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It's the Choral Event of the Season!
Eric Whitacre - Conversation, Questions & Answers
In association with Carolina Voices and Wingate University
Wednesday, April 2 at 7pm | Tickets are FREE and open to the community

CHARLOTTE... (March 13, 2014) -- Carolina Voices and Wingate University are excited to announce that they will co-host **Eric Whitacre**, distinguished conductor, composer and artist, for an evening of choral music and discussion on **Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 7pm - 8:30pm at Wingate University's Hannah Covington McGee Theatre** (403 N. Camden Rd, Wingate, NC 28174). The internationally popular, Grammy Award-winning composer and conductor is one of the most distinguished musicians of our time. His impact on choral singing and classical music is unprecedented. Many of Mr. Whitacre's works have entered the standard choral and symphonic repertoires and have become the subject of scholarly works and doctoral dissertations. In addition, he is well known for his Virtual Choir projects, bringing individual voices from around the world together into an online choir. He is currently Composer in Residence at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University, UK.

Carolina Voices' Artistic Director, Peter Leo said, "**Eric Whitacre - Conversation, Questions & Answers** will be an energizing and inspirational experience for Charlotte's community's singers, choral directors, composers and music students. During the evening, Mr. Whitacre will work on his compositions "Sleep" and "The Seal Lullaby" with the Carolina Voices' Festival Singers and Wingate University Singers followed by a question and answer session with singers and audience alike."

"Eric Whitacre has made a tremendous impact on the choral world and we are excited that he will share his time during this event," said Kenney Potter, Director of Choral Activities and Music Education at Wingate University. Sue Wheldon, Carolina Voices' Executive Director concurred, "We want to thank The Foundation for the Carolinas and Music Productions Limited for their role in bringing Mr. Whitacre to Charlotte as the keynote speaker at their Annual Luncheon on Thursday, April 3. We are honored to have Mr. Whitacre work with and speak to our community's choral singers and enthusiasts and deeply grateful to Mr. Whitacre for carving time out of his busy schedule for this special event. It's an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our choral community."

Tickets to Eric Whitacre - Conversation, Questions & Answers are FREE but MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE. Seating is limited. Two ticket limit per person. To reserve a seat, attendees must go online and print their reservation ticket. No ticket orders will be taken by phone and tickets will not be available at the door. Visit carolinatix.org at: <http://www.carolinatix.org/events/detail/eric-whitacre-conversation-questions-answers>

Carolina Voices was founded in 1953 as the Charlotte Choral Society, producers of the first Singing Christmas Tree production in the United States. Governed by a Board of Directors, Carolina Voices is an umbrella organization for three distinct choral groups totaling more than 120 volunteer singers. Membership is by audition, with rehearsals and performances year-round. Carolina Voices is a 501c3 organization and is supported in part, with operating support from the Arts & Science Council and from donations by individuals and area corporations. Carolina Voices is a member of Chorus America.

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