



ROGER WAGNER

ACDA Guest Conductor

Roger Wagner, founder and director of the famous Roger Wagner Chorale, was born in LePuy, France, the son of the organist of the great Cathedral of Dijon. When Roger was seven years old, his family moved to the United States, settling in Los Angeles, where the elder Wagner became organist at St. Brendan's Church.

Young Roger was always musical, becoming first a boy soprano soloist in St. Brendan's Church choir and, at twelve, organist and choral director at the Church of St. Ambrose. By the time he was fourteen, he often substituted for his father in the organ loft of St. Brendan's. As his voice changed to baritone, Roger decided to return to France, and there he spent five years, studying with the distinguished organist Marcel Dupre in Paris, completing his undergraduate work in music at the College of Montmerency and doing research in church music at Dijon and Lyon.

In 1937 he returned to Los Angeles, where his first job was as a singer in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer chorus. Shortly, however, he was engaged as Musical Director of St. Joseph's Church in downtown Los Angeles, a post he has held ever since. At St. Joseph's, Wagner instituted a series of choral concerts which soon made the church a mecca for music-lovers from all over Southern California and were responsible for his being chosen in 1945 as supervisor of youth choruses for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Music. With a madrigal group of twelve voices as a nucleus, Wagner trained the larger group that became, officially in

1947, the Roger Wagner Chorale.

His famous chorale has won distinction in all media of musical activity. It was acclaimed in London, Paris, and Amsterdam. In 1959 the Roger Wagner Chorale completed a tour of 19 countries in South America, Central America and Mexico under the President's special program. During the same year Roger Wagner received the GRAMMY award from the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for his Capitol album "Virtuoso", voted best choral recording on all labels.

The list of Roger Wagner's musical



activities embraces every field of music. In addition to guiding the destinies of the group which bears his name in concert, radio, television and motion pictures as well as in recording, Roger Wagner has assumed an important role in the field of education. He is director of Choral music at the University of California at Los Angeles and head of the music department at the exclusive Marymount College in Palos Verdes.

The busy musician still manages to find time for golf, for attending track meets and football games, and to relax

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over a checkerboard. He is an ardent baseball fan. Married and the father of three youngsters, he skips his own sloop in the Pacific with his son as mate and his wife and two daughters managing the galley.

Luther College Tours

Directed by Prof. Weston H. Noble, the 65-voice Luther College a cappella Choir of Decorah, Iowa, presented 14 concerts in Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri on their annual tour, Jan. 26 - Feb. 7., according to tour manager, Curtis Reiso.

Tour arrangements were disrupted temporarily in November when fire destroyed C. K. Preus gymnasium which also housed the music facilities. The Choir lost its rehearsal room, piano, music, gowns, caps and risers. Through the cooperation of the college authorities, insurance companies and several manufacturers, the Choir has been completely outfitted and is now ready for its tour.

The Luther Choir performed works ranging from the classics to simple folk melodies and carols. Representative numbers include "Jesu, Priceless Treasure," Bach; "Tu Es Petrus," Palestrina; "Mass in G minor," Vaughan Williams; "If I Got My Ticket," Negro spiritual; and "Spring," Grieg.

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