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SANTA FE DESERT CHORALE MUSIC DIRECTOR JOSHUA HABERMANN RENEWS CONTRACT THROUGH 2012.

The Santa Fe Desert Chorale announced today that music director Dr. Joshua Habermann has renewed his contract through the 2012 Summer Festival season. Dr. Habermann was named music director in October 2008 after an extensive yearlong nationwide search. He made his official debut with the ensemble in July 2009.

“We are delighted that the Desert Chorale can count on Josh’s musical leadership for at least another two years. He has strengthened the vocal ensemble and raised the national profile of this local treasure”, said Board of Directors President Kirk Ellis. “Josh and I can now move forward with planning for upcoming seasons to ensure that we bring Santa Fe audiences the finest choral music performances possible” said General Director Don Scott Carpenter.

The Desert Chorale’s 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive summer season opens on July 13 with “Song of Songs” at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis and continues with programs at the Loretto Chapel, Scottish Rite Center, and Linda Durham Contemporary Art gallery in Santa Fe and in Albuquerque and Ranchos de Taos. The season closes on August 13<sup>th</sup> with a gala performance of the Monteverdi *Vespers of 1610* at the Cathedral, a 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that coincides with the city of Santa Fe’s commemoration of 400 years since the establishment of the city as a "villa" in 1610 by the Spanish.

For more information: [www.DesertChorale.org](http://www.DesertChorale.org).

***ABOUT THE SANTA FE DESERT CHORALE***

*The Santa Fe Desert Chorale is New Mexico's premier professional chamber choir, and each summer and during the December holiday season 16-24 of the finest singers from around the country come to Santa Fe to perform works from the rich choral literature tradition. There are no other summer or winter music festivals in the United States devoted exclusively to choral music that surpass the Desert Chorale's annual two seasons in virtuosity of performance and programming breadth. The CD catalog includes one title conducted by Joshua Habermann (2009), one title conducted by Don Scott Carpenter (2009), one title conducted by Simon Carrington (2008), six titles conducted by Linda Mack (2004-2007); four titles conducted by Dennis Shrock (1999-2003) and one early recording from founding artistic director Lawrence Bandfield (1982-1998).*