## FLINT HILLS MASTERWORKS CHORALE FALL CONCERT

EDITH STUNKEL

Ian Coleman, Director Shannon Moore, Student Director Mary Ann Littrell, Organist

Tuesday, December 11, 2001 First Baptist Church 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by
Manhattan Christian College
Music Ministry Program

arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

## INTERMISSION

This concert is dedicated to the memory of Edith Stunkel, who was a faithful member of the chorale for several years.

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

Bruckner followed in the great tradition of choral church music that J. S. Bach helped establish. He wrote many choral works for use in worship, and the two graduals that we will perform tonight are fine examples of how a master musician can say, with craft and precision, a great deal in a short piece.

Mendelssohn's anthem "Hear My Prayer" has a line that, especially in the light of recent events in this nation, seems to resonate with many of us: "perplexed and bewildered, oh God, hear my prayer." One of the wonderful things about these great masterworks is how, although written at another time and in very different circumstances, the words seem so relevant, and in many ways comforting, even today.

Shannon Moore has been helping me as our student director and she has selected three Christmas pieces that complement our program very well. I think you will enjoy the creative arrangements of familiar tunes.

In St. Luke's Gospel (Chapter 1:46-55), Mary, upon hearing that she is to give birth to Jesus, bursts into a jubilant song of praise to God. This song, in Latin called the Magnificat, has long been a popular text for church worship, and as such, many of the great composers of the past and present have chosen to set it to music. J. S. Bach, perhaps the greatest composer of all time, gave us a wonderfully lively, exuberant, and challenging setting. Again, Masterworks Chorale has risen to the challenge presented by this piece. I believe that you will enjoy a rendition tonight that captures much of the joy of the original text.

Magnificat - My soul magnifies the Lord.

Et exsultavit - And my spirit exults in God my salvation.

Quia respexit - For He has considered the humble condition of His maid-servant; Behold, henceforth I shall be called blessed by. . .

Omnes generationes - All generations.

Quia fecit mihi magna - For He that is powerful has made me great, and holy is His name.

Fecit potentiam - He has shown strength in His arm; He has dispersed the proud in the spirit of their hearts.

Esurientes - The hungry He has filled with good and the wealthy He has dismissed empty.

Sicut locutus est - As He has said to our fathers, to Abraham and His seed forever.

Gloria Patri - Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory also to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and always, and in generations to come. Amen.

--- Translation by Nick Jones for the Robert Shaw Chorale

As always, I am indepted to Mary Ann Littrell for her work as accompanist for the Chorale, and to Penny Senften for all her efforts in regard to publicizing this event. Thank you, finally, for coming to hear us this evening. I hope that you enjoy the performance, and if you enjoy singing, perhaps you will consider joining us next semester.

## FLINT HILLS MASTERWORKS CHORALE

Sopranos

Jan Allen Kathy Coleman

Juli Griffith

Marilyn Masterson

Karen Meek

Shannon Moore

Sharon Morcos

**Doris Phillips** 

Martha Seaton

Melanie Shallock

Dona Sidorfsky

Lynette Steele

Nancy Stover

**Tenors** 

Margaret Carlisle

Lewis Cocke

Larry Davis

Jim Fuller

Bob Hartenstein

Rod Howell

Dick Seaton

Michael Stadler

Altos

Jody Brown

**Enid Cocke** 

Jennifer Coleman

Pam Davis

Holly Friesen

Melissa Galitzer

Becky Gifford

Midge Jones

Janet McGillivary

Elfrieda Nafziger

Vera Orlock

RubyAnn Poulson

Penny Senften

Basses

Frank Baker

Paul Brown

Robert Clark

Roger Lemmons

John Schlender

Scott Schlender

Frank Sidorfsky

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Interested in singing in the Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale? Contact Ian Coleman or Mary Ann Littrell at 539-3571.