

- WHEREAS: In addition, the Chorus enriches the musical life of Cambridge throughout the year. It has sponsored a Choral Scholars Program and other collaborations with Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, performs *Messiah* selections at local nursing facilities during the holiday season, and sings at the annual Holocaust Commemoration along with other city events. In this way, the Chorus contributes to the musical enjoyment of Cambridge residents as well as of its members. The Chorus is supported in part by the Cambridge Arts Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking the Cambridge Chorus for years of commitment in the provision of artistic excellence to the community, and extends heartfelt congratulations and a warm welcome to their new Music Director, Jamie Kirsch; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Jamie Kirsch and the Cambridge Chorus on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 6, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Community Chorus is a nonprofit organization that has offered participation in musical performances to all those with a love of music and community since 1990. The Chorus is known for the quality of its performances and for its diverse and varied membership. Any singer is welcome to join without audition; and

WHEREAS: Under the baton of their new Music Director, Jamie Kirsch, the Chorus will give several concerts during the coming year including parts of Handel's *Messiah* and Gwyneth Walker's *Rejoice!* on December 13, 2008 at MIT's Kresge Auditorium, a March 2009 concert featuring opera choruses, and a spring concert on May 17, 2009 at Kresge Auditorium to include works by Brahms and others; and

WHEREAS: From its formation in 1990 until earlier this year, the Chorus was led and inspired by Music Director William E. Thomas, who retired following the spring 2008 concert. Some major works performed by the Chorus in recent years have included *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast* by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor; Haydn's *Harmony Mass*; Mendelssohn's *Elijah*; the world premiere of Luis Bacalov's *Cantos Para Nuestros Tiempos: The Cambridge Psalms* (commissioned by the Chorus) and the North American premiere of Bacalov's *Misa Tango*; Beethoven's *Lord Nelson Mass*; an Exodus-themed event including both choral works and dance; the Fauré *Requiem*; a fully staged version of *Dido & Aeneas* by Henry Purcell; and the recent version of Mozart's *Requiem* completed by Robert Levin; and

RESOLUTION #6

Thanks to the Cambridge
Community Chorus for its years of
artistic contributions to the City of
Cambridge

**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
October 6, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED