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**Clerestory Opens 2015-16 Tenth Anniversary Season with *Brightest Lights*  
Wide-ranging a cappella song program, selected in part by Clerestory's audience;  
Performances September 26 in Berkeley and September 27 in San Francisco.**

Clerestory, the Bay Area's acclaimed nine-man vocal ensemble, launches its tenth anniversary season with *Brightest Lights*, a collection of highlights from its first decade of concerts. The ensemble will perform songs from the Renaissance, contemporary composers, folk styles, and Americana. To celebrate the ensemble's 10th year, the program was selected with input from Clerestory's audience: a survey emailed to past audience members asked which pieces they would most like to hear again in various categories. *Brightest Lights* includes works by Palestrina, Monteverdi, Poulenc, Samuel Barber and Eric Whitacre, among others.

*Brightest Lights* will be performed Saturday, September 26, 8pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkeley and Sunday, September 27, 4pm at San Francisco Conservatory of Music. (See calendar listing below for full season details.)

Clerestory kicks off the holiday season with *Holiday Lights*, a program of favorite carols and contemporary songs from Britain. Traditional British Christmas songs by Vaughan Williams, Britten, Walton, and Howells are featured, as well as new works by Jonathan Dove and James MacMillan. (See calendar listing below for details.)

Continuing its tradition of championing new choral pieces, Clerestory's tenth season closes with *New Lights*, a program of contemporary music. The ensemble will perform works by Eric Whitacre, Jake Heggie, and Aaron Jay Kernis along with new songs written especially for Clerestory's anniversary by composer friends of the ensemble.

Tickets for Clerestory's Bay Area concerts can be purchased **online** or at **clerestory.org**; prices are \$25; \$15 for students and seniors.

### **About Clerestory**

Clerestory's singers, from countertenor to bass, are veterans of San Francisco's finest vocal groups, including Chanticleer, Philharmonia Baroque, American Bach Soloists and others. Since its founding in 2006, Clerestory has performed across the Bay Area, including regular concerts in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Palo Alto, along with appearances in Sonoma, Santa Cruz and Lodi. The ensemble has been featured on National Public Radio and on San Francisco's KDFC. Recordings from Clerestory's concerts are available for free listening at **clerestory.org/free-concert-archive**.

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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.


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### Season Calendar Listing

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#### ***Brightest Lights***

BERKELEY  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
2300 Bancroft Way  
Saturday, September 26, 8:00pm

SAN FRANCISCO  
San Francisco Conservatory of Music  
Sunday, September 27, 4:00pm

***Tickets and more info***



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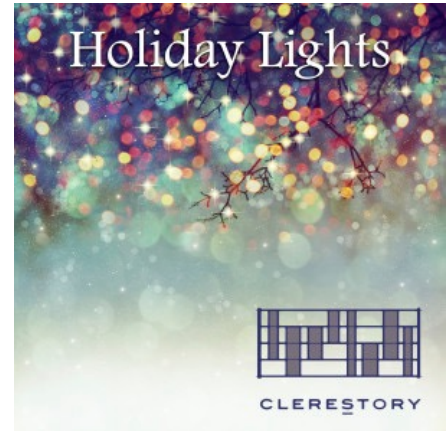
***Holiday Lights***

SAN FRANCISCO  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
1111 O'Farrell St.  
Saturday, November 28, 8:00pm

BERKELEY  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
2300 Bancroft Way  
Sunday, November 29, 8:00pm

SANTA ROSA  
Center for Spiritual Living  
2075 Occidental Rd.  
Tuesday, December 8, 8:00pm

***Tickets and more info***



**New Lights**

SAN FRANCISCO  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
1111 O'Farrell St.  
Saturday, March 5, 8:00pm

BERKELEY  
David Brower Center  
2150 Allston Way  
Sunday, March 6, 4:00pm

***Tickets and more info***

