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Musica Sacra Chorus Appoints a New Director

Dr. Helmut J. Roehrig and the Board of Directors of Musica Sacra Chorus have appointed **Dr. L. Brett Scott** as **Music Director**, effective June 1, 2014. Dr. Roehrig, who founded Musica Sacra in 1965, has personally nominated Dr. Scott to succeed him. Dr. Roehrig will now assume the title and duties of Music Director Emeritus, and will continue to be involved in some decision-making aspects of the Chorus. There will be a Founder's Concert in 2015, celebrating the Chorus' 50th anniversary.

Dr. Scott is **Associate Professor of Ensembles and Conducting at CCM**, and has been a faculty member since 2007. He conducts the **CCM Chorale** and **the Opera D'Arte**, and is also **Director of Cincinnati Camerata**. He is currently **Vice President of the National Collegiate Choral Association**, and has conducted, taught and lectured in Canada, Portugal and Cuba as well as throughout the United States. At the recent 2013 Portugal International Choral Festival, he conducted the ESML Chamber Choir to Gold and a first place finish in their category.

Dr. Roehrig, a native of Germany is Professor of Music Emeritus, Xavier University. When he retired in 2002, a music scholarship was established in his name in recognition of his contributions to the musical education of countless students. For forty-eight years Dr. Roehrig led Musica Sacra in three concerts each year without charge for admission. He has had a long and successful career at Edgecliff College and Xavier University, and has inspired all the singers with whom he has worked over the years.

Musica Sacra is an ecumenical chorus dedicated to preserving our heritage of sacred music. Its repertoire includes major works by Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Bruckner, Durufle, Tippett, Lauridsen and Rutter. In addition to performing free concerts before Tri-state audiences, the chorus has presented concerts in historic churches in Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland.

Musica Sacra was awarded a Silver Certificate in the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati, and performs three concerts annually: this year, at the Cathedral Basilica in Covington, Kentucky in the Fall, Old St. Mary's Church, downtown Cincinnati at Christmas and St. Francis de Sales Church in Walnut Hills for the Spring Concert

The upcoming 2014-2015 season marks the 49th year of Musica Sacra's distinguished presence in Cincinnati's arts community. The sixty-member chorus is open to anyone with choral experience and the desire to study and perform sacred choral masterpieces. More information about the Chorus may be found at <http://musica-sacra.org/>