

For the Joy of Singing!

Saturday, March 10, 2012, 7:30 p.m. Central State University Wilberforce, Ohio

Sunday, March 11, 2012, 4:00 p.m. Kettering Adventist Church Kettering, Ohio



John Neely, Music Director R. Alan Kimbrough, Accompanist

We're delighted you've joined us for this exciting collaboration between the Bach Society of Dayton and the Central State University Chorus. You might say it's a natural fit at the personal level since William Henry Caldwell of Central State University serves on the Bach Society board. But we think it's a terrific musical fit too. We entitled this concert "For the Joy of Singing"...and you'll soon understand why!

The Bach Society's mission of nurturing the next generation of choral singers has led to a wide variety of connections with area high school and collegeage singers in the past. We welcome this weekend's opportunity not only to sing with the Central State Chorus but also to perform on their campus as well as at our traditional venue at the Kettering Adventist Church. We honor Central State University for celebrating this week 125 years of academic excellence.

The Bach Society is very grateful for the strong support from the Monarch/ Genesis Fund of The Dayton Foundation that has helped make this collaboration possible. We also appreciate the support of Culture Works and the many donors and sponsors listed in this program. If you like what you hear in this concert, please consider making a donation now to support the remainder of the Bach Society's 2011-2012 season, using the form at the back of this program.

And while we're on that subject, don't miss joining us for the final concert of our season, on May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kettering Adventist Church, for an all-Bach program that features several cantatas, the Sanctus in G Major, and Aurelian Oprea performing Bach's Violin Concerto in E Major. Tickets are on sale at the box office; visit www.bachsocietyofdayton.org, or call 937-294-BACH.

Enjoy today's part of the Bach Society's Season to Remember. And plan now to join us for our 10th Anniversary season next year—stay tuned for more details to come!



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Fred Bartenstein Erick Beaven Cullen Bower Paul Grabiel David Grupe John Gummel Lew Hann Dick Hattershire Larry Hollar Alan Kimbrough Steve Makovec Bill Miller Dave Roderick Mark Spencer John Stengel The Bach Society of Dayton's mission is to perform and promote appreciation of choral music, both sacred and secular, including the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and to nurture the next generation of choral singers. Through an annual concert series that features diverse repertoire and innovative collaborations and educational elements, the Bach Society provides musical excellence across the range of classical music. Generous funding support from foundations, government arts entities, underwriters, donors, and subscribers makes this possible. See more about us at www.bachsocietyofdayton.org.



John Neely is one of the most renowned musicians in the Greater Dayton region. He has been Music Director of the Bach Society of Dayton since its inception in 2002. His engaging personality, abundant musical skills, and ability to nurture musicians of varied ages make him the ideal musical leader of the Bach Society. For 30 years John Neely has been Associate Pastor for Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Dayton. A superb organist and choral director, he leads an active music program for all ages at West-

minster Church, with five singing choirs and three handbell choirs. Westminster offers musical programs that nourish the entire region.

Neely holds degrees from Duquesne University, Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister. Prior to coming to Dayton he taught at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, and at Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio. He has held leadership roles in the American Guild of Organists and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Neely is active in the tri-state area as an organ recitalist and choral clinician.



R. Alan Kimbrough, a professor of English at the University of Dayton, is well known within the Dayton arts community as an outstanding organistaccompanist. Dr. Kimbrough was the accompanist for the former Dayton Bach Society from 1974 to 2002. He is a long-time member of the American Guild of Organists and is currently a co-organist at the First Baptist Church of Dayton.

Guest Artists

The Central State University Chorus William Henry Caldwell, Director



Soprano

Angelica Bonds Dominque Collins Courtney Dortch Kyrie Harris Terri Harris Rashida Haugabook Christian Jones Gabriela Rodiguez Kimberley Stewart Christina Turner Rosalyne Wright

Alto

Sylvia Aponte Venus Armstrong Brittany Bernard Aminata Burton

Aesha Dominguez Anita Myers Gabrielle Ruffin Teeya Skipper Nakiya Wright

Tenor

Troy Boone Darius Coleman Gabriel Gibson Joshua Gooding Kendall Hart LaVonte Heard Ronnie Pierce Earnest Tremble Jarret Ward Steven Weems Merkell Williams

Bass

Artrell Allen Brandon Berry Michael Cage Zuriel Clark Jonathon Cummings Jerel Duren William Harris Deon Jefferson Derrick Myers Randall Nimocks Henry Parker James Ruffin Brandon Stivers Jacob Towner **The Central State University Chorus.** Since its founding, Central State University has maintained a long tradition of choral excellence. The group has performed often with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and with James Levine and the Cincinnati May Festival. The Chorus also combined with Cedarville University for performances of Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah.*

Vocal music has played an essential role in the history of Central State University. Located in historic Wilberforce, Ohio, Central State University has served as a launching pad for many outstanding singers of international renown including Leontyne Price, Roberta Alexander, and Nancy Wilson. For thirty-two years that tradition has continued through the dedicated teaching and professionalism of William Henry Caldwell. The main Chorus consists of more than one hundred students from all academic disciplines of the University and has a repertoire encompassing all periods and styles including Black Gospel music.

The Chorus has performed with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Cincinnati and Indianapolis Pops Orchestras. The Chorus appears on several Telarc International CD recordings: *The Best of Erich Kunzel, Gershwin Centennial Edition, Play Ball, Blue Monday, Porgy and Bess,* and *Amen: A Gospel Celebration*, which was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1994.

The Central State University Chorus opened the 2002 May Festival in Cincinnati with Maestro James Conlon conducting the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* and *Done Made My Vow* by Adolphus Hailstork. In January 2003, the Chorus performed with Franz Welser-Möst, the newly appointed conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall, and continues to perform with them annually. In 2001, the group travelled to Europe and performed in England and France, and in 2007 the Chorus returned to Europe to perform in Venice, Florence, and Rome at the Vatican for Pope Benedict XIX. In November 2009 the Chorus travelled to Passau, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria, as part of Interkultur, the sponsors for the World Choir Olympics scheduled for 2012 in Cincinnati, Ohio.



William Henry Caldwell is Professor of Music and Chairperson of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at Central State University. He is also director of the Paul Robeson Cultural and Performing Arts Center. Professor Caldwell is a native of Demopolis, Alabama, and has performed as a baritone soloist throughout the United States and in Italy, Egypt, and Germany. He performs regularly with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and has appeared with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Pops, the Blue Ash-Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, and the Cleveland Orchestra. He served as guest conductor of the "Ohio All-State Chorus" and continues to serve as a choral and vocal adjudicator. Recently, he performed the role of "Jim" in Porgy and Bess with the Dayton Opera Association, and "Balthazar" in several Dayton area productions of Amahl and the Night Visitors. He also was featured as baritone soloist in the Mozart Requiem with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. Professor Caldwell is a magna cum laude graduate of Stillman College, where he studied voice with Dr. James Arthur Williams. He holds the Master of Music degree in vocal performance from the University of Texas at Austin and has done additional study at The Ohio State University and the University Of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. His teachers also included Willa Stewart, David Garvey, Andrew White, William McGraw, Henry Pleasants, and Hugue Cuenod. He studied opera in Lucca, Italy, with Donna Brunsma, Lorenzo Malfatti, and Rolando Russo. Professor Caldwell holds membership in The National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), Chorus America, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society. Since his coming to Central State University in 1979, the Central State Chorus has been lauded as one of the finest choruses in the United States. Its acclaim continues to arow.



Soprano Lee Hoffman is Assistant Professor of Voice, Coordinator of Voice Performance Studies, and Director of Opera Workshop at Central State University. Among Ms. Hoffman's performance career highlights are her annual CSU faculty artist recitals, performing George Crumb's *Ancient Voices of Children* (composer in residence), and opening the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra's program at the Schuster Performing Arts Center with her performance of Schumann's song cycle *Frauenliebe und –leben.* Ms. Hoffman holds a Master of Music

degree in Voice Performance from Webster University in St. Louis, a Master of Science in Education degree in Community Counseling at the University of Dayton (LPC), and a Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance from California State University, Sacramento; she has completed all doctoral coursework in Voice Performance (Pedagogy Cognate) at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon-Gamma Eta Chapter, the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and the Ohio Counseling Association.

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2nd Violins

Bill Slusser Yoshiko Kunimitsu Nick Naegele

Violas

Lori LaMattina Leslie Dragan Cellos Linda Katz Nan Watson

Bass Don Compton

Organ R. Alan Kimbrough

Concert Preview 3:00 p.m., March 11



James Arthur Williams is a native of Columbia, South Carolina, and was educated at Allen University, the University of Illinois, Columbia University, and The Ohio State University. In 2004, Alma College honored him with the Doctor of Letters degree. In 1994, Alabama Public Television produced a documentary on him entitled "Lift Every Voice."

Dr. Williams taught in the Columbia, South Carolina public school and at Morris College. For 25 years, he was Chairman of the Fine Arts Department and Conductor of the internationally acclaimed Stillman

College Choir. In 1994, he became Professor of Music and choral director at Wilberforce University. The Wilberforce University Choir appeared on "Today" with Bryant Gumbel and recorded with the famous Ray Charles. In 1999, the choir was invited to tour Egypt for ten days during Black History Month. This tour was such a success that the U. S. ambassador invited the choir to return for an encore performance on July 4 at the Cairo Opera House. His arrangement of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" has been orchestrated and performed by the Central State University Chorus with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Cincinnati May Festival Orchestra, and the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra.

He was Director of Music for the 1976 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), and for the 1986 General Conference of the CME church. He also served on the Hymnal Commission of the CME Church. He was one of two primary consultants for "Every Voice and Sing," a five-part PBS documentary that chronicles the birth and rise of Black College Choirs. Presently, he is Adjunct Professor of Voice at The University of Dayton, Professor of Music and Worship at Payne Theological Seminary, and Minister of Music at Bethel Baptist Church in Dayton.

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FOR THE JOY OF SINGING!

"Lobet den Herrn"

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden; und preiset ihn, alle Völker! Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit waltet über uns in Ewigkeit. Alleluia.

--Psalm 117

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people! For His grace and truth rules over us for evermore. Alleluia.

Writing for the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, Carol Traupman-Carr has noted that Bach scholars doubt whether this motet is actually by Bach, particularly because of the "unusually virtuosic" choral parts, more idiomatic for instruments than for voices. She concludes, "Lacking any indisputable evidence either way, the work will continue to be published, recorded, and performed as a work of J. S. Bach." It is one of only two Bach motets in which the entire text comes from the Bible—the short verses from Psalm 117 spread over six minutes of music. She notes, too, that the "norm for Bach's motets is for a continuo group to perform as support for the choral parts, even where continuo is not explicitly indicated in the score." The continuo part for this motet, however, is written in the score and is often independent of the other parts. Comparatively little is written about this motet, perhaps because of its doubtful authorship. Traupman-Carr writes, "As a result, scholars are unable to provide a likely date of composition or a performance history during Bach's lifetime."

"I Waited for the Lord"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Sylvia Lidice Aponte and Christina Turner, sopranos

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint. O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord. --Psalm 40:1; Jeremiah 17:7 Mendelssohn's "Lobgesang" ("Hymn of Praise") was written at Leipzig in 1840, the occasion which gave birth to it being the fourth centennial celebration of the introduction of the art of printing. Mendelssohn published it as his Symphony No. 2 (Op. 52) in 1841, as "A Symphony-Cantata on Words of the Holy Bible, for Soloists, Chorus and Orchestra." Meeting the challenge of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Mendelssohn wrote three purely orchestral movements for this work and then an eleven-section fourth movement, "Lobgesang," which can be performed independently; "I Waited for the Lord" is the fifth of those eleven sections. As Grove points out, the cantata celebrates "mankind's progress from darkness to enlightenment (the agent of this process was the word of God, as disseminated by the Gutenberg Bible)."

"Sanctus"

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

LaVonte Heard, tenor (Saturday) Steven Weems, tenor (Sunday)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Amen. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Gounod wrote 21 masses, three oratorios, and many cantatas, motets, and smaller scale religious works, using a vast variety of compositional styles. His *Messe solennelle de Sainte Cécile* (1855), with orchestral accompaniment, is in direct contrast to Gounod's earlier masses, which used an austere sacred style. It is also his most famous mass, and the Sanctus is the most famous section of the mass. Curiously, the mass ends with what Grove terms "a blaze of patriotic fervour in the form of a threefold prayer to the Emperor Napoleon (changed to Queen Victoria in English editions) invoking church, army, and nation. Brass chords emulating bells in the last prayer bring the mass to a boisterous close and confirm the impression of a work that sits astride liturgy and functional music for the state."

Mass in G

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Lee Hoffman, soprano; Joshua Goodings, tenor; Jonathon Cummings, bass

(Portions in brackets are omitted from the sung text)

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloria tuam. Domine Deus. Rex coelestis. Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. [Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris. miserere nobis.1 Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, [Jesu Christe], cum sancto spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Credo

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. [Et] in unum Dominum, Jesum Christum, filium Dei unigenitum, [et] ex Patre natum, ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo. lumen de lumine. Deum verum de Deo vero. genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et [propter] nostram salutem

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ. Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; [you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.1 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, [Jesus Christ], with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. [I believe] in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation

descendit de coelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum scripturas, et ascendit in coelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris.

Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos, cujus regni non erit finis. Credo in Spiritum sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre et Filio procedit,

qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur, qui locutus est per prophetas. [et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam ecclesiam,] Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum [et expecto resurrectionem] mortuorum, et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth! Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis!

Benedictus

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis! he came down from heaven. and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. [I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.] I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins [and I look forward to the resurrection] of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Schubert wrote six complete masses, the first four between 1814 and 1816, probably for the Lichtental church, his local parish in Vienna. These are in the Austrian *Missa brevis* tradition of Mozart. The *Mass in G* is his second, shortest, and most intimate mass, scored only for strings and organ. Autograph dates on the score indicate that he started and completed it in six days. He began his *Mass in A Flat* in 1819 and finished it three years later. His *Mass in E Flat* invites comparison with Beethoven and Haydn more than Mozart. Schubert also wrote a *Deutsche Messe*, eight chordal vernacular hymns that invite broad congregational participation in the Ordinary of the Mass. Practice in Schubert's time gave composers some freedom to abbreviate or alter liturgical texts; Schubert's habitual omission of "[Credo] in unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam" has occasioned some speculation about his feelings for and attitudes toward the institutional church.

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"Psalm 100"

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Shout and be joyful, all ye lands. Joyfully sing to God the Lord, serve Him with joy and with gladness. Come ye before the Lord with singing. For know ye that the Lord is our God, He hath made us all, not we ourselves, we are His flock, in His quiet pastures grazing. Enter His gates to give Him thanks, with thanksgiving, and into His presence to praise Him. Thank ye Him. Sing and praise His name and bless it. For the Lord is gracious, His loving kindness everlasting, His truth endureth evermore. Glory to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, now and evermore. Amen.

"Bogoroditse Devo" Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

O most Holy Maria full of grace, woman loved by all, Maria. God's love surrounds you. Mother, God's Child full of love to redeem our souls.

"Great God A'Mighty"

arr. Jester Hairston (1901-2000)

Ridin in a hurry, ridin like he's angry, Bull whip in one hand, cow hide in de other Cap-n went to yellin, yes de cap-n went to yellin, Bully tak'off your shirt now, cause I'm gonna kill ya Bully went to pleadin, yes de bully went to pleadin, Cap-n don't ya kill me, cap-n don't ya kill me.

"Great God A' Mighty" is a work song sung by men sentenced to serve time on the Chain Gang. It is arranged by the late Jester Hairston, a prolific composer, arranger, and actor. His notable compositions include "Amen," a gospel-tinged theme from the film *Lilies of the Field*. Hairston appeared as Henry Van Porter on *The Amos 'n' Andy Show* and in 1937 was a founding member of the Screen Actors Guild.

"I've Been 'Buked"

arr. Hall Johnson (1888-1970)

l've been 'buked an', l've been scorned, yes l've been 'buked an', l've been scorned, children! l've been 'buked an', l've been scorned l've been talked about, sho's you' born.

Dere is trouble all over dis worl' yes Dere is trouble all over dis worl', children! Dere is trouble all over dis worl' Dere is trouble all over dis worl'.

Ain' gwine lay my 'li-gion down, no, Ain' gwine lay my 'li-gion down, children! Ain' gwine lay my 'li-gion down Ain' gwine lay my 'li-gion down.

"I've Been 'Buked" is a spiritual arranged by Hall Johnson, who was an outstanding arranger of spirituals and director of the famous Hall Johnson Singers as well as the coach of singers including Marian Anderson, Robert McFerrin, and Shirley Verrett. "Buked" comes from the word "rebuked," which means to be severely attacked and criticized verbally.

"Don't You Let Nobody Turn You 'Round" arr. Phillip McIntyre (1951-1991)

Jonathon Cummings, soloist

Don't you let nobody, turn you 'round Keep the straight and the narrow way T'was at the river of Jordan, baptism was first begun. John baptized the multitude, but he sprinkled not a one.

The Baptist they go by water, the Meth'dist they go by land; But when they get to heaven, they'll shake each other's hand.

You may be a good Baptist, or a good Methodist as well, But if you ain't the pure in heart, your soul is boun' for hell!

This tune set by African-American composer Phillip McIntyre's "Don't You Let Nobody Turn You 'Round' was sung as often as "We Shall Overcome" in many meetings and gatherings during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. McIntyre's setting of "My Jesus I Love Thee" is performed often by many churches throughout the country.

"Way Over in Beulah Lan"

arr. Stacey V. Gibbs (b. 1962)

We gonna have a good, good time way ovuh in Beulah Lan'. Oh, when we get way ovuh in Beulah Lan', We gonna have a good, good time, oh, Lordy, way ovuh in Beulah Lan'. I'm singin', way ovuh in Beulah Lan', yes, way ovuh in Beulah, Lan'. We gonna have a good, good time, oh, Lordy, way ovuh in Beulah Lan'. Oh, we gonna walk dem golden streets, way ovuh in Beulah Lan'. Oh, we gonna drink of de Holy wine, way ovuh in Beulah Lan'. We gonna have a good time, oh, Lordy, when we get to heaven, chillun, Way ovuh in Beulah Lan', oh, yes, way ovuh in Beulah Lan'! --Traditional Spiritual

A spirited spiritual like this is known as a Jubilee. This recent arrangement is by Stacey Gibbs, a Detroit-based composer and arranger, whose works (many of which can be seen/heard on YouTube) include "Near the Cross," "Roll, Jordan Roll," "See Dat Babe," "His Name So Sweet," "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," "Honor, Honor," "Walk Together Children" (selected for the 2011-2012 Michigan State Honors Choir, 7-8-9 SATB), and "Hold On!" (published just this year).

"To Sit and Dream"

Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

To sit and dream, to sit and read, To sit and learn about the world. Outside our world of here and now— Our problem world— To dream of vast horizons of the soul Through dreams made whole, Unfettered, free--help me! All you who are dreamers too, Help me make our world anew. I reach out my hand to you. --Langston Hughes (1902-1967)

Dr. Rosephanye Dunn Powell has been hailed as one of America's premiere women composers of choral music. She is commissioned yearly to compose for professional and community choruses, church choirs, university choruses, and secondary school choirs throughout the U.S. and Europe. Her research has focused on the art of the African-American spiritual, the art songs of William Grant Still, and voice care concerns for voice professionals. She is Professor of Voice at Auburn University.

In "To Sit and Dream" she sought to capture, in concert form, the jazz influences harmonically that were such a part of Langston Hughes' world. She uses harmonic colors that could be both "dark" (for "our problem world") and "bright" (for "our world anew"). She imagined Hughes, in his apartment, in solitude, reading the paper, overwhelmed by the realities of America's present state, yet daring to dream of a better day. Almost in a state of trance, he makes his way to the busy streets of New York, reaching out his hand to passersby. Many respond positively and joyfully to his invitation and begin to reach out to others. This idea is expressed in the last section of the song as parts enter successively, singing, "I reach out my hand to you," then join in one voice. In the final phrase of the song, Hughes awakens—the newspaper headlines still before him—and resolves that he may never see such a day, except when he sits and dreams. (http://rosephanyepowell.com)

"To Sit and Dream" was commissioned by MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir, Dr. Catherine Roma, Artistic Director for the 12th New Spirituals Project, 2008, and premiered by MUSE and the Central State University Chorus, William Henry Caldwell, Director.

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932) arr. James Arthur Williams

Jacob Towner and Kimberley Stewart, soloists Derrick Myers and Earnest Tremble, keyboards Angel Knotts, drums Marcaelis Sanders, bass guitar

Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come, Why should my heart be lonely And long for heaven and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He: His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me. Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise, When song gives place to sighing, When hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free: His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me. [Refrain.] --Civilla D. Martin (1860-1948)

The Gospel hymn "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," a staple of African-American worship services, was written in 1905 by a white lyricist and a white composer. The song is closely associated with actress-singer Ethel Waters, who popularized it during the Billy Graham Crusades and used the title for her autobiography. This arrangement, by Dr. James Arthur Williams, was done for the inauguration of Dr. Cordell Wynn as the second African-American President of Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This arrangement has been performed by the Central State University Chorus with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra under Neal Gittleman, the Cincinnati May Festival under James Conlon, and the Cleveland Orchestra under Franz Welser-Möst.

Civilla Martin, who wrote the lyrics, recounted her inspiration: "Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were sojourning in Elmira, New York. We contracted a deep friendship for a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle—true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for nigh twenty years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheel chair. Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day while we were visiting with the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple: 'His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.' The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired the imagination of Dr. Martin and me. The hymn 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow' was the outcome of that experience." (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/His Eye Is on the Sparrow)

[Program texts and notes prepared by R. Alan Kimbrough and William Henry Caldwell] Sunday afternoon concertgoers are invited to join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the concert. The Bach Society of Dayton extends appreciation to the Kettering Adventist Church for providing this opportunity for refreshment and conversation.

Mark your calendar now to listen to the broadcast of this concert on "Live and Local" on WDPR/WDPG (FM 88.1 and 89.9 or on the web at www.dpr.org) on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

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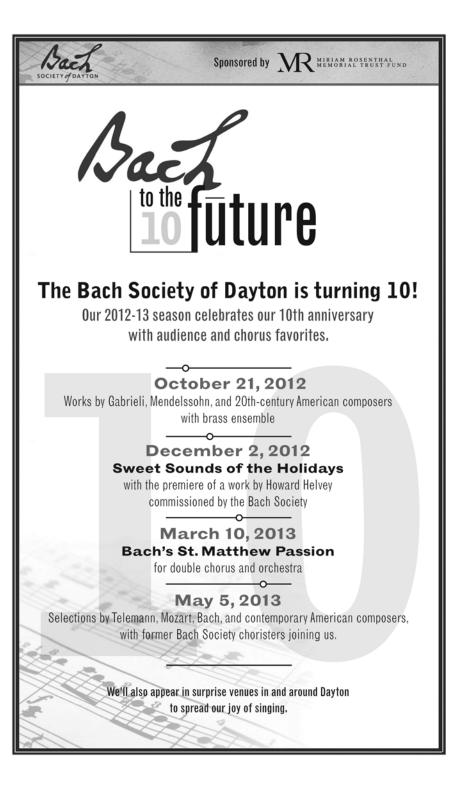
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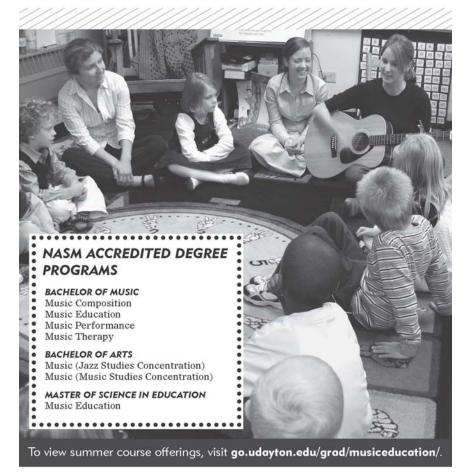
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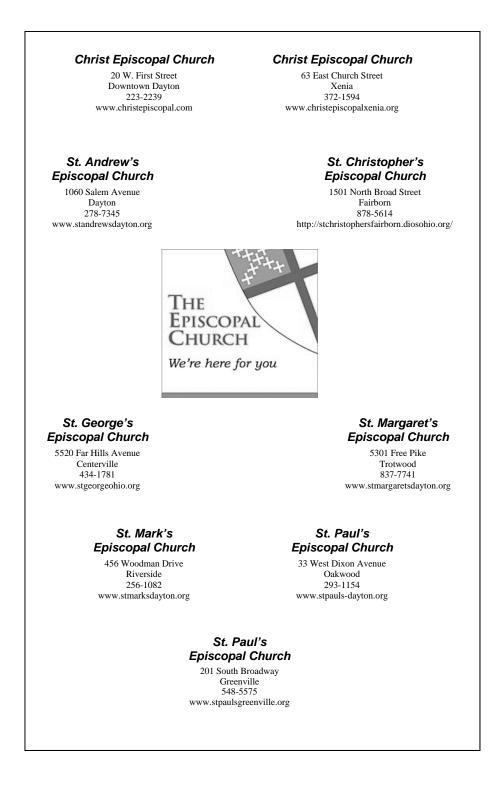


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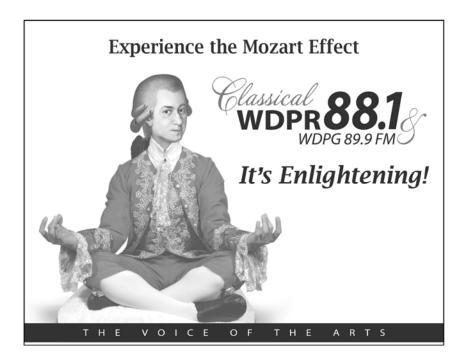
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