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CANTARE PRESENTS:

BRAHMS' REQUIEM

Friday, March 25, 2022, at 7:30 pm
Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church
1801 Lacassie Ave, Walnut Creek

Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 4:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Oakland
2619 Broadway, Oakland

Cantare, an Oakland-based non-profit community choral organization now in its 35th season, presents *Brahms' Requiem*. The concert will be presented in partnership with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center of Oakland.

It is a work whose focus is on the living, those who have experienced loss and who now seek comfort in their solitude. Singers and listeners are drawn into the mastery of Brahms' writing, his use of classical forms, his elegant melodies coupled with the harmonic richness of the Romantic period.

The Chorale and full orchestra, under the direction of Maestro David Morales, will be joined by soloists Shawnette Sulker, soprano, and Torlef Borsting, baritone. Before each of the seven movements of the Requiem, young speakers from the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center will share their original poetry highlighting the themes of loss, death, grieving, comfort, promise, and possibility.

The MLK Jr. Freedom Center works to advance youth and family civic engagement, ethical leadership, and economic and educational equity through personal transformation and direct action in the East Bay's most vulnerable high-communities.

Cantare is also home to Cantare Children's Choirs of Oakland, where over 2,450 Oakland youth participate weekly in classroom music education and after-school choirs, 100% free-of-charge.

Tickets and more information for *Brahms' Requiem* are available online at www.cantareconvivo.org, by phone at (510) 836-0789, or at the door. General admission is \$35; Seniors, \$30; Students, \$10. Audience members must show proof of vaccination and wear masks indoors; this policy may change in accordance with federal and local guidelines.