

CHICAGO CHORALE

2010-11

10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



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CHICAGO CHORALE PRESENTS BACH MASS IN B MINOR, APRIL 3, 2011

Chicago Chorale returns to Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago to present Bach's iconic *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 soprano Ellen Hargis, alto Angela Young Smucker, tenor Christopher Cock, and bass-baritone Ben LeClair. The magnificent, cathedral setting of the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Memorial Chapel serves as a backdrop for this testament to Bach's entire body of work.

Bruce Tammen, Artistic Director, says of the *Mass*, "My own greatest wish is that we all come to understand, through this experience, that the ***B Minor Mass*** is not only the best we humans can come up with, but that it is transcendently good, and that we are a part of this transcendent goodness; that there is more to us, more to hope for and plan for and celebrate, than the brutality, the violence, the hatred, which we daily confront in one another. A human being, one of us, composed this monumental and life-transforming work; just knowing that should make us better people."

Please note that Chorale's 2006 performance of this work at Rockefeller Chapel sold out. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended.

Dr. Martin Marty, Fairfax M. Cone, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, will present a free, pre-concert talk at Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59th Street, 2:00 pm.

Sunday, April 3, 2011, 3:00 pm, Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago, 5850 S. Woodlawn Avenue
This concert is presented in artistic partnership with the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

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, the latest of which, Rachmaninoff's *Vespers*, was featured on WFMT.

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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*.

CHICAGO CHORALE 2010-11 SEASON AT A GLANCE

Subscription Series

Angels and Icons

Saturday, Dec. 11, 8:00 p.m.
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
5472 S. Kimbark Avenue

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

Bach's Mass in B Minor, BWV 232

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

10th Anniversary Gala Concert and Reception

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 8:00 p.m.
5600 S. Woodlawn Avenue

Non-Subscription Events

Season Preview: An Evening with Martha Nussbaum

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
The Quadrangle Club
1155 E. 57th Street

Solemn Vespers for Advent

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010 5:00 p.m.
Monastery of the Holy Cross
3111 S. Aberdeen St.

Tickets, venue details and other information at chicagochorale.org or 773-306-6195.