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Clerestory Opens 2014-15 Season with Luminous Night

Program of contemporary works with special guest the Magik*Magik Orchestra; Performances of *Luminous Night* to take place in San Francisco, Berkeley, and on clerestory.org via live streaming video.

San Francisco, CA, October 3, 2014 – Clerestory, the Bay Area’s acclaimed nine-man vocal ensemble, begins its ninth season with *Luminous Night*, a program of contemporary music for chorus and instruments. Clerestory joins with the dynamic and innovative [Magik*Magik Orchestra](http://magikmagik.com) to illuminate 20th and 21st century music on themes of light and dark, death and love. Highlights include a world premiere of three new songs by Eric Banks setting romantic verse of Herman Melville, along with works by Shawn Crouch, Ola Gjeilo, and Eric Whitacre. *Luminous Night* also features John Corigliano’s choral masterpiece, *Fern Hill*, to the poetry of Dylan Thomas. This concert will be live streamed to Clerestory’s growing global audience at clerestory.org. (See calendar listing below.)

Clerestory will celebrate Valentine’s Day with *Love and the Knight*, a musical homage to the medieval King Charlemagne. The concert includes music from the earliest days of European cathedrals to the Romantic masters who followed: Gregorian chant; Hildegard von Bingen; the Franco-Flemish Renaissance; and Brahms, Schumann and Poulenc. *Love and the Knight* will be performed several times throughout February, March, and April in San Francisco, Berkeley, Santa Rosa, Pleasanton, and Grass Valley. (See calendar listing for details.)

The ninth season will conclude with *Songbook* – a collection of some of the most popular songs of 20th Century film, radio, and musical theater. The gentlemen of Clerestory will sing standards from the jazz and American Songbook catalogues of Harold Arlen, Dave Brubeck, Thelonious Monk, and more, rounding out the program with beloved folk tunes. *Songbook* will be performed in Berkeley on May 30 and San Francisco on May 31.

Tickets for Clerestory’s Bay Area concerts can be purchased [online](http://clerestory.org) or at clerestory.org; prices are \$25; \$15 for students and seniors.

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ABOUT CLERESTORY

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The ensemble's 2010 debut studio-recorded release, *Night Draws Near*, explores life, death, and mysticism in music inspired by the temporally and thematically close celebrations of Halloween, All Soul's Day, and *El Día de los Muertos*. Writing about the CD, critic Jason Serinus noted the "exceptional sincerity and beauty of the singing."

Clerestory is named for cathedral windows that let in daylight; the group tells the "clear story" of music through sophisticated performances grounded in decades of experience singing together. Clerestory is a tax-exempt non-profit organization with a mission of providing high quality performances to local audiences at affordable prices.

For more information, visit clerestory.org.

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Luminous Night

SAN FRANCISCO
Saturday, November 15, 8:00pm

BERKELEY
Sunday, November 16, 4:00pm

[Tickets and more info](#)

Love and the Knight

BERKELEY
Friday, February 13, 8:00pm

GRASS VALLEY
Sunday, February 15, 2:00pm

SANTA ROSA
Sunday, February 22, 4:00pm

SAN FRANCISCO
Friday, February 27, 7:30pm

PLEASANTON
Sunday, March 1, 4:00pm

SAN FRANCISCO
Sunday, April 26, 4:00pm

[Tickets and more info](#)

Songbook

BERKELEY
Saturday, May 30, 8:00pm

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Sunday, May 31, 4:00pm

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