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4301 St. Charles Avenue
Tickets - \$25
Available at SymphonyChorus.org

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Street Requiem (2014) was composed in Melbourne, Australia, by Kathleen McGuire, Andy Payne and Jonathon Welch. To impact homelessness through the arts, the complete ten-movement work will be performed on Thursday, November 2, 7:30 at Sacred Heart's Nims Center. The music will be interspersed with testimonials of those that have lifted themselves out of homelessness into a positive living experience.

Jonathon Welch conceived of *Street Requiem* with the aim of bringing a sense of peace, remembrance and hope to communities struggling to come to terms with street violence, war and a loss of safety on our streets. It is a highly accessible, contemporary work including English, African and Persian lyrics alongside a modern setting of the traditional Latin texts. While at times deeply moving, the work is essentially optimistic and uplifting. The composers utilized gospel, Celtic, neo-Romantic, neo-Baroque, Indigenous and contemporary genres add instrumentation to reflect the multicultural and multi-faith traditions of modern city living.

"Symphony Chorus of New Orleans, along with the Delgado Community College Chorus, will perform this concert in an effort to bring a sense of peace, remembrance and hope to those struggling to come to terms with poverty, mental illness, and violence on the streets of New Orleans," according to Music Director, Steven Edwards.

Award-winning Producer/Director Steven Scaffidi of Ghost Rider Pictures will work with students from Academy Of The Sacred Heart to produce the stage performance for video as well as the live production elements of the program. The students will work in all aspects of the production including lighting, camera, sound and stage production in a real-world workshop, which will go toward their classroom credits.

In addition to *Street Requiem*, the choruses are doing other pieces on the topic of homelessness.

"As part of the human race, we must find compassion for those we never knew who've died senselessly on the street, whether they were young or old, in war or in peacetime, in violence or in illness. Through remembering them, we are reminded to value all life. Lest we forget." -Kathleen, Andy & Jonathon

Information from the various homeless shelters in New Orleans will be available. Tickets start at \$25; they're available at the door or at SymphonyChorus.org.

Symphony Chorus of New Orleans is a 501(c)3, non-profit, volunteer chorus of approximately 80 singing members. The mission of SCNO is "making a difference in the lives of our singers, our audience, and our community through the power and beauty of choral singing." Online ticket purchasing and information about SCNO's 2016-2017 season are available at SymphonyChorus.org.

Since 1955, **Ozanam Inn's** mission has been to offer aid to the poor by providing basic human needs such as; food, shelter and clothing. Through case management and an array of services, we comfort those who are vulnerable and in need, to help them realize their potential and regain their independence. Although the Inn is a faith-based organization, no religious observances or affiliation are required to receive services offered. All services are offered **free of charge** and without regard to race, gender, creed or ethnic or social background. Ozanam Inn is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. ozanaminn.org.

Hotel Hope 501(c)3 is a interfaith organization that provides housing to women and their children in a safe and loving atmosphere while guiding them to self-sufficiency and self-empowerment through intensive case management. Our program design fosters self-empowerment through intensive case management and helps guests develop skills that will support self-sufficiency. hotelhope.org.