

CHICAGO CHORALE

2010-11

10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



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CHICAGO CHORALE PRESENTS 10th ANNIVERSARY SEASON IN 2010-11

Founded by Artistic Director Bruce Tammen in 2001, Chicago Chorale celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. Season highlights include the world premiere of Stephen Paulus's "And Give Us Peace," commissioned in honor of the choir's tenth anniversary; a collaboration with Metropolitan Opera and Lyric Opera bass Wilbur Pauley to present Einojuhani Rautavaara's *Vigilia*; a period-instrument performance of Bach's *Mass in B Minor* featuring concert master Rachel Barton Pine; and a special series of pre-concert and outreach talks, funded by Chicago's Harper Court Arts Council, featuring prominent Chicago public intellectuals John Buchanan, Martha Nussbaum, and Martin Marty. For more information, visit www.chicagochorale.org.

Angels and Icons

Works by Rautavaara, Poulenc, Shchedrin, and Paulus

Chorale's 10th season opens with a program of *a cappella* music evoking the mystery and miracle of the Christmas season. Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara wrote *Vigilia* in tribute to St. John the Baptist. The piece has a raw and visceral, yet euphoric quality that is unique in twentieth century *a cappella* repertoire. Bass Wilbur Pauley is featured. Francis Poulenc's *Salve Regina* captures the composer's life-transforming experience upon encountering the basalt figurine of the Black Virgin in southern France. Loosely based on a short novel by 19th century writer Nikolai S. Leskov, Rodion Shchedrin's *The Sealed Angel* concerns a community of "Old Believers" whose greatest treasure is a miraculous icon of an angel. The concert concludes with the **world premiere** of Stephen Paulus' *And Give Us Peace*, a work commissioned in honor of Chorale's 10th anniversary, through the financial support of Chicago's Harper Court Arts Council.

Chorale presents two performances: **Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, 8:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, and Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, 2:30 pm at Church of the Holy Family.**

Bach *Mass in B Minor*, BWV 232

Firmly positioned at the apex of Western choral and orchestral literature, Bach's *Mass in B Minor* astounds listeners and performers alike with its sheer beauty and majesty. Chicago Chorale presents the *Mass* with an orchestra of period instruments, led by concertmaster Rachel Barton Pine and featuring the best Baroque musicians in the Midwest. Vocal soloists include Baroque specialists Ellen Hargis, alto Angela Young Smucker, tenor Christopher Cock, and bass-baritone Ben LeClair. This concert is presented in artistic partnership with the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

Sunday, April 3, 2011, 3:00 pm at Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago.

10th Anniversary Gala Concert and Reception

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, members of Chicago Chorale will sing a series of concerts in the visually and acoustically ravishing churches of Spain and southern France. Join Chorale as it presents a concert of the music planned for this tour—as well as favorites from the last 10 years—in its neighborhood home, Hyde Park Union Church. Artistic Director Bruce Tammen will provide commentary. This concert will be followed by a special benefit reception in celebration of the choir's 10th anniversary. **Saturday, June 4, 2011, 8:00 pm at Hyde Park Union Church.**

BRUCE TAMMEN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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NON-SUBSCRIPTION EVENTS

In addition to its subscription series, Chicago Chorale's season includes two non-subscription events.

10th Anniversary Season Preview: An Evening With Martha Nussbaum

Join Artistic Director Bruce Tammen and Martha Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Distinguished Professor of Law and Ethics in the Philosophy Department, Law School, and Divinity School at the University of Chicago, for a discussion about the importance of the arts and humanities in democratic societies. Chicago Chorale will present a short preview of its December concert.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 6:00 pm, the Quadrangle Club. Reservations required: 773-306-6195

Solemn Vespers for Advent

At the Monastery of the Holy Cross, this service features a small ensemble, Members of Chicago Chorale, performing motets by Lasso, Palestrina and Victoria, in the liturgical context for which they were composed. **Sunday, Dec. 5, 5:00 p.m.,**

Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3111 S. Aberdeen St.

ABOUT CHICAGO CHORALE

Over the last ten years, Chicago Chorale has gained a reputation for sensitive, thought-provoking performances of great music throughout the city. Led by Artistic Director Bruce Tammen, the 60-voice ensemble performs repertoire from the sixteenth century to the present day, from well-loved choral works to overlooked masterpieces—but always music that stimulates and engages its singers and audiences. Past performances include appearances with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest, and the Baroque Band. Chorale has appeared numerous times on “Live from WFMT” with host Kerry Frumkin and has recorded four CDs.

ABOUT BRUCE TAMMEN

Chicago Chorale Artistic Director Bruce Tammen holds degrees from Luther College, Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago. He has taught voice and directed choirs at Luther College, the University of Chicago, and the University of Virginia. Tammen studied extensively in France with Dalton Baldwin and Gerard Souzay, as well as several years with Max Van Egmond at Oberlin's Baroque performance Institute. He has performed several seasons under Helmuth Rilling at the Oregon Bach Festival and with the Robert Shaw Choral Institute in Souillac, France. Tammen is baritone soloist on the Telarc/Shaw CDs *Appear and Inspire* and *Liebeslieder Waltzes*.

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5472 S. Kimbark Avenue

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m.
Church of the Holy Family
1080 W. Roosevelt Rd.

Bach *Mass in B Minor*, BWV 232

Sunday, Apr. 3, 2011, 3:00 p.m.
Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago
5850 S. Woodlawn Avenue

10th Anniversary Gala Concert and Reception

Saturday, Jun. 4, 2011, 8:00 p.m.
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Tickets, venue details and other information at chicagochorale.org or 773-306-6195.

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