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**BUCKS COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY**

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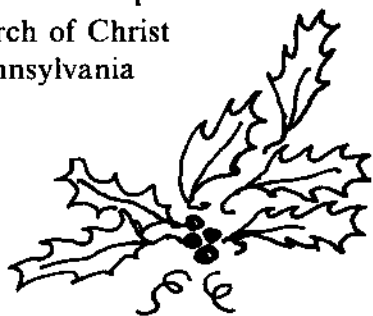
**The Festive Brass**

*A Festival of  
Christmas Music*

December 10 & 11, 1982 — 8 p.m.

Salem United Church of Christ

Doylestown, Pennsylvania



# A Festival of Christmas Music

Christmas Music for Organ

Joan Gurniak

## I

The Festive Brass

Two Pieces

Almand

Gaillard

Alleluia, Alleluia

Sonata from "Die Bankelsangerlieder"

William Brade, 1609

William Byrd, 1591

Anonymous, 1684

Processional Entry

Richard Strauss

Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light

J. S. Bach

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Jan Pieters Sweelinck

Today Christ is born: today the Savior has appeared:

Today Angels sing on earth and Archangels are rejoicing.

Today the righteous repeat with exultation:

Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Old German Tune

(Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming)

Chorale

Harmonized by M. Praetorius

The Choir

Choral Prelude

Setting by Johannes Brahms

The Festive Brass

Laudate Dominum

W. A. Mozart

from *Vesperae solemnes de confessore*, K. 339

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For his love is strong, his faithfulness eternal,

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

Jane Macomber, *soprano*

A Boy Was Born

Benjamin Britten

Torches

John Joubert

## II

Six Carols for Choir

Zither Carol

Czech

O Little One Sweet

German

Infant Holy

Polish

The Holly and the Ivy

English

Away in a Manger

Normandy

David Sadler, *tenor*

Ding Dong Merrily on High

French

### III

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

arr. Younger

Linda Gyra, Melinda McIntosh, *flute*; Ennis Grunden, *percussion*

The Gift Carol

arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Carol of the Bells

arr. Wilhousky

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

John Rutter

### IV

Carols for Audience and Choir

#### THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The First Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*  
Born is the King of Israel.
2. Verse — *Choir alone*  
*Refrain — Audience join choir*
3. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught  
And with his blood mankind hath bought!  
*Refrain*

#### SILENT NIGHT

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace!
2. *Choir alone*
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him Born the King of angels:  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!
2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest glory,  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

## V

The honoring of past directors of the Bucks County Choral Society\*

David Johns, *founder*: 1972-1973

John William Moore: 1974

Ruth Sauter: 1975-1977

Elma Heckler: 1978 to present

*\* Saturday performance only*

*Premier Performance of Tenth Anniversary Commissioned Piece*

Magnificat

Richard Averre

*Composer conducting*

Recessional

On this Day

arr. Gustav Holst

*You are invited to greet the musicians at a Holiday Reception in the social room of the church immediately following the concert. The stairs at the front and rear of the sanctuary may be used to reach the reception room.*

RICHARD AVERRE, Langhorne, is presently Associate Professor of Music at Bucks County Community College where he serves as Coordinator of Piano Instruction and teaches harmony and composition. Mr. Averre has earned degrees in music from Westminster Choir College and Trenton State College. He has continued his studies at Julliard, Manhattan School of Music, and Temple University. His composing credits include piano, choral, and handbell compositions and choral arrangements. His wife, Marcia, is a member of the alto section of the choir.

THE FESTIVE BRASS, founded by Nancy Dowlin, North Wales, is a group of five professional musicians whose members teach and perform with the Opera Company of Philadelphia, the Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia, the Philly Pops Orchestra, and the Curtis Institute Orchestra.

*Trumpets*

Nancy Dowlin  
Barbara Sauer

*Trombone*

Chris Woods

*French Horn*

Joan Dowlin

*Tuba*

Peter Krill



THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON CONTINUES...

Feb. 13, 1983, 3 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale

Mar. 26, 1983, 7:30 p.m.

Market Street Presbyterian Church  
Harrisburg — Robert Page, *conducting*

April 30, 1983, 8:00 p.m.

Central Bucks East High School

Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with David Scott, Sparta, NJ, as *Elijah*;

Kenneth Garner, *tenor*; Paula Brown, *soprano*; Mertine Johns, *mezzo*;

Musica Sacra Orchestra, Elma Heckler, *conducting*.

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