

SUMMIT CHORALE

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Ring in the Holiday Season with Summit Chorale's "Holiday Feast"

Summit, NJ (Nov. 17) – Summit Chorale invites area families and friends to a "Holiday Feast," an evening of joyous choral music for the holiday season, on Friday, December 12, 2008, 8:00 pm, at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ. Directed by Dr. Thomas Juneau, with Holly Chatham as Principal Accompanist, the chorale will perform favorite carol arrangements, works by Mendelssohn and Poulenc, the humorous voice of P.D.Q. Bach and that perennial favorite, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Throughout the evening's performance, the audience will be welcome to join in the singing of traditional carols.

Carol arrangements by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw have been beloved by generations of American audiences. *My Dancing Day* and *Fum, Fum, Fum* will certainly help to ring in the holiday spirit. The popular British composer John Rutter, who has written liberally for the Christmas season, will be represented with his *What Sweeter Music*. Choruses by Felix Mendelssohn are always audience favorites; *There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth*, from his unfinished *Christus*, will provide a glimpse into the early Romantic period of music. *Hodie Christus Natus Est* will represent the work of Jan Sweelinck, the composer who put Amsterdam on the map as the center of sophisticated choral and organ music before J. S. Bach. Included from the striking motets of 20th century French composer Francis Poulenc will be his *O Magnum Mysterium*. American Peter Schickele, composing in the persona of P.D.Q. Bach, contributes *Throw the Yule Log On*, *Uncle John* and *Good King Kong Looked Out*. And in what has become a Summit Chorale tradition, the evening will culminate in *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, the beloved poem by Clement Moore in an arrangement by Harry Simeone.

Admission to this event is free, with a \$5 suggested donation. For more information, call 862-926-9605 or visit www.summitchorale.org.

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