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**MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010**

**WHAT:** Music With A Mission (MWAM)

**WHEN:** Thursday - May 17, 2018 - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**WHERE:** The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014

**WHO:** **Pomona College Glee Club** - Choral music has played an especially important role in the cultural life of Pomona College since it was founded in 1887. Today, Pomona's rich choral tradition continues, carried forward by two mixed-voice ensembles: the Pomona College Choir and the Pomona College Glee Club. The smaller of the two groups, the Glee Club, is Pomona's most advanced choral ensemble. Recent tour destinations have included Florence, Venice, Rome, London, Kraków, Wrocław, Leipzig, Dresden, Prague, New York, Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. The group has sung by invitation at St. Peter's Basilica (Rome), St. Mark's Basilica (Venice), Grace Cathedral (San Francisco), the Thomaskirche (Leipzig), the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (St. Louis) and the National Cathedral (Washington, D.C.).

This year, the group will stay in Southern California for a community outreach tour, which will include serving lunch to The Midnight Mission's community guests and singing at our "Music with a Mission" program, in collaboration with Street Symphony. Other outreach performances include 3 benefit concerts for fire and mudslide relief, to be held in Santa Barbara (May 15), Ventura (May 16) and Los Angeles (May 18) in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

Donna M. Di Grazia (conductor) holds the David J. Baldwin Professorship in Music, and has been a member of the Pomona College faculty since 1998. Alexander Woods (piano) is a music and religious studies double major from Philadelphia, PA. For more information about Pomona College Glee Club, please visit (<http://choral.pomona.edu/about-gee-club/>)

**WHY:** The Midnight hosts Music With A Mission (MWAM) to entertain and inspire those living on Skid Row. Music is a survival tactic for many people in dealing with life's difficulties. MWAM is aimed at bringing our community together through music. MWAM is quite simple. Musicians bring their instruments and play for our homeless and near-homeless guests. It is an intimate setting, so musicians have the opportunity to interact with our guests, answer questions and/or talk about music and its history. We encourage musicians to invite their fan base so they can engage and enjoy music with individuals they would not normally encounter in their daily lives. **We are currently looking for sponsors for this ever-growing community event. If you are interested, please contact Georgia Berkovich at 213-624-4588 or [gberkovich@midnightmission.org](mailto:gberkovich@midnightmission.org).**

**About The Midnight Mission:** Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to men, women and children who have lost direction. Our emergency services and 12-step recovery, family living, job training, education and workforce development programs offer a compassionate bridge to achieve and maintain healthy, productive lives. We remove obstacles and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to be productive in their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit [www.midnightmission.org](http://www.midnightmission.org).