

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

The Bucks County Choral Society

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BUCKS COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY

Tenth Anniversary Season

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Saturday, Nov. 6, 1982 - 1:30 p.m.

Elma Heckler, Director

Joan Gurniak, Barbara Kaler, Accompanists

I.

Two Mennonite Hymns

arr. Alice Parker

The Golden ABC.

Arise and Come

These hymn texts are by Christopher Dock
(d.1777), an American Mennonite teacher who
conducted schools in Germantown and Skippack.

Thuringer Melody

Gott is die Liebe

Devotional Songs

Jean Berger

A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays

Speak to One Another of Psalms

Sung in English, these Pennsylvania Dutch
texts are from Pennsylvania Book Plates
by Henry S. Borneman, used by permission
of the Pennsylvania German Society, Lancaster.

II.

Liebeslieder Walzer, Op. 52

Johannes Brahms

When your eyes so fondly seek
On Danube's border
Like the evening sunset's rapture
No, I will not listen to them
See how bright the fountain gleams
Nightingale, you sing so sweet
Each tender leaf is trembling

III.

American Folk Songs

Shenandoah
Blow the Candles Out

arr. James Erb
arr. Gregg Smith

Old American Songs

Ching-a-Ring Chaw
At the River
Long Time Ago

Adapted by
Aaron Copland

From "The Tender Land"

Aaron Copland

Stomp Your Foot

THE BUCKS COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY, celebrating its Tenth Anniversary this season, was formed during the winter of 1972-73 with the purpose of developing an appreciation for serious choral music among its members and the general public. Its 60 members reside in both Bucks and Montgomery counties. Directed by Elma Heckler, Hatfield, and accompanied by Joan Gurniak, Jenkintown, the Society rehearses weekly in Doylestown and performs at least two major concerts each season. Additional concerts are performed at area retirement communities and churches. In addition to its annual Festival of Christmas Music, the choir has presented major works including Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzer and Alto Rhapsodie, Bruckner's Te Deum, Mozart's Coronation Mass, Durufle and Mozart Requiems, Polenc Gloria, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. Many other smaller works both sacred and secular are included in the choir's repertoire.

In conjunction with the Pennsylvania German Art Exhibition, the Bucks County Choral Society will be performing settings of Mennonite hymns by Alice Parker with texts by Christopher Dock, American folk song arrangements by Aaron Copland, settings of Pennsylvania Dutch texts by Jean Berger, and German folk songs.