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2015 Choral Festival
November 9th, 2015
Lela Neve Auditorium
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Matthew Oltman is Music Director Emeritus of the Grammy®-award winning male vocal ensemble, Chanticleer and Artistic Director Emeritus of the New York based Empire City Men’s Chorus. Most recently, he served as Lecturer in Music at Texas State University where he conducted the University Singers and taught courses in undergraduate and graduate conducting. He is currently pursuing a DMA in choral conducting at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

During his tenure as Chanticleer’s Music Director, Mr. Oltman led the ensemble through three critically acclaimed seasons which included over 300 concerts in more than a dozen countries. He helped launch the Chanticleer Live in Concert or “CLIC” recording label, which released some of the best of Chanticleer’s vast trove of archival recordings to the public, and was the editor of the Chanticleer Choral Series, published by Hinshaw Music. Mr. Oltman continues to be an active soloist, choral musician, clinician and guest conductor, making his Carnegie Hall conducting debut on the DCINY concert series in January, 2014.

Mr. Oltman first joined Chanticleer in 1999 as a tenor and in 2004 was named Assistant Music Director under Joseph Jennings, a post which he held until his appointment to Music Director in 2009. During his decade singing with the ensemble, he appeared on twelve albums and toured extensively throughout North America, Europe and Asia. During the 2011-2012 academic year, Mr. Oltman served as Guest Director of Choral Activities and Lecturer in Music at UC Berkeley where he conducted the University Choir and the University Chamber Singers. Following his time at Berkeley, he served on the staff of Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) in Program Development where he helped to create educational/performance residencies for choirs from around the globe that took place at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Originally from Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Oltman earned a B.M. in Vocal Performance from Simpson College and an M.A. in Music from the University of York in England with the aid of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. Before joining Chanticleer, Mr. Oltman sang with the Santa Fe Desert Chorale for four seasons and was on the faculty of Simpson College where he taught harmony, French diction, choral techniques and voice.

Program

Star Spangled Banner
Elkhorn South High School
arr. Russell Robinson

So ben mi ch’ha bon tempo
Orazio Vecchi
Nebraska City High School – City Singers

Emerald Stream
Elkhorn High School
Seth Houston

If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandments
Norris High School
Thomas Tallis

Don’t Stop Believin’
Bennington High School
arr Deke Sharon

Três Cantos Nativos Dos Indios Kraó
Plattsmouth High School
Marcus Leite

Bottom of the River
Gretna High School
The Deal

Porky and Porkie
Blair High School
Neil Ginsberg

Sfogava con le Stelle
Claudio Monteverdi
Nachtwache
Johannes Brahms
from Fünf Gesänge Op. 104
arr. Yu-Shan Tsai
Fa Shu Ha
arr. Vince Peterson
Cells Planets

Combined EMC Ensemble
Matthew Oltman, director
Jan Mount, accompanist