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Voices... A Remembrance will be presented at 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 13 at the Lakeside Performing Arts Center, 6600 Sanborn Road, Ashtabula, Ohio. A massed choir of more than 150 singers will perform *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré under the direction of Kathleen Milford with guest artist Jared Jacobsen at the LPAC Kimball organ. The Ashtabula County Choral Music Society *Chorale* will be joined by the *Stambaugh Chorus* from Youngstown, the Lakeside High School *Choir*, and members of the *Chautauqua Choir*. The concert is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Fohl, beloved ACCMS singer, Board member, and 2015 Hall of Fame recipient, and will include memories, images, and tributes woven around additional musical selections performed by Mr. Jacobsen and each of the choirs.

The event is the third of *Keys, Pipes, and Voices...a weekend with Jared Jacobsen* sponsored by the Lakeside Performing Arts Center and the Ashtabula County Choral Music Society, in collaboration with venue hosts Ashtabula Area City Schools, and the Lakeside Music Boosters and the support of an anonymous event sponsor. *Keys* begins the weekend with students of area piano teachers performing piano recitals with Mr. Jacobsen offering encouragement on Friday, March 11, 4:00-8:00 pm. He will also serve as organ teacher and clinician for *Pipes*, workshops and lessons to become familiar with the Kimball Organ, will be held on Saturday, March 12, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. All three events are free of admission charge; however donations to support the work of the Lakeside Society for the Performing Arts and the Ashtabula County Choral Music Society to provide opportunities for performers and audiences will be gratefully accepted. This concert is provided in part by a grant from the Ohio Arts Council.

The *Stambaugh Chorus* directed by Dr. Hae-Jong Lee is based at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown. Their appearance is one-half of a season partnership which will continue when the Ashtabula County Choral Music Society *Chorale* travels to perform the Fauré *Requiem* with them on May 20 under the direction of Dr. Lee. The Lakeside High School *Choir* directed by Andrea Tredent and members of the Chautauqua Choir that perform together throughout the summer under the direction of Mr. Jacobsen will also add voices to the massed choir.

The *Requiem in D minor, Op 48*, a seven movement setting of the shortened Catholic Mass for the Dead, was composed by French composer Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) for choir, soloists, and orchestra and premiered in Paris in 1888. It was not performed in America until 1931. The orchestra part will be performed at the *Voices* concert by Mr. Jacobsen on the LPAC Memorial Kimball organ.

Jared Jacobsen, a native of Girard, Pennsylvania, began his musical journey at the age of five at the Chautauqua Institution in northwestern New York. He earned degrees in keyboard performance and choral studies from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania and the University of Arizona in Tucson, and has been a life-long protégé of the internationally-known virtuoso pianists and Liszt specialists Ozan Marsh and his wife Patricia Benkman. He has been a California resident since 1976. From 1978-1984 he served as the Fifth Civic Organist of the City of San Diego, playing weekly concerts on the outdoor Spreckles Organ in the heart of Balboa Park and currently serves as Director of Music at the First Lutheran Church in downtown San Diego and as a member of the performing arts faculty of the Bishop's School, an independent college preparatory middle and high school in La Jolla, California. Jared has returned to Chautauqua every summer since 1954, first as a piano student, then as a graduate teaching assistant and eventually, upon the death of Patricia Benkman, as a teaching partner of Ozan Marsh. Currently he serves the Institution as the Organist and Coordinator of Worship and Sacred Music.

For more information visit the Ashtabula County Choral Music Society Facebook page or website: ashcochoralmusic.org. Phone messages can be received at 440-440-813-3771.