



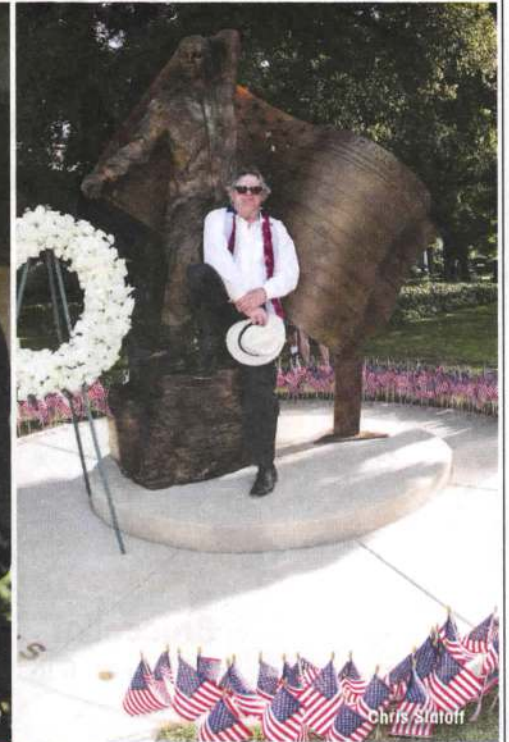
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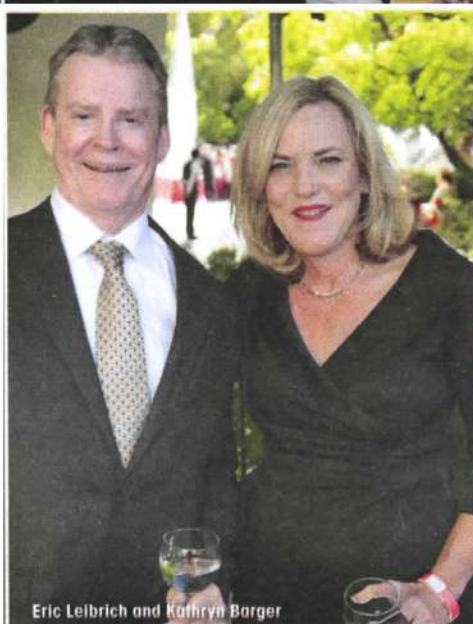
The Los Angeles Master Chorale marked the 20th anniversary of its premiere of Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* by honoring the prominent choral composer at Walt Disney Concert Hall during a dinner gala benefit on June 18. Lauridsen returned the compliment in a note to the chorus: "The performances of the *Lux Aeterna* were simply the finest ever, anywhere." After a cocktail reception in the venue's Blue Ribbon Garden, some 500 guests moved to the theater for a concert of music by Billy Childs, Moira Smiley, Artist-in-Residence Eric Whitacre and more. At the subsequent gala dinner served by Patina, emcee Fritz Coleman auctioned off a framed manuscript page of *Lux Aeterna* for \$18,000, and 100 singers formed a semi-circle around supporters for the chorale's traditional Surround Sing, led by Grant Gershon. New this year was the simultaneous Lux Onstage Party, a Disney Hall dance party cohosted by KCRW. The evening, co-chaired by Kiki Ramos Gindler and Raymundo Baltazar, raised \$520,000 for the country's largest independent professional chorus...Gold Star families of 11 fallen servicemen unveiled Pasadena's Enduring Heroes Memorial in Defenders Park on Memorial Day (May 29). The monument's artist, Chris Statoff, presented each family with a gold-star cutout from the memorial's flag. Speakers included U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank), Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek, Enduring Heroes Steering Committee Chairman Shelly Lowe, Pasadena Gold Star father Ed Blecksmith and Army Lt. Col. David Diamond.



Ed Blecksmith, Jaynie Stadenmang and David Diamond



Gold Star Family



Eric Leibrich and Kathryn Barger



Jean Davidson and Kojiro Umezaki



Enduring Heroes Memorial



Irene Ramirez and Gold Star Mother

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