Christmas Oratorio in C Haydn-Mezzo Soloist

Orit A Eylon, University of Texas at El Paso
Choir of St. Marks
J. Prentice Loftin, Conductor
December 20 & 21, 2008

Presents

Violin Concerto in C
Joseph Haydn
Dr. Stephanie Schweigart, violin

Allegro moderato
Adagio
Presto

Christmas Oratorio
Camille Saint-Saëns
Veronica Herrera & Brenda Solano, Soprano  Dr. Orit Eylon, Alto
Joe Bickley & Jose Dominguez, Tenor  Reuben Reza, Bass
Dr. Esequiel Meza, Piano

Prelude

Recitative - There were shepherds at night in that same country, abiding in the fields, and silently keeping their watch by night over the sleeping flocks around them, and lo! An angel of the Lord appeared standing there beside them: and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid at his coming. And unto them the angel said: Fear not, oh ye shepherds! For behold I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born today a Savior, Christ, the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be the sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger low. And suddenly there was with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Chorus - Glory be unto God in the highest! And on earth, peace be on earth, goodwill unto all men.

Solo - Patiently have I waited for the Lord, and lo! He heard my cry.

Solo and Chorus - In my heart I believe, O Lord, that thou indeed art Christ. Son of the living God, he who was to come into this world.

Duet - Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. God, the Lord of light, hath shined upon us. Thou alone art my God: and all my trust is in thee. I will exalt thee, and praise thy name.

Chorus - Wherefore do the heathen clamor? Why do the nations imagine vain and foolish things? Glory unto the Father, and unto the Son, and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Trio - My soul doth magnify the Lord: my spirit hath rejoiced in God. For mine eyes have seen thy glory.

Quartet - Alleluia, ye heavens sing praises, be joyful on earth. For the Lord hath poured his consolation upon his people. And he, to his afflicted, will be merciful.

Quintet - Arise now, Daughter of Zion! Praise God in the night! Praise him in the first watches of the night time. That Zion's true glory might be manifested, that her Saviour might rise and shine before the nations. Alleluia.

Chorus - Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation, bless his name, show forth his praise in his holy house! Rejoice ye heavens, and be joyful on earth, for he cometh. Alleluia.
Choir of St. Marks

Soprano
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Veronica Herrera
Beverly Jinkerson
Nancy Malpass
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Bass
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Orchestra

Violin 1
Dr. Stephanie Schweigart
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Christina Leony

Violin 2
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