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## **TOWNSEND LOSEY APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF SING NAPA VALLEY**

Composer and conductor Townsend Losey, a native of Napa, has returned to his hometown to serve as Sing Napa Valley Associate Conductor. Townsend is an alum of Vintage High School, where he grew to love choral music under the direction of Mark Teeters, Liz Amendola, and Jan Lanterman before continuing his college career in Southern California. While there, he earned a bachelor's degree at Azusa Pacific University and a master's degree in Choral Music at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. He was awarded a conducting fellowship with Spire Chamber Ensemble & Baroque Orchestra in Kansas City, where he collaborated with world class musicians and received mentoring and further conducting studies from Ben Spalding.

Townsend has served as the Assistant Conductor of the Los Angeles Chamber Choir and the Founding Artistic Director of Ensoma Creative, a highly collaborative choral ensemble with the mission of inspiring creativity and connectedness. Townsend's impassioned vision for community integration through excellence in music drives him to contribute vigorous psychologically and spiritually charged concert programs. Through compositions for choral and instrumental ensembles, Townsend celebrates the commonalities and complexities of human experiences.

Under Townsend's leadership, Ensoma Creative offered 14 concerts between 2015 and 2019, including performances of masterworks as well as premieres of dozens of original works composed for the ensemble. At the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, Townsend directed 11 virtual choir projects with Ensoma Creative featuring local visual artists, soloists, songwriters, arrangers, and composers. As a highly relational composer who values meaningful collaboration, Townsend excels at composing with specific ensembles in mind, reflecting their unique heart, vision, and strengths.