

All Faiths Chapel

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Masterworks Program

Te Deum, Opus 103......Antonín Dvořák

Te Deum laudamus

(1841-1904)

Tu Patris suscepturus hominem

Aeterna faccum Sanctis

Dignare, Domine

Natalie Curran, Soprano Randall Frye, Baritone

Prelude in the Style of Bach

(1835-1921)

Et Pastores erant; Gloria

Expectants expectavi Dominum

Domine, ego credidi

Benedictus qui venit

Quare fremuerunt gentes

Tecum principium

Alleluja

Consurge, Filia Sion

Tollite hostias

Amy Rosine, Soprano
Natalie Curran, Soprano
Janie Brokenicky, Mezzo-Soprano
Reginald Pittman, Tenor
Randall Frye, Baritone

Many Moods of Christmas, Suite Four

arr. by Robert Shaw & Robert Russell Bennett Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

The First Nowell

O Little Town of Bethlehem

I Saw Three Ships

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly

Everyone is invited to attend a reception honoring Dr. Reginald Pittman immediately following the program in the McCain Courtyard.

Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale Personnel

Sopranos

Betsy Baddeley Leslie Campbell Laura Gayle Coon Melissa Cortner Natalie Curran Karen Garrett Gloria Holcombe Pamela Kempton Linda Lawrence Glenda Leung Gretchen Lewis **Emily Mark** Marilyn Masterson Janice McGregor Becky McQuilliam Tammi Paolilli Lynn Parsons **Doris Phillips** Martha Seaton Dona Sidorfsky Sharon Smith

Basses

Chris Bailey Cameron Beatty Bob Clark Matthew Cloud Aaron Engelman Dick Hayter Matthew Honas Jim Lewis Joshua McCrickard Michael Oldfather Jerry Rosine Scott Schlender Frank Sidorfsky Kent Smith Larry Weaver Brian Wilson Loren Wilson

David Wright

Altos

Caprice Becker Cathy Bitikofer Kathryn Bleam Marilyn Bunyan Jodi Caldwell Betty Chatham **Enid Cocke** Christy Zimmer Coyle Jennifer Edwards Pat Ekart Nelda Elder Gail Eyestone Hannah Graves Barbara Hayter Adrienne Hamann Elaine Johannes Patricia Kolonosky Marcia McFarland Janet McGillivary Kristin Mulready-Stone Hannah Nunnenkamp-Engelman Ronna Olivier Penny Senften Teresa Snyder Karen L. Tinkler Eva Zurek

Tenors

Lew Cocke Larry Davis Thomas Fish Robert Hamilton Jeff Johansen Megan Kennelly Greg Knittel Chris Little Dick Seaton Thomas Snyder Grant Stucky Greatly influenced by folk music, Antonín Dvořák is considered one of the greatest composers from what is now the Czech Republic. He originally began to learn butchery, the trade of his father and grandfather, but eventually persuaded his father to let him become a professional musician. A violist, pianist, and organist, he composed in almost every medium.

In 1892-5 Dvořák lived in the United States, teaching and composing at the National Conservatory of Music in New York. His arrival was timed to coincide with the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. To commemorate the occasion he was commissioned to write a piece incorporating Rodman Drake's poem "The American Flag," but it did not get to him in time, so he opted to write a work for choir and orchestra on the Latin hymn, *Te Deum*. This hymn, which appealed to his deep religious convictions, is first mentioned in the *Rule of St. Caesarius*, A.D. 502, and has been found in other manuscripts by many other titles. Written right before his cello concerto, the two works share a few similar motifs. It premiered on October 21, 1892 in Carnegie Hall with a choir of 250 singers conducted by Dvořák. Eventually he set "The American Flag" to music, but it was not considered among his better works.

We acknowledge you to be the Lord.
All the earth worships you,
The everlasting Father.
To you all Angels, the heavens, and all powers,
The cherubim and seraphim proclaim without ceasing:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!
The heavens and the earth are full of your majesty.
The glorious chorus of the Apostles,
The admirable company of the Prophets,
The white-robed army of Martyrs praises thee.
Throughout the whole world the holy Church praises you,
The Father of infinite majesty;
They praise your admirable, true, and only Son;
And also the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

You are the King of glory, O Christ,
You are the eternal Son of the Father.
To deliver us, you became human,
And did not disdain the Virgin's womb.
Having blunted the sting of death, You
Opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God,
In the glory of the Father.
You are believed to e the Judge who will come.
Therefore, we beseech you,
Come to the aid of your servants, whom
You have redeemed by your precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints
In glory everlasting.
Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance.
Govern them, and extol them from now into eternity.
Day by day, we bless you;
And we praise your name for ever, yea, for ever and ever.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord
As we have trusted in thee.
In thee, O Lord, I have trusted:
Let me never be confounded.

Christmas Oratorio

A child prodigy, Camille Saint-Saëns began studying piano at 2½ years of age. He had perfect pitch and composed his first piece a little after his third birthday. At age seven he began studying composition and organ, and eventually became one of the most respected musicians in France.

In 1958, the Church of the Madeleine in Paris, where Saint-Saëns was organist, commissioned him to write an oratorio for its Christmas

celebration. Only 23, he started work on his Christmas Oratorio on December 4 and had it completed by the 15th. The work tells the Christmas story, adding commentary on the event.

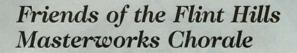
Prelude in the Style of Bach
There Were Shepherds
Patiently, Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord
In My Heart I Believe
Blessed, Blessed Is He Who Cometh
Wherefore Do the Heathen Clamor?
My Soul Doth Magnify
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Arise Now, Daughter of Zion!
Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts

Many Moods of Christmas, Suite Four

Shaw (1916-1999) was a noted choral and orchestra director. He was the director of the choral departments of the Julliard School and the Berkshire Music Center, Tanglewood, from 1945 to 1948. In 1948 he founded the Robert Shaw Chorale, which for 20 years was America's premier touring choral group. In 1967 he became the music director of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, building it into a major American orchestra. After he stepped down, he served as music director emeritus and conductor laureate until his death.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Robert Russell Bennett (1894-1981) is best known for his orchestration of numerous well-known Broadway and Hollywood musicals, many by such well-known composers as Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, and George Gershwin. In addition to his orchestrations, he completed almost 200 original works, many for wind band.

Shaw and Bennett collaborated on four medleys of Christmas music called *Many Moods of Christmas*. The carols in each medley center on a similar theme.



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