

SUMMIT CHORALE

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Summit Chorale Presents “March Majesty”

Summit, NJ (Feb. 17) - “March Majesty” comes to Calvary Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 8:00 pm when Summit Chorale presents the next concert of its centennial season. Calvary Episcopal Church is located at 31 Woodland Avenue in Summit.

Headlining the program will be Jeffrey Cobb’s award-winning composition *Absalom*, based on the Biblical account of the death of King David’s son. This work for four-part chorus and piano by Cobb, a resident of Traverse City, Michigan, was selected from among 93 entries (encompassing 30 states and three countries) as winner of Summit Chorale’s “Second Hearing” competition, devised to provide an often-lacking second performance opportunity for a recent choral commission.

Included in the program will be Zoltán Kodály’s *Missa Brevis*, which he composed in 1944 while the Russian army held Budapest under siege to drive out the German army. Much of Kodály’s fame stems from his interest in gathering and editing the large universe of Hungarian folk music and in his innovations as a music educator, creating the Kodály Method for teaching music to young children, which now forms the basis for music education in many countries. In the *Missa Brevis* he combines melodies and rhythms of native folk music with 20th century compositional techniques.

Bach’s Cantata No. 80, *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God), takes its inspiration from the hymn setting by Martin Luther. Bach employs all his technical mastery in setting the opening for a complex fugue for four-part chorus. Following several solos, the chorus returns with a final realization of the famous hymn tune.

Several short works by Charles Ives, William Mathias and Virgil Thomson round out the concert, all conducted by Dr. Thomas Juneau, Summit Chorale’s Music Director, and accompanied by the Chorale’s principal accompanist Holly Chatham on organ and piano. The concert will be preceded by a lecture by Dr. Juneau at 7:30 pm.

Advance tickets, \$22 General Admission, \$20 Senior, \$15 Student are available through www.brownpapertickets.com or from chorale members. Tickets at the door are \$25 General Admission and \$15 Student. For more information, call 862-926-9605 or visit www.summitchorale.org.

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