



*Bucks County Choral Society*

Saturday, April 25, 1987

Holicong Junior High School

Buckingham, PA

Elma Heckler, Music Director

Joan Gurniak, Accompanist

# Spring!

## I.

Three settings of the same text .

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.

Sixteenth Century

Kyrie (*from Missa Regina Coeli*)

Palestrina

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Eighteenth Century

Kyrie

Baldassare Galuppi

1. Largo
2. Allegro
3. Adagio - Allegro

*Janet Fryling, Barbara Kaler, soprano; Heidi Wolfskill, alto;  
Arnold McKay, David Hughes, tenor*

Twentieth Century

Kyrie (*from A Thanksgiving Mass*)

Knut Nystedt

*Intonation: Liz Emmert*

## II.

Four choruses from oratorios

Awake the harp (*from The Creation*)

Franz Joseph Haydn

Plorate filii Israel (*from Jephtah*)

Giacomo Carissimi

In the Old Testament account Jephtah promises the Lord that he will sacrifice whoever comes first to greet him after battle if the Lord will deliver the children of Ammon into his hands. Jephtah's only daughter is the first to come. In this final chorus of the oratorio, the children of Israel lament Jephtah's loss. Sung in Latin, the chorus resembles a large dissonant madrigal.

Weep, ye children of Israel,  
Weep all ye virgins,  
Lament the loss of Jephtah's only child,  
Lament in songs of mourning.

How lovely are the messengers (*from St. Paul*)

Felix Mendelssohn

The Lord shall reign (*from Israel in Egypt*)

George Frederic Handel

The children of Israel sing praises to the Lord for parting the Red Sea, delivering them, and throwing "the horse and his rider" into the sea. Handel's music seems to "gallop" to the conclusion of the final chorus of the oratorio.

*Arnold McKay, tenor; Janet Fryling, soprano*

INTERMISSION

### III.

#### Four madrigals

Tanzen und Springen	Hans Leo Hassler
Mon coeur se recommande a' vous	Orlando di Lassus
Io piango	Luca Marenzio
My bonnie lass she smileth	Thomas Morley

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### IV.

#### Frostiana

Randall Thompson

American composer Randall Thompson chose seven of the most beloved country poems of New England poet Robert Frost for the piece he was commissioned to compose in 1958 in honor of the Two-Hundredth Anniversary of the town of Amherst, Massachusetts.

1. The road not taken
2. The pasture
3. Come in
4. The telephone
5. A girl's garden
6. Stopping by woods on a snowy evening
7. Choose something like a star

### V.

#### Three standards from musicals

It's a grand night for singing ( <i>from State Fair</i> )	Richard Rodgers/ Oscar Hammerstein II
<i>Barbara Tull, soprano; David Fryling, baritone</i>	
Quiet night ( <i>from On your toes</i> )	Richard Rodgers/Lorenz Hart
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Make our garden grow ( <i>from Candide</i> )	Leonard Bernstein arr. Robert Page
<i>Narrative: Liz Emmert, Philip Franchois</i>	

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\*Thomas Lever, Lansdale  
\*Arnold McKay, Perkasia

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## CONCLUDING SEASON CONCERT:

Sat., May 16, 8:00 p.m.

— Bucks County Choral Society with  
Bucks County Symphony Orchestra  
Karl Middleman, conducting  
Bernstein: Chichester Psalms  
Vaughan Williams: Serenade to Music  
Central Bucks East High School, Buckingham

Tickets available by calling 345-9333

## NEXT SEASON:

Fifteenth Anniversary Season

Dec. 11 and 12

March 20, 1988

— Annual Festival of Christmas Music

— Fifteenth Anniversary Concert

The Passion according to St. John - J. S. Bach  
with David Gordon, internationally acclaimed tenor  
formerly from Doylestown, as Evangelist.  
Full professional orchestra.

*For information about joining the Bucks County Choral Society next season,  
or to arrange an audition, call Membership Chairman Linda Gyrath,  
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**THE BUCKS COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY**, now in its 14th season, was founded by David Johns in 1973. Directed since 1977 by Elma Heckler, Hatfield, the Society's 60 members reside in Bucks and Montgomery counties and rehearse weekly in Doylestown. At least three major concerts are performed each season with additional concerts being given at area retirement communities and churches. The Society has performed with the Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and the Bucks County Symphony and has given concerts at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsbury Manor, and the Mercer Museum. Its concerts are sponsored in part by grants from Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and Atlantic Richfield Foundation.

**ELMA HECKLER**, Hatfield, was graduated from Juniata College, earned the Master of Music degree in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College and has taken additional credits at Eastman School of Music. She has studied privately with Elaine Brown of Philadelphia's Singing City and Gail Poch of Temple University, and has completed workshops with Robert Shaw, Robert Page, Dale Warland and Gregg Smith. Now in her tenth season of conducting the Choral Society, she was formerly Director of Music at Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, and Pleasantville Church, Chalfont.

**JOAN GURNIAK**, Jenkintown, serves as accompanist for the Choral Society. A graduate of Beaver College, she is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists and is organist-choirmaster of All Hallows Episcopal Church, Wyncote.

## ORCHESTRA

### **Violin I**

Belinda Whitney  
Eduardo Lopez  
Thomas Jackson  
Almasd Meshejian

### **Viola**

Judith Rosenberg  
Louise Jaffe

### **Bass**

Dennis Topper

### **Flute**

Ellen Finks  
Nancy Daniel Smith

### **Clarinet**

Kathleen Harrod  
Sherry Apgar

### **Horn**

Joan Dowlin  
Kathryn McGinnis

### **Tympani & Percussion**

Bruce Chaffin

### **Violin II**

Carolyn Mather  
Diane Kiesling  
Orest Artymiw

### **Cello**

Ronald Lipscomb  
Peter Kucirko

### **Harp**

Alison Simpson

### **Oboe**

Stephen Labiner  
William Timmins

### **Bassoon**

Philip Pandolfi  
John Clouser

### **Trumpet**

Brian Kuszyk  
Brian Doak

### **Trombone**

Todd Kuszyk  
Charles Hutchings

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