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MOZART REQUIEM—NEW CD RELEASE

Each time we hear the famous Mozart Requiem sung on All Souls’ Day (November 2), we are inspired to pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. As this is one of the spiritual works of mercy, how fitting it is that during the Year for Mercy we release this CD to encourage people to join their prayers for the deceased to the tremendous music of the Mozart Requiem.

The Patrons of Sacred Music are indebted to Jeffrey and Patricia Alcorn for sponsoring this project. With generosity, God blessed their vision to make this ambitious recording project a reality. With the Alcorn family we pray that this musical presentation will draw people into the worship of God and remind them that “it is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.”

On this CD you will enjoy superb soloists—Stephanie Culica, Lindsey Adams, Fr. Michael Magiera, FSSP, and David Govertsen—along with our Saint Cecilia Choir and members of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Orchestra. Special acknowledgment is due to John Macfarlane, Assistant Principal Second Violin of the Lyric Opera Orchestra, who helped facilitate this collaboration with members of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Now it is time to share this glorious music with you. We hope to inspire you! CD’s will be available by the end of the month of October. Visit www.BirettaBooks.com or call our Biretta Books store at 1.800.345.6665 to get your CD’s!

Fr. Scott A. Haynes, SJC

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Saturday, December 3

Enjoy the Beautiful Music of The St. Cecilia Choir, The Magnificat Choir, and The Resurrection Choir

La Peregrinacion
Ariel Ramirez, arr. Philip Lawson (b. 1957)

Mille Cherubini in Coro
Franz Schubert (1797-1828), arr. Steven Mercurio (b. 1956)

Pat-a-Pan
Arr. Mark Burrows (b. 1971)

Chanson joyeuse de Noël
François-Auguste Gevaert (1828-1908)

Maria durch ein Dornwald ging
Arr. Philip Lawson (b. 1957)

O Salutaris
Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

Resonemus laudibus
Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

See Amid the Winter's Snow
Nicholas White (b. 1967)

Tomorrow shall be my Dancing Day
Nicholas White (b. 1967)

There Is No Rose
Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

In the Bleak Midwinter
Gustav Holst (1874 -1934)

Coventry Carol
Nathalie Corbett (b. 1993)

With Christmas Carol Favourites for All to Sing!

LESSONS & CAROLS

Tickets
5:30 pm Fundraiser Banquet & 7:00 pm Lessons & Carols
$100 each

7:00 pm Lessons & Carols
$15 (adult) - $5 (youth 6-18)
$10 (seniors over 65 or students)

Schedule

5:30 pm Fundraiser Banquet
(Café, Lower Level)

7:00 pm Lessons & Carols
(Church)

Get advance tickets at: www.cantius.org
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Fundraiser Banquet for the Patrons of Sacred Music

Menu

An English Christmas
Presented by Chef Luci Major

Salad: Mixed green salad with red currant dressing

Entree: Prime Rib Roast served with Savory Yorkshire pudding and green beans

Dessert: Plum pudding
The Most Rev. Thomas G. Doran, Bishop Emeritus of Rockford, Illinois, died on September 1st. At the request of the Most Rev. David Malloy, Bishop of Rockford, the Schola Cantorum of St. John Cantius was honored to sing Gregorian Chant for the Requiem Mass of Bishop Doran at the Cathedral in Rockford on September 8. Requiescat in pace. Amen.

President John Adams was the 2nd president of the U.S. He was in office from 1797 to 1801. Among his letters is one he sent to his wife Abigail in which he describes his visit to a Roman Catholic parish. In the letter President Adams said in part: “The music was consisting of an organ and a choir of singers, and it went all the afternoon, excepting sermon time, and the assembly [sang Gregorian chant] most sweetly and exquisitely. Here is everything which can lay hold of the eye, ear, and imagination.” President Adams captured a glimpse of the beauty of the liturgy and how this is intertwined with the Church’s official music—Gregorian chant. And as President Adams noted, “Here is everything which can lay hold of the eye, ear, and imagination.” This very much echoes something St. John of the Cross once said; “God passes through the thickets of the world and wherever His glance falls, He turns all things to beauty.” To paraphrase Hans Urs von Balthasar, without beauty, the truth does not persuade, goodness does not compel. Therefore, all of our God-given senses should be awakened by the liturgy. A church should be decorous, for it is God’s holy Temple. Our eyes should be bedazzled by the frescoes, the statues, the altar—every detail of the church’s sanctuary is important, for this is where we worship God. We catch an odor of holiness when we inhale the fragrance of candles and incense. As the flames of the candles reach heavenward and the incense smoke ascends to God’s altar in heaven, our prayers ascend to God’s throne. But the most sublime gift we have is our hearing. Our ears soak up the beauty of God through the gift of music. Gregorian chant is the Church’s most powerful way to penetrate the human heart and mind with the mind of Christ.

Sunday Afternoon Organ Recitals at St. John Cantius

WOLFGANG REISINGER, VIENNA, AUSTRIA
Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 pm

ZOLTAN VARGA, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 pm

2:00 p.m. Lunch (Café)
3:00 p.m. Recital (Church)

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The Schola Cantorum of Saint John Cantius has recorded a new CD album of Gregorian Chant for Christmas featuring the complete music for the Traditional Latin High Mass for Christmas Day. In addition to hearing the full schola you’ll enjoy solos of Br. Andrew Panzer, SJ, Br. Matthew Schuster, SJ, Fr. Robin Kwan, SJ, and more. The priests and brothers at Saint John Cantius spend hours each day chanting the Mass and the Divine Office. Chant is the air we breathe! Just as Gregorian chant is like a breath of fresh air in our polluted world, so too do we catch a glimpse of God through the beauty of this sacred music. As we sing the praises of God, we hope to give spiritual nourishment to those who listen. To get this CD (which will be available in October), call us toll-free at 1.800.345.6665 or visit Biretta Books online at: www.BirettaBooks.com

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