our featured artist, playing the powerful Rubenstein Family Organ, will be the renowned virtuoso Thierry Escaich, organist of Saint-Étienne-du-Mont Church in Paris.

A PARISIAN SPRING GALA will celebrate notable transitions for The Washington Chorus and its partner in this event, the French-American Cultural Foundation. The Chorus will salute its remarkable executive director, **Dianne Peterson**, for her 30 years of leadership in American choral music, coming to a close at the end of this performance season. The Foundation will honor the distinguished Washington cultural benefactor **Leonard Silverstein**—who led it with distinction from its founding in 1998 until last year—and will introduce the Foundation's new leaders and their vision for its future.

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Jean and Don Wolf

Under the patronage of Gérard Araud, Ambassador of France to the United States

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6:30 Cocktail Reception | 7:30 Dinner | 8:30 Performances

Valet Parking | Festive Cocktail Attire

*Funds raised from this benefit gala evening will support the education and community programs of The Washington Chorus.*

Join the week-long celebration of

## PARISIAN SPRING:

### A PARISIAN SPRING GALA

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 6:30 PM

*La Maison Française*

### PARISIAN SPRING CONCERT

DURUFLÉ: *Requiem*

VIERNE: “Kyrie” from *Messe Solennelle*

FAURÉ: *Cantique de Jean Racine*

WACHNER: *At the Lighting of the Lamps*

FAURÉ: *Messe Basse*

DURUFLÉ: *Messe “Cum Jubilo”*

Featuring organist **THIERRY ESCAICH**

Sunday, May 1 at 5:00 PM

*Kennedy Center Concert Hall*

*For information about sponsorships, tickets to the concert and other special events throughout the week, please contact The Washington Chorus at 202.342.6221.*

A three-time nominated and two-time Grammy Award winner, THE WASHINGTON CHORUS is a cultural leader in the greater D.C. community, as well as nationally recognized for its critically acclaimed performances, recordings, and award-winning community and education programs.

Led by Music Director Julian Wachner—named one of New York City’s “Ten Imagination-Grabbing, Trailblazing Artists of 2014” by WQXR-FM—the Chorus presents an annual subscription series at The Kennedy Center and other major venues throughout the Washington area.

The 200-member chorus, currently in its 55th season, has several subsets that present concerts for a variety of constituencies – from homeless shelters and hospitals to schools and public events throughout the greater Washington community. The Chorus celebrates and thanks **Dianne Peterson**—in her final season as executive director—for 30 years of inspiring leadership.

The FRENCH-AMERICAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION was founded in 1998 to promote friendship between these two great nations through artistic, scientific, educational, and historical presentations.

It maintains close ties with the Embassy of France through sponsorship of performances at La Maison Française and elsewhere, while partnering with such American organizations as the Kennedy Center and Meridian House, where it recently co-sponsored a conference on cooperation between the U.S. and France on cutting-edge biomedical research.

**Leonard Silverstein**, the distinguished Washington attorney and cultural benefactor, was the Foundation’s tireless leader through its first 17 years. He has been succeeded, with deep appreciation, by the new leadership team of **Constance J. Milstein**, chairman; **Michèle Imhoff**, vice chairman; and **Louise V. Oliver**, president.