



## **MEDIA CONTACT**

Phil Daley, events and publicity manager  
530-752-7896, [pedaley@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pedaley@ucdavis.edu)

## **IMAGES FOR DOWNLOAD**

[music.ucdavis.edu/press](http://music.ucdavis.edu/press)

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

November 7, 2007

### **University Chorus and Chamber Singers Sing Buxtehude and Carols for Christmas at UC Davis**

**Davis, Calif.**—The UC Davis Department of Music presents an evening of holiday entertainment with the **University Chorus and Chamber Singers**, organist **David Deffner**, vocalists **Ian Howell** and **Robert Stafford**, and members of the **American Bach Soloists** performing the music of **Dietrich Buxtehude** along with **Carols for Christmas**, including works by **Bob Chilcott**, **John Rutter**, **Eric Whitacre** and **Ralph Vaughan Williams**. The concert takes place **Sunday, December 2, at 8 p.m.** in **Jackson Hall of Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts**.

Tickets are \$16/13/10 for adults and \$8/6.50/5 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org), through the Mondavi Center ticket office at 530-754-ARTS (2787) or 866-754-ARTS (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

Organist and composer **Dietrich Buxtehude** (1637–1707) was one of the most important composers of organ music before J.S. Bach. Buxtehude also left impressive repertoires of sacred vocal and instrumental ensemble music. As a harmonist, his compositions rival the rich, chromatic intensity of those by his English contemporary, Henry Purcell. The **Chamber Singers** will present four works by Buxtehude, including a piece featuring guest artist **Ian Howell**, countertenor.

The full **University Chorus**, accompanied by **David Deffner**, organist, will sing contemporary works by American composer **Eric Whitacre** and British composer **Bob Chilcott**. An accomplished conductor and lecturer, **Whitacre**—still in his early 30s—has become one of the most popular and performed composers of his generation. The Los Angeles Times has praised his compositions as “works of unearthly beauty and imagination, [with] electric, chilling harmonies.” **Chilcott** is one of the most active composers and choral conductors in Britain today. Organists’ Review has noted that his music “possesses the winning combination of melodic beauty, harmonic attractiveness, imaginative textures, and thematic development, which together form an immediately appealing style reaching across the age barrier in any choir.” The Chorus will also perform two hauntingly beautiful settings of traditional carols by **John Rutter** and **Ralph Vaughan Williams**, featuring guest artist **Robert Stafford**, bass-baritone.

**For complete event information**, to receive a Department of Music 2007–08 season brochure, or to join the department mailing list, call **530-752-0948** or visit [music.ucdavis.edu/events](http://music.ucdavis.edu/events).

- **University Chorus & Chamber Singers**
- **Sun., Dec. 2, 8 p.m.**
- **Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center**
- **\$16/13/10 adults; \$8/6.50/5 students, children**
- **530-754-ARTS (2787); 866-754-ARTS (toll-free);**  
[MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org)

###