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Requiem by The Fraternity Tops Charts

#1 On Billboard's Classical Overall and Classical Traditional Charts #1 On iTunes And Amazon Classical Charts Debuted At #17 Overall Album On Billboard's Internet Chart

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May 24, 2017 (New York, NY) – The inspiring and serene recording *REQUIEM* by The Fraternity was anything but quiet in its first week of release, topping multiple charts and making a notably compelling debut. The Fraternity nabbed the #1 position on Billboard's Classical Overall and Classical Traditional Album charts and the #17 overall chart position on Billboard's Internet chart respectively. The release also topped the iTunes and Amazon Classical charts. The Fraternity's transformative, ethereal music and unlikely human-interest story has struck a chord with music consumers.

The moving music of <u>REQUIEM</u> was recorded by a group of 12 men, representing a variety of cultural and international backgrounds. The album was recorded by 11 time Grammy-Award Winning Classical producer **Christopher Alder**, who along with Grammy-Award Winning engineer **Brad Michel**, built a state of the art mobile recording studio in the community's training facility in the heartland of America: Lincoln, Nebraska. The Fraternity is heralded as one of the most veritable active singing communities of Gregorian Chant today due to the rigorous training they receive in Latin, Gregorian Chant and Polyphony. The co-music director of the album, **Fr. Garrick Huang**, a former professional opera singer out of Vancouver, has himself an interesting background and training which lent an elevated beauty to the unique singing style presented on <u>REQUIEM</u>.

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