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SEATTLE PRO MUSICA AWARDED THE 2003 CHORUS AMERICA MARGARET HILLIS AWARD FOR CHORAL EXCELLENCE

At its annual conference last week Chorus America announced this year's winners of the *Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence*. This year's award is given to two of the nation's outstanding choral ensembles – the Seattle Pro Musica and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The prestigious *Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence* is one of the highest honors given in the choral field in the United States. Seattle Pro Musica was chosen from a large field of applicants nation-wide.

The *Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence*, which recognizes the late Miss Hillis for her more than 40 years of professional achievement and outstanding contributions to the choral art, is presented annually to an ensemble that demonstrates artistic excellence, a strong organizational structure, and a commitment to outreach, educational, and/or culturally diverse activities. A cash award of \$5,000 accompanies a plaque honoring the chosen ensemble.

Past Winners of Margaret Hillis Award include Chanticleer, the Dale Warland Singers, the Gregg Smith Singers, the Paul Hill Chorale and the Plymouth Music Series of Minnesota.

For further information about Chorus America and the Margaret Hillis Award, contact Jack Reiffer at Chorus America (jack@chorusamerica.org) or visit the Chorus America website at <http://chorusamerica.org/awards.shtml#hillis>

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