

**Bucks County Choral Society - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season: 2022-2023**

Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director  
*A Community Voices Celebrates 50 Years*

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***Revelations***

with the Reading Choral Society, Graham Bier, Artistic Director

- Reena Esmail – *I Rise: Women in Song*
- Dominick Argento – *The Revelation of St. John the Divine*
  - o Timothy Bentsch, tenor
- Randall Thompson – Alleluia (combined choirs)

Friday, November 4 at 7:30 pm – Sts. Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church, Reading

Sunday, November 6 at 4:00pm – concert at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Doylestown

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**Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

featuring Richard Wargo's Christmas cantata *Voices in the Mist*

(commissioned by Elma Heckler and BCCS, 1988)

prelude by the Quadrants Handbell Quartet

Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 (bells at 7:00) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 (bells at 3:30) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown

Handbell prelude – Quadrants Handbell Quartet

Ukrainian Bell Carol - arr. Matthew Prins

Ave Maria - Franz Schubert, arr. Hyosang Park

The Parade of Wooden Soldiers - Leon Jessel arr. Quadrants

Clair de Lune - Claude Debussy arr. Kevin McChesney

Trepak, from *The Nutcracker* - Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky arr. Robert Lamb

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, from *The Nutcracker*, arr. Hyosang Park

Farandole, from *L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2* - Georges Bizet arr. Hyosang Park

O Come Emmanuel Processional, arr. T Lloyd

*Voices in the Mist* – Richard Wargo

1. Carol

2. Chorale

3. Pavane

4. March

5. Lullaby

Grace Herron, soloist

6. March

7. Nocturne

8. Finale

Cheryl Stitzinger and Debbie DiMicco, soloists

Intermission

Chamber Choir (Susan Johnson, conducting)  
The Alfred Burt Carols (Set 2)  
Jesu Parvule  
O Hearken Ye  
Some Children See Him  
The Star Carol

Full choir processional: O Come all ye faithful (Willcocks) (organ)  
Handel – Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah  
Harry Simeone - The Little Drummer Boy  
Ken Darby, arr. H Simeone - 'Twas the Night before Christmas  
Steve Mallon, Ruth Warneck, and George Caucci, soloists  
Sing along: The First Noël  
John Rutter - Nativity Carol  
Silent Night (arr. T. Lloyd)

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**Mendelssohn's– *Elijah***

Stephen Powell as Elijah  
Eva Martinez, soprano  
Suzanne DuPlantis, alto  
James Reese, tenor  
Symphony in C  
Bucks County Community College Concert Choir, Rochelle Reed, director  
Princeton Girl Choir, Lynnel Joy Jenkins, director

Sunday, March 26 at 4:00pm, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown

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***Life begins at 50 - Who are we now and where are we going?***

Sunday, June 4 at 4:00pm – St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

Thomas Lloyd and Susan Johnson, conductors  
Narration written by Christopher Whitney and read by Colin Jenei  
Timothy Harrell, accompanist

*Part I: What kind of music do we love to sing?*

Greetings: Hark I hear the harps eternal - arr. Alice Parker

Classical masterworks: Sanctus, from *Requiem* - Maurice Duruflé

American songbook: All the things you are – Jerome Kern, arr. Roy Ringwald

From the English Court to Broadway: Singing as a life-long activity  
Now is the Month of Maying - Thomas Morley, arr. Kirby Shaw  
The Village Voices of Pine Run, Susan Johnson, director

Love, I hear, from *A funny thing happened on the way to the Forum* – Stephen Sondheim  
Jackson Manning, 2023 Voices of the Future first prize winner

Opera: March of the Toreadors, from *Carmen* – Georges Bizet

Spirituals and Sacred Jazz:

Send out thy light, from *Of Journeys and Refuge* – Jay Fluellen (BCCS commission, 2011)

with guest pianist Jay Fluellen

Ain't got time to die – Hall Johnson Jane Kamp, soloist

*Intermission*

*Part II: What kind of community do we seek to build?*

*A Community of Voices:*

I have had singing – Steven Sametz

*Life, Death, and Cats* – text by Emily Fulmer; music by John Conahan (premiere)

1. A Watermelon Summer
  2. Those We Love Don't Go Away
  3. Calico Cats
  4. Eulogy for Julianne
- Debbie DiMicco, soloist

Connecting with communities of voices around the world:

Estonia: Rukkivihud rehe all (Estonia) - Peep Sarapik

Cuba: Tu sangre en la mia – text by Pablo Neruda, music by Shawn L. Kirchner

Connecting with our local music community:

Cordus Mundi: “Make Them Hear You” from *Ragtime* - Ahrens & Flaherty

Trusting our neighbors / building inclusive community: Into the light - Robert Maggio

Together into the future: Make our Garden Grow, from *Candide* – Leonard Bernstein combined choirs

**Bucks County Choral Society - BCCS 2021-2022 season**  
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**Bucks County's Own – Hammerstein & Sondheim**

- + scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:00pm  
Central Park Summer Concert Series, Doylestown
- + cancelled due to Hurricane Ida; video of dress rehearsal from August 31, 2021  
released at 7:00pm on September 1 on the BCCS YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IPvmT3Xjmk>

Hammerstein:

- It's a grand night for singing
- There's music in you Laney Humble, soloist\*\*
- Hello young lovers
- I'm just a girl who cain't say no, Ellie Kuhnle, soloist\*\*
- medley from *The Sound of Music* (Sue Johnson, conducting)

Sondheim:

- I remember sky
- Green Finch and Linnet Bird, Samantha Breiner, soloist\*\*
- Sondheim medley

\*\*Voices of the Future finalist

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***Let Organ and Voices Resound!***

**Vierne *Messe Solennelle Op.16* and English organ anthems**

featuring Tim Harrell, organ

Saturday, November 6 at 4:00, Doylestown Presbyterian Church

Sunday November 7 at 4:00, Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral

*Organ processional:* Frank Bridge – Processional, leading directly into:

C. H. H. Parry – I was glad

Gwyneth Walker – Dazzling as the Sun

Louis Vierne – Kyrie (*Messe Solennelle*)

Herbert Howells – Like as the hart

Vierne – Gloria (*Messe Solennelle*)

Jonathan Dove – Seek him that maketh the seven stars

*Organ recessional:* William Mathias – Processional

intermission

*Organ processional: Marcel Dupré – Cortège et Litanie*

Edgar Bainton – And I saw a new heaven  
Vierne – Sanctus/Benedictus (*Messe Solennelle*)

Henry Balfour Gardiner – Evening Hymn  
Vierne – Agnus Dei (*Messe Solennelle*)

David Hurd – Ubi Caritas/He is our peace

*Organ recessional: Charles Marie Widor – Finale from Symphony No. 2 in D Major,  
Opus 13*

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***Gloria! Back together again for Christmas!***

with Tim Harrell, organ, December 11 at 4:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran, Doylestown  
with the Fairmount Brass, December 12 at 4:00 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown

Welcome: Carol of the Bells – Mykola Leontovych, arr. Peter Wilhousky

Procession: O come, Emmanuel – arr. Thomas Lloyd

Carol with audience: Once in Royal David's City – H. J. Guantlett, arr. David Willcocks

*Exultent caeli et gaudeant angeli* - Claudio Monteverdi  
George Caucci, soloist

Carol with audience: The First Nowell

*Gloria* - John Rutter

Intermission

*Chamber Choir* - Susan Johnson, conductor

Fill the Sky - Nancy Gifford Humphreys

One as I remember - Eleanor Daley

Have you seen the baby Jesus - Rosephanye Powell

Grace Herron, soloist

Full choir processional: O Come all ye faithful (with audience), arr. Willcocks

Hallelujah – from *Messiah* – G. F. Handel

Unto us is born a son – *Piae Cantiones* (1582), arr. Willcocks

Infant holy, infant lowly – trad. Polish, arr. Willcocks

*Carol with audience: Hark the Herald Angels Sing w/ audience*

When the song of the angels is stilled - Karen Alexander (Howard Thurman)  
Andrea Maurer, flute soloist

Silent Night – Franz Gruber

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***A Time to Remember and Reimagine***

Saturday, March 26 at 2:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale  
Sunday, March 27 at 4:00pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doylestown  
with Symphony in C

Gabriel Fauré – *Requiem*  
Eva Martinez, soprano\*\*  
Jean-Bernard Cerin, baritone

Thomas Lloyd – *Appearances* (premiere)  
Maeve Högländ, soprano

\*\*Voices of the Future winner

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**Collaboration with Philadelphia Heritage Chorale (Donald Dumpson)**

Sunday, June 5 at 4:00pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doylestown  
Thomas Lloyd and Susan Johnson, conductors  
Timothy Harrell, piano

Bucks County Choral Society:  
When I can read my title clear (*Kentucky Harmony – “Pisgah”*) - arr. Tim Sharp  
Calon Lân (Welsh) - John Hughes  
Goralu (Polish) – arr. Jacek Sykulski  
Milo Morris and George Caucci, soloists  
Loch Lomond (Scottish) - arr. Jonathan Quick  
George Caucci, soloist  
Arirang (Korean) - arr. Hyowon Woo  
The road of passage (Irish) - Michael McGlynn  
Grace Herron, soloist

Arch Street Presbyterian Church Soloists:  
Dr. J. Donald Dumpson, Minister of the Arts  
Give Us This Day - Edwin Hawkins  
Daria DiCicco, soloist  
Lord I Want To Be A Christian - African American Spiritual,  
arr. J. Donald Dumpson, Crystal Charles, soloist

Combined choirs:

Make Some Noise, Get in Trouble (Good Trouble, Necessary Trouble) - Roland Carter  
In Memory of The Honorable John Lewis: *Chorus America* commission premiere

Intermission

Bucks County Choral Society:

Heilig (Germany) – Felix Mendelssohn  
Va Pensiero, from *Nabucco* (Italian) – Giuseppe Verdi  
The fiddler of Dooney (Irish) – arr. Daniel J. Hall  
Abi Gezint (Yiddish) – arr. Joshua Jacobson  
Elizabeth Chegezy, soloist  
Prayer for Ukraine (Ukrainian) – Oleksandr Knysky & Mykola Lysenko  
We shall walk through the valley – Marques Garrett  
Crystal Charles and Laney Humble\*\*, soloists

Philadelphia Heritage Chorale:

Dr. J. Donald Dumpson, Founder and Artistic Director

Jesus Love of My Soul / I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me  
arr. Pearl Williams Jones, J. Donald Dumpson  
music: Charles Wesley, J.S. Bach, Edwin Hawkins, composer  
Man Going 'Round Taking Names - African American Spiritual,  
arr. J. Donald Dumpson, Cyrile Trawick, soloist  
Motherless Child - African American Spiritual,  
arr. J. Donald Dumpson, Justin Guarini, soloist  
Take It To God In Prayer - Nolan Williams, Jr.  
I Can Go To God In Prayer – Calvin Bridges  
Dr. Tommy Davis, III soloist

Combined choirs:

God Bless America – Irving Berlin, arr. J. Donald Dumpson (conducting)  
Crystal Charles, soloist

\*\*Voices of the Future finalist

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*Bucks County Choral Society 2020-2021 Season*  
*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

(all live performances postponed due to worldwide Covid 19 pandemic)

*Christmas together in a time of separation*

A 50' video broadcast by WHY? PBS TV-12, Philadelphia during prime-time on December 23 and 24, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91xPJTxC7HU>

The Bucks County Choral Society (BCCS), Dr. Thomas Lloyd, director (recorded in Doylestown)  
The Philadelphia Heritage Chorale (PHC), Dr. Donald Dumpson, director (recorded in Philadelphia)  
*with* The Philadelphia Bronze Handbell Choir (PB), Hyosang Park, director (recorded in Doylestown)  
*and* the Pine Run Singers, Susan Johnson, director (recorded in Doylestown)

Processional:

O Come all ye faithful (both choirs, video-recorded separately and edited together)

PB: Go tell it on the mountain

PHC8: Let all mortal flesh keep silence - Crystal Charles, soloist

BCCS1: Gesu Bambino (in English) - Sierra Safran, soloist\*\*

BCCS8: Angels we have heard on high

PB: Angels we have heard

*[spoken clips]*

PHC8: Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child - Shavonne Edwards, soloist

PB: It came up the midnight clear

BCCS Pine Run mixed octet: O little town of Bethlehem

*[spoken clips]*

PB: Ding, Dong merrily

PHC1: Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas - Garrick Morgan, soloist

MIX8: Go tell it on the mountain

BCCS1: I wonder as I wander - Grant Nalty, soloist\*\*

*[spoken clips]*

PB: The virgin Mary

PHC1: Sweet Little Jesus Boy - Shafiq Hicks, soloist

PB: Rise Up 2'

MIX8: What Child Is This - Daria DiCicco

Closing:

Silent Night (both choirs, video-recorded separately and edited together)

\*\* BCCS Voices of the Future finalist



*Bucks County Choral Society – 2019-2020 Season*  
*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

**Brahms, *Ein Deutsches Requiem***

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown

Melissa Mino, soprano  
Keith Phares, baritone  
Bucks County Community College Concert Choir, Rochelle Reed, director  
Symphony in C

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**Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 4:00pm – St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown  
Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4:00pm – Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown  
Susan Johnson, Assistant Conductor  
Timothy Harrell, Organist

Philadelphia Bronze Handbell Ensemble  
Elaine Christy, harp

*Bell choir prelude*

*O come Emmanuel* processional, arr. TL

Peter Warlock – *Benedicamus Domino*

William Beckstrand – *Winter Solstice Carol*

Benjamin Britten - *Ceremony of Carols*

Elaine Christy, harp

*soloists*

12/14 - Beth Chegezy and Debbie DiMicco

12/15 - Ruth Warneck and Rebecca Hoare

12/14-15 - Cynthia Regan and Sue Roberts

*intermission*

SJ: *Chamber Choir:*

arr. David Willcocks – Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Morten Lauridsen - O Magnum Mysterium

Robert Wetzler - All poor men and humble

Ralph Vaughan Williams - Wassail!

Processional *Joy to the World* with bells (Handel/Mason all 4 verses)

Handel *Hallelujah Chorus*, with Tim Harrell, organ

Ola Gjielo - *A Spotless Rose*

SJ: Margaret Tucker - *A German Christmas*

- Still, Still, Still
- Ihr Kindlein, doch kommet
- Zu Bethlehem geboren ist
- Kling, Glöckchen, Klinge-linge-ling
- O, du fröhliche!

Silent Night – Franz Gruber

arr. for bells by Susan E. Greschke

arr. for choir by TL

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*POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC:*

**Fauré – *Requiem* and Lloyd – *Appearances*** (premiere)

Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 4:00pm – Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral

Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 4:00pm – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown

Jane Kamp, soprano

Daniel Schwartz, bass

2019 Voices of the Future Winner Eva Martinez, soprano (Pie Jesu)

Symphony in C

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***Bucks County's Own: Hammerstein and Sondheim***

Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Central Bucks West High School Auditorium, Doylestown

**Oscar Hammerstein:**

It's a grand night for singing (Richard Rodgers, from *State Fair*)

Ellie Kuhnle – Mr. Snow (Richard Rodgers, from *Carousel*)

Stouthearted Men (Sigmund Romberg, from *The Noon Moon*)

Hello Young Lovers (Richard Rodgers, from *The King and I*)

Sierra Saffron – All the things you are (from Jerome Kern, *Very Warm for May*)

*Sound of Music* Medley (Richard Rodgers)

- 1) The Sound of Music
- 2) My Favorite Things
- 3) The Lonely Goatherd
- 4) Do-re-mi

Edelweiss (Richard Rodgers, from *The Sound of Music*)

*Intermission*

**Stephen Sondheim:**

Anyone can whistle/See what it gets you, from *Anyone can whistle*

Chloe Thum – Green Finch and Linnet Bird, from *Sweeney Todd*

The ladies who lunch, from *Company*

I remember, from *Evening Primrose*

Grant Nalty – Everybody says don't, from *Anyone can whistle*

*Comedy Tonight Medley:*

1. Comedy Tonight: from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*
2. The Little Things You Do Together: from *Company*
3. Send in the Clowns: from *A Little Night Music*
4. Old Friends: from *Merrily We Roll Along*

It's a grand night for singing (reprise, with audience)

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**G. F. Handel – *Israel in Egypt***

**Sunday, October 30, 2018**

Tempesta di Mare, Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra  
soloists from the choir  
Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

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***The Joyful Sounds of Christmas – Carols with Brass***

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

Fairmount Brass Quintet  
Beth Manus, piano  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown, PA

Processional: “Gloria” from *Christmas Cantata*, Daniel Pinkham

People look East, arr. Thomas Lloyd

Scots Nativity, Alan Bullard

The Holly and the Ivy, arr. Reginald Jacques

*Christmas Joy*, arr. Stephen Chatman

*Intermission*

Caroling Quodlibet by Candlelight (4 strolling chamber choirs)

We wish you a merry Christmas  
Away in a manger  
We saw three ships come sailing in  
O little town of Bethlehem

Processional: O Come all ye faithful, arr. David Willcocks

Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah* – George Frederic Handel

God rest you merry gentlemen, arr. Mark Sirett

Glory to the Christ Child, Alan Bullard

Angels we have heard on high, arr. Kevin Hildebrand

Dormi Jesu, Mark Sirett

Franz Gruber, arr. Thomas Lloyd - Silent Night

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**César Franck – *The Beatitudes***

**Sunday, March 23, 2019**

English translation by Katherine M. Bradley (1899)  
[modern regional premiere]

with Symphony in C

Melissa Mino, soprano  
Missoon Ghim, mezzo soprano  
Dann Coakwell, tenor  
Randall Scarlatta, baritone  
Jason Switzer, bass-baritone

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**Duke Ellington – Sacred Concerts**

**Saturday, June 1, 2019 – Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019 – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA**

with the Jay Fluellen Jazz Septet  
Philadelphia Community Mass Choir, Jay Fluellen, director  
Intermezzo Ministry Choir, Carrie Lessene, director  
original Ellington soloist DeVonne Gardner, soprano  
Brittany Rumph, soprano  
Shafiq Hicks, baritone

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***Two Cultures – One Voice***

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

with Philadelphia Master Chorale,  
Changho Lee, Artistic Director  
Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

*Philadelphia Master Chorale:*

못잊어(Unforgettable) / Hyeyoung Cho  
꽃타령(Flower Ballad) / Cooljae Huh, soprano soloist Juyoung Lee  
사공의 그리움(Longing of a bargeman) / arr. Dongsoo Shin

*Bucks County Choral Society:*

René Clausen – Laudate (Ps 117)  
Jean Berger – Psalm 128  
Stephen Paulus – I have called you by name

*Philadelphia Master Chorale:*

아! 대한민국(Oh! Korea) / Hyowon Woo (4 mvts)

*Intermission*

*Bucks County Choral Society:*

Leo Sowerby – Eternal Light  
Alice Parker – Beauty and Blessing  
Sean Kirchner – Hallelujah

*Combined choirs sing Korean songs:*

참 좋으신 주님(A Truly Good Lord) / Keeyoung Kim  
Cum Sancto Spiritu / Hyowon Woo  
아리랑 (Arirang) / Hyowon Woo

*Combined choirs sing American songs:*

Moses Hogan - My Soul's been anchored  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr. Thomas Lloyd)  
Leonard Bernstein - Make our garden grow, from *Candide* (arr. Robert Page)

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***A Child's Christmas (Family Concert)***

An interactive, hour-long program of traditional carols  
at Doylestown Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

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***Ring in the Season – A Concert of Traditional Christmas Carols***

with the Philadelphia Bronze Handbell Ensemble  
Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Processional: Thomas Lloyd - O Come Emmanuel  
*A Festival of Carols* - arr. John Leavitt

Once In Royal David's City  
Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light  
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
O Little Town Of Bethlehem  
O How Joyfully  
Away In A Manger  
Ding Dong! Merrily On High!  
As With Gladness Men Of Old  
Coventry Carol  
Only Begotten, Word Of God Eternal

arr. Dan Forrest - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Intermission*

Two roving chamber choirs:

Carol of the Bells (Ukrainian, arr. Leontovych, arr. Wilhousky)  
Deck the Halls in 7/8 arr. McKelvy  
The Christmas Song, arr. Lojeski  
Joy to the world, arr. Zegree

Full choir processional: O holy night, arr. Paul Langford

Handel – *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*

Sing along carol with audience – The First Noël (trad. 18<sup>th</sup> C. English)

Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song), Chris Eaton/Amy Grant, arr. Lloyd Larson  
Sussex Carol, trad. English, arr. Krogstad  
One Small Child, David Meese, arr. Lloyd Larson  
Still, still, still, trad. Austrian, arr. Norman Luboff

Silent Night, with bell choir and audience

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**Hector Berlioz – *Requiem***

with Riverside Symphonia  
Dann Coakwell, tenor  
Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

**Sunday, March 18, 2018**

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**Bucks County Choral Society**

**Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3, 2018**

**¡Música Latina!** – Cuba Tour Concert

with the Rolando Morales-Matos Latin Band  
and the Justine Time-to-Dance dancers  
Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

all composers and arrangers on this program are American, Cuban, Cuban-American, or Puerto Rican

Choral Society

Dawson - Ev'ry time I feel the spirit  
Variaciones Sobre La Guajira Guantanamera – Joseito Fernandez, arr. Electo Silva

Rolando Morales-Matos and band

Beautiful Love.....Victor Young, arr. by Rolando Morales-Matos  
Satin Doll.....Duke Ellington, arr. by Rolando Morales-Matos

Choral Society

Nostalgias de Serenatas – Guido López-Gavilán  
Something's Coming/Tonight from *West Side Story* (Leonard Bernstein, arr. Edgerton)

My Caribe.....Rolando Morales-Matos

With Justine Time to Dance dancers

Choral Society

Dawson - Balm in Gilead  
Chan-Chan – Francisco Repilado (Compay Segundo), arr. Jorge A. Martinez  
Hairston - Keep your eyes on the prize

*Intermission*

Taylor Mitchell, mezzo soprano (Voices of the Future Auditions winner)

Xavier Montsalvatge - Canción de cuna para dormer a un negrito from *Cinco Canciones Negras*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams – Silent Noon

Choral Society

Sit down you're rockin' the boat, from *Guys and Dolls* (Frank Loesser, arr. Brymer)  
Oklahoma, from *Oklahoma* (Rodgers & Hammerstein)

Choral Society

R. Nathaniel Dett - Listen to the Lambs  
Hall Johnson - Ain't got time to die

Rolando Morales-Matos and band

Bilongo.....Fife Rodriguez, arr. by Rolando Morales-Matos  
Obsesión.....Pedro Flore, arr. by Rolando Morales-Matos

Choral Society

El Guayaboso – Guido López-Gavilán  
John Conahan – Wade in the Water  
Tu sangre en la mia (Shawn L. Kirchner/Pablo Neruda)

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## **2018 Cuba Cultural Exchange Tour**

Portions of the above program (including all repertoire by Cuban composers as recommended by our host choirs) were performed in the following concerts:

July 1 – Iglesia San Pedro, Matanzas – performance during Sunday morning mass, workshop with José Antonio Méndez, followed by full afternoon concert

July 2 - Sala de Conciertos Jose White, Matanzas – collaborative concert with the Matanzas Chamber Choir, José Antonio Méndez director

July 3 – Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes de Cuba, Havana – workshop and collaborative concert with Digna Guerra and the Entrevoques chamber choir (of Le Coro Nacional de Cuba)

July 5 – Iglesia De San Paula, Havana – collaborative concert with the Entrevoques chamber choir, Digna Guerra, director

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***Hope and Remembrance***

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

W. A. Mozart - *Requiem*

Steven Sametz - *A Child's Requiem* (In memoriam – Sandy Hook Elementary School)

with Riverside Symphonia

Princeton Girlchoir, Lynnel Joy Jenkins and John Wilson, directors

Clara Rottsolk, soprano

Emily Drummond, mezzo soprano

David Vanderval, tenor

Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

*Program order:*

Sametz – *A Child's Requiem*

Mozart - *Requiem*

1. Prologue

I. *Requiem*

II. *Dies Irae*

2. Introit: Voices

Interlude I

3. Heart's Love

III. *Tuba Mirum*

4. If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking

IV. *Rex Tremendae*

5. A Gift

V. *Recordare*

Interlude II

6. When You Were Gone

VI. *Confutatis*

VII. *Lacrymosa*

*Intermission*

7. Not In Our Time, O Lord

(Now I lay me down to sleep)

VIII. *Offertorio (Domine Jesu/Hostias)*

8. Child of Song

IX. *Sanctus/Hosanna/Benedictus*

9. Will There Really Be A "Morning"?

X. *Agnus Dei/Communio*

Interlude III

10. Epilogue: From My Window

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***Annual Festival of Christmas Music:***

***Mary Rejoices***

with Prometheus Chamber Orchestra  
Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

Processional: Thomas Lloyd - O Come Emmanuel

J. S. Bach – *Magnificat*

*Intermission*

*Chamber Choir:*

*Plainchant – Ave Maria*

Edvard Grieg – *Ave Maris Stella*

Robert Parsons – *Ave Maria*

Robert H. Young - *Herself a Rose Who Bore the Rose*

Tomás Luis de Victoria – *Ave Maria*

Full choir processional: O Come, All ye Faithful

Handel – *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*

Andrew Carter – *Mirabile Misterium*

Kirkpatrick, arr. Willcocks – *Away in a manger*

John Rutter – *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*

Eriks Ešenvalds – *The Heavens' Flock*

Franz Gruber, arr. Thomas Lloyd – *Silent Night*

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

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**Franz Josef Haydn - *The Creation***

with Riverside Symphonia

Jennifer Aylmer, soprano

Timothy Bentch, tenor

Randall Scarlatta, baritone

Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

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***A Soulful Celebration – Spirituals, Gospel, and Sacred Jazz***

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

with Ruth Naomi Floyd, vocalist and composer

DeVonne Gardner, soprano

Jay Fluellen, pianist and composer

Northeast Philadelphia High School Concert Choir, Jay Fluellen, director

The Jay Fluellen Septet

Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

*(All composers and arrangers on this program are American)*

Trudy Pitts – *Gospel Blues*

Ruth Naomi Floyd – *What is it that you ask of me?*

Jay Fluellen – *Sometimes I feel like a motherless child* (Premiere)

Ruth Naomi Floyd – *Surrounded*

Clayton White - *I want Jesus to walk with me* (Premiere)

Jay Fluellen – *Wade in the water*

Curtis Burrell – *No ways tired*

Glenn Burleigh – *Jesus is a rock in a weary land*

Trudy Pitts – *Praise Him!*

Ruth Naomi Floyd – *No Hiding Place*

Duke Ellington – *The Beauty (Majesty) of God from Sacred Concerts*

*Intermission*

Jay Fluellen – *O Send Out the Light* (2011 BCCS commission)

Glenn Burleigh – *Bless the Lord O My Soul*

Jay Fluellen – *Stand Still, Jordan*

Ruth Naomi Floyd – *One Day My Children's Children*

Ruth Naomi Floyd – *Mercy*

Josephine Poelinitz – *City called heaven*

Moses Hogan – *Like a mighty stream*

Charles Gabriel, arr. Rollo Dilworth - *I Sing because I'm Happy*

Albert Tindley, arr. Barbara Baker – *The Storm is Passing Over*

Duke Ellington – *Come Sunday*

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*Bucks County Choral Society - 2015-2016 Season*  
*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

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***Music from around the world***

**Sunday, October 25, 2015**

with the Keystone State Boychoir,  
Joseph Fitzmartin and Steven Fisher, directors  
and special guest artists, the Chilean instrumental ensemble *Páramo*  
Beth Manus, piano accompanist  
Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

*Processional: Dinpa sen ahonya (Ghana) – Henry Gyasi*

Spaseniye sodelal (Russia) - Pavel Chesnokov

Kyrie: The Spheres (from *Sunrise Mass*) – Ola Gjeilo (Norway)

Seui Diu Go Tau (Hong Kong) - Chan Kai-Young

Gloria: from *Misa Criolla* (Argentina) - Ariel Ramirez (with *Páramo*)

Adonai roi (Ps. 23/Ps. 2) from *Chichester Psalms* (USA/Israel)- Leonard Bernstein

Credo: Totus Tuus (Poland) - Henryk Górecki

intermission

*Keystone State Boychoir:*

Zikr (Islamic Chant) - arr. Ethan Sperry

Ute Sundance (Native American chant) - arr. Valerie Naranjo and Ethan Sperry

Cirandiero (Brazil) - arr. Brad Green

South African medley – arr. Steve Fisher

Choral Society:

Tse Go La (Nepal) - Andrea Clearfield

Sanctus: from *Missa Luba* (Congo) - Guido Haazen

Bebek (Turkey) - Muammer Sun

Kalinda (Haiti) – Sydney Guillaume

Agnus Dei: (Australia) - Stephen Leek

Combined choirs:

Stan' Still Jordan (USA/Ghana) - Thomas Lloyd

*Recessional: Dinpa sen ahonya (Ghana) – Henry Gyasi*

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***An American Christmas***

with Fairmount Brass Quintet

Pennsylvania Girlchoir, Vincent Metallo, director

Beth Manus, piano and organ

Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

**Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 8:00**

**and Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 4:00**

Processional: Thomas Lloyd - O Come Emmanuel

Donald St. Pierre - *In the Company of Angels*,

*Sing-along carol (a cappella) O Little Town of Bethlehem (Brooks; Redner tune)*

Gwyneth Walker - *Appalachian Carols* (with the Pennsylvania Girlchoir)

1. Wondrous Love
2. Cherry Tree Carol
3. Jesus, Jesus rest your head
4. Go tell it on the mountain

Intermission

Pennsylvania Girlchoir

O aula nobilis

Sweet was the song the Virgin sung

Hail the blest morn!

No time

How can I keep from singing?

William Mathias (with Fairmount Brass)

Anonymous 16 C. English, arr. Paul Carey

arr. William Walker

traditional meeting song, arr. Susan Brumfield

Robert Lowry, arr. Robert Hugh

BCCS processional: O Come all ye Faithful with brass, organ, and audience

Handel - *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*

- Richard Wargo – Chorale (from *Carols in the Mist*) w/horn
  - Ding Dong Merrily on High (w/brass arr. Cable/Leck)
  - André Thomas – Go where I send thee – Milo Morris, soloist
  - See upon the winter's snow – Willcocks (with organ, brass, and Girlchoir)
  - Franz Gruber, arr. Thomas Lloyd - Silent Night
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**Edward Elgar - *The Apostles***

**Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 4:00**

with the Riverside Symphonia, and soloists:

Sally Wolf, Mary, Mother of Jesus

Suzanne DuPlantis, Magdalene

Daniel Teadt, Jesus

Kevin Deas, Judas Iscariot

Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

[modern regional premiere]

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***A Celebration of Musical Theater***

**Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 4:00pm  
and Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 4:00pm**

featuring guest soloists Krissy Fraelich and Sean Thompson  
Life Sciences Auditorium of Delaware Valley University  
Doylestown, PA

*Carousel* medley (Rodgers and Hammerstein, arr. Ringwald)

*Jerome Kern – A Choral Portrait* (arr. Hayward)

“Out there” from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Alan Menken)

*Les Miserable* medley (Claude-Michel Schönberg, arr. Lojeski)

Intermission

*Wicked* medley (Stephen Schwartz, arr. Brymer)

*Miss Saigon* medley (Schönberg)

*Sunday in the Park with George* (Stephen Sondheim)

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***Bucks County Choral Society – 2014-2015 Season***  
***Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director***

**"My soul, there is a country" - Sacred Poetry in Song**

October 26, 2014 at 4:00 pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown PA

Suzanne DuPlantis, Mezzo Soprano  
Kevin Deas, Bass-Baritone  
Beth Manus, piano

**Program Order:**

Jackson Hill – Love is Life (1985)  
Hubert Parry – Songs of Farewell (1918) – 1. My Soul, there is a country  
Pavel Haas – Four Songs on Chinese Poetry (1944) – 1. I heard wild geese  
Hubert Parry – Songs of Farewell – 2. I know my Soul hath power  
Paul Bowles – Heavenly Grass  
Ralph Vaughan Williams – The New Ghost  
Samuel Barber – The Heavenly Banquet  
Hubert Parry – Songs of Farewell – 3. Never weather-beaten sail  
Pavel Haas – Four Songs on Chinese Poetry – 2. In the bamboo grove  
William Dawson – Steal Away  
Hubert Parry – Songs of Farewell – 4. There is an old belief

*Intermission*

Pavel Haas – Four Songs on Chinese Poetry – 3. Far away is the moon of home  
Hubert Parry – Songs of Farewell – 5. At the round earth's imagined corners  
Virgil Thomson – A Prayer to St. Catherine  
Samuel Barber – At St. Patrick's Purgatory  
William Bolcom – Waitin'  
Pavel Haas – Four Songs on Chinese Poetry – 4. Sleepless Night  
Hubert Parry – Songs of Farewell – 6. Lord, let me know mine end  
Randall Thompson – Alleluia

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**37th Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

December 13, 2014 at 8:00 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown PA  
December 14, 2013 at 4:00 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown PA

featuring the Tommy Shead Memorial Bell Choir  
of Doylestown Methodist Church, Diana Durbin, director  
with Elaine Christy, harp and Beth Manus, organ

Bell choir prelude

Choir processional:  
– O Come Emmanuel (Thomas Lloyd)



Choir, bell choir, and harp:  
– Alleluia! Rejoice the Lord Shall come! (Patrick Liebergen)

Carol-sing with audience:  
– Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (Felix Mendelssohn)

A Ceremony of Carols (Benjamin Britten)  
Elaine Christy, harp  
Kathy Fretz, Marie Tavianini, Cynthia Regan, Ruth Warneck, soloists

*Intermission*

Chamber choir: Burt Family Carols  
Some children see him (Alfred Burt)  
Prayer for Peace (Abbie Betinis)  
He might have come on clouds of heaven (Abbie Betinis)  
Chamber choir, full choir, and organ:  
– Gabriel's Message (Zachary Wadsworth)

Carol-sing with audience:  
– O Come all ye faithful (Wade/Dobrinski)

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah (G. F. Handel)

Full choir:  
– Heaven Sings (Nancy Gifford)  
Elaine Christy, harp

Love came down at Christmas (Edwin Fissinger)  
Come Join Their Song (Mark Shepperd) with bell choir and Kathryn Morehouse, French horn

Carol-sing with audience and bell choir:  
– Silent night (Grüber/Dobrinski)  
with Wendy Lucci, flute

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**Johann Sebastian Bach – Mass in B Minor**

March 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown PA

Kelly Ann Bixby, soprano  
Robin Bier, alto  
Eric Rieger, tenor  
Brian Ming-Chu, baritone

The Riverside Symphonia

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## **A Night at the Opera**

May 30, 2015 at 8:00 PM - Delaware Valley University Life Sciences Auditorium, Doylestown PA

May 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM - Delaware Valley University Life Sciences Auditorium, Doylestown PA

in collaboration with:

with the Academy of Vocal Arts, featuring AVA soloists Vanessa Vasquez, soprano, Kristina Lewis, mezzo soprano, Dominick Chenes, tenor, Michael Adams, baritone.

### **Program Order:**

Verdi – Triumphal Scene from *Aida* (Gloria all'Egitto/Vieni, o guerriero)

Donizetti – Bella siccome un angelo from *Don Pasquale* (Adams)

Mozart – Porgi amor from *Le Nozze di Figaro* (Vasquez)

Rossini – Ai capricci della sorte from *L'Italiana in Algeri* (Lewis, Adams)

Puccini – Nessun Dorma from *Turandot* (Chenes, chorus)

Mascagni – Easter Hymn from *Cavalleria Rusticana* (chorus, w/Vasquez)

### *Intermission*

Bizet – Habanera from *Carmen* (Lewis, chorus)

Massenet – St. Sulpice scene from *Manon* (Vasquez, Chenes, chorus)

Borodin – Polovtsian Dances from *Prince Igor*

Copland – The Promise of Giving from *Tender Land*

Verdi - Va Pensiero from *Nabucco*

***Bucks County Choral Society – 2013 – 2014 Season***  
***Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director***

**Songs of Faith, Courage, and Consolation -  
A History of the African-American Spiritual**

October 27, 2013 at 4:00 pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown PA

vocal soloists: Lourin Plant, Kristina Lewis, and Milo Morris  
the Hopkins Sisters of the Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, Esther Dinkins, director  
the Welch Singers, from Maureen M. Welch Elementary School, Churchville, Susan Johnson, director

**Part I: History**

*Before the Civil War (the "Ante-bellum" period):*

Processional "Ring Shout": Kumbayah (with audience participation)  
as arranged by Sweet Honey in the Rock from Gullah sources  
(Lourin Plant, soloist and leader)

*Crossing the divide:*

Thomas Lloyd - Camp Meeting  
(Ruth Hook and Kristina Lewis, soloists)

*Underground railroad:*

Rollo Dilworth – Hush! Somebody's calling my name  
(children's choir)

*After the Civil War and Emancipation:*

Steal Away - as sung by the first Fisk Jubilee Singers ensemble of 9 singers

*Vocal quartet period:*

O Mary don't you weep don't you mourn  
as sung by the Fisk Jubilee Singers Quartet

*The early gospel style (1930's)*

Storms Passing Over - Charles Tindley  
performed by the Hopkins Sisters

*The solo spiritual of the 1920's and 1930's:*

"Two Wings" by Roland Hayes, performed by Lourin Plant  
"Sometimes I feel like a motherless child" by Harry T. Burleigh, performed by Kristina Lewis  
"Cert'ny Lord" by Hall Johnson, performed by Lourin Plant and Kristina Lewis

*Concert spirituals for large choirs (1930's):*

Hall Johnson - Ain't got time to die (Kristina Lewis, soloist)  
William Dawson – Ezekiel saw de wheel

*Adaptations from outside the United States:*

Deep River, the closing movement from Michael Tippett's *A Child of our Time* (1944)  
Marie Taviani, Kristina Lewis, Lourin Plant, and Milo Morris, solo quartet

*Songs of justice return in the Civil Rights Movement (1960's):*

Jester Hairston - Hold On! (with civil rights lyrics "Keep your eyes on the prize")

*Intermission*

## **Part II: The full range of emotion**

*Processional* (with audience participation):

Hall Johnson - Walk together chillun (Lourin Plant, soloist)

*Sorrow:*

Harry T. Burleigh - Nobody knows de trouble I seen (Milo Morris, soloist)

Hall Johnson - I've been 'buked

*Trust in God's justice and deliverance:*

Undine Smith Moore - Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord (Plant, Morris)

Moses Hogan - Wade in the Water (children's choir)

Eugene Thamon Simpson - Sinnuh, Please don't let dis harves' pass  
(Kristina Lewis, soloist)

Clayton White - Lord, I ain't no stranger now

*Joy and Consolation:*

William Dawson - In his Care-O

William Dawson - Balm in Gilead (Lourin Plant)

Cristi Cary Miller - Let me fly! (children's choir, with Michael Rabayda, piano)

Moses Hogan - This Little Light of Mine (Kristina Lewis)

*Courage:*

William Dawson - Soon-ah will be done

Moses Hogan - Elijah Rock

*Closing selection (with audience participation):*

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arranged by Thomas Lloyd)

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## **36th Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

December 14, 2013 at 8:00 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown

[Cancelled due to snow storm]

December 15, 2013 at 4:00 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown

Bel Canto Children's Chorus, Joy Hirokawa, Director

Fairmount Brass Quintet

Timothy Urban, hurdy-gurdy

Beth Manus, organ

Brass Prelude

Carol of the Bells - Leontovich/Wilhousky (from back of the sanctuary)

Processional carol with audience and brass: Deck the Hall (Welsh traditional)

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord (Magnificat) – Richard Yardumian from *Six Christmas Chorales*

The Night he was born - Bob Chilcott (with brass)

Coventry Carol - Kenneth Leighton (Kristen Kozub, soprano)

Sing-along carol with organ and brass

Away in a manger – Kirkpatrick

*As Well for the Poore as the Peere!* – Thomas Lloyd (premiere)

for full choir, children's choir, brass, and hurdy-gurdy

*Intermission*

Bel Canto Children's Choir, Joy Hirokawa, director  
Cuncti simus – Ricardo Soto  
I sing of a Maiden - Eleanor Daley  
The Gentyle Stork - Michael Sitton  
Up Above My Head, arr. Andrea Ramsey

Full choir:

Processional: O Come all ye Faithful, arr. Willcocks, with brass, organ, and audience

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah - Handel with organ and 2 trumpets

Rutter - Nativity Carol

I saw three ships - arr. McNeff (with brass)

The Little Drummer Boy - Simeone

See amid the winter's snow - Willcocks (with organ, brass, and children's choir)

Silent Night (with brass, children's choir, and audience)

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### **Vaughan Williams – *Symphony No. 1 - A Sea Symphony***

March 30, 2014 at 4:00 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown

The Riverside Symphonia

Kelly Ann Bixby, soprano and Jarrett Ott, baritone

*opening the program: Vaughan Williams - Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*

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### **A Celebration of American Musical Theater, Past and Future!**

June 1, 2014 at 4:00 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown PA

soloists Jennie Eisenhower and Ben Dibble, soloists

7-piece band led by pianist/arranger Dan Matarazzo

Cole Porter

"Another Opening, Another Show" from Kiss Me, Kate

Rodgers and Hammerstein from South Pacific

"I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair" (Jennie Eisenhower)

"There is nothing like a dame" (Ben Dibble)

Lerner and Lowe

"Almost like being in love" from Brigadoon (arr. Huff)

Gershwin

"Nice work if you can get it" from Crazy for You (arr. Althouse)

Robert Maggio

"Baby-proof" from Candy Hearts (Amy Buchwald, lyricist)(duet - Dibble and Eisenhower)

"The Rose Bush" from Touchstones (Michael Hollinger, lyricist) (solo - Eisenhower)

Bock and Harneck

"Sunrise, Sunset/Sabbath Prayer" from Fiddler on the Roof (arr. Brymer)

Hollmann and Kotis

"Run Freedom, Run" from Urinetown (Dibble)

*Intermission*

Rodgers and Hammerstein

"Oklahoma!" from Oklahoma! (arr. Stickles)

Jerome Kern

"All the things you are" from Very Warm for May (arr. Ringwald)

Jeremy Lloyd (music and lyrics)

"A man like that" from I guess, I wish (Dibble)

"Sing to me" from Love, Rose (Dibble and Eisenhower)

Frank Loesser

"Sit down you're rockin' the boat" from Guys and Dolls (Dibble)

Stephen Sondheim

"Our Time" from Merrily we roll along (arr. Page)

Jason Robert Brown

"Stars and the Moon" from Songs for a New World (Eisenhower)

Leonard Bernstein

"Something's Coming / Tonight" (arr. Lojeski) (Dibble and Eisenhower)

Encore: Stephen Sondheim

"Sunday" from Sunday in the Park with George (arr. Huff)

*Bucks County Choral Society – 2012-2013 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season*  
*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

**All Night Vigil Op. 37- Sergei Rachmaninoff**

Sunday, October 28 at 4:00, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown

*Introduction: "What to listen for in the All-Night Vigil"*  
with demonstration examples sung by the full choir

*pause*

1. Come, Let Us Worship
2. Bless the Lord, O My Soul  
*Ruth Hook, alto*
3. Blessed is the Man
4. Gladsome Light  
*Jordan Rock, baritone*
5. Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant  
*George Caucci, tenor*
6. Rejoice, O Virgin
7. Glory to God in the Highest
8. Praise the Name of the Lord
9. Blessed art Thou, O Lord  
*Jordan Rock, baritone*
10. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ
11. My Soul Magnifies the Lord
12. The Great Doxology
13. Today Salvation Has Come
14. Thou Didst Rise from the Tomb
15. Kontakion to the Mother of God

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**BCCS 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music – 2012**

Saturday, December 15 - 8:00 concert in OLG (warm-up call at 6:45)

Sunday, December 16 - 4:00 concert in OLG (warm-up call at 2:45)

*with the Fairmount Brass Ensemble, Steven Heitzer, director*

*Processional: Pinkham –Gloria (Mvt. III of Christmas Cantata)*

Giovanni Gabrieli Magnificat @12 1597

Sing-along carol with organ: Away in the manger (Kirkpatrick)

Giovanni Gabrieli - O Magnum Mysterium @8

Sing-along carol with organ: The first Noël

Rutter – *Gloria*

*Intermission*

Chamber choir:

- Armstrong Gibbs – While the Shepherds were watching
- Gabriel Jackson – The Magi (w/ organ)
- Paul Mealor – A Spotless Rose

Sing-along processional – O Come all ye Faithful (with brass and organ)

Handel - Hallelujah Chorus

Canadian brass arrangements:

Vaughan Williams – The Blessed Son of God from *Hodie*

Ding, Dong Merrily on High

Sweet Songs of Christmas

Willcocks, arr. See amid the winter's snow

*with the childrens' choirs of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Nancy Giffords-Humphries, director  
and Trinity Episcopal, Solebury, Tim Harrell, director*

Silent Night

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***Messa da Requiem – Giuseppe Verdi***

Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 4:00pm

Riverside Symphonia

Barbara Shirvis, soprano

Suzanne DuPlantis, mezzo soprano

William Davenport, tenor

Stephen Powell, baritone

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**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**

***Thrilling Fugues and Lyrical Canons -***

***Celebrating soaring music of the past, present and future***

**Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.**

*Prelude: In Stiller Nacht*

Johannes Brahms

*the opening work of Elma Heckler's first BCCS concert – February 28, 1978  
performed by a 40-voice chamber choir of BCCS alumni  
and current singers with more than 15 years in the choir*

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"Lord, Our Creator, How Excellent Thy Name Is" from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

"Kyrie" from *Requiem*

Maurice Duruflé

"Dona Nobis Pacem" from *Mass in B Minor*

J. S. Bach

"Offertory" from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

Jordan Rock, baritone

"Worthy is the Lamb/Amen" from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

the choir joined by BCCS alumni singers

*Intermission*



“Small Hands Relinquish All” from <i>Rachel and her Children</i> (2003)	Robert Maggio
<i>Eternity’s Disclosure</i> (Emily Dickinson) <i>first performance</i> Jane Kamp, soprano	Thomas Lloyd
"Show me your Ways" from <i>Of Journeys and Refuge</i> (2011) DeVonne Gardner, soprano and Jay Fluellen, piano	Jay Fluellen
“Ain’t but the one” from <i>Sacred Concerts</i> DeVonne Gardner, soprano and Jay Fluellen, piano	Duke Ellington
<i>In bright mansions</i>	Roland Carter
<i>What a Wonderful World</i>	Weiss and Thiele, arr. Brymer Singing for Seniors Festival Choir
<i>America the Beautiful</i>	K. L. Bates and S. A. Ward combined choirs, with audience joining in on the final verse: <i>O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears. America, America.....</i>

**Bucks County Choral Society – 2011-2012 Season**  
**Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director**

**A Program of Sacred Jazz for Chorus**

Saturday, October 22 at 8:00 – Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale

Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 – Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral

*Down the Road (Langston Hughes)*

Ricky Ian Gordon

1. Heaven
2. Prayer
3. Bound No'th Blues (*Daniel Peterson, sax*)
4. Litany

*Leslie Johnson, soprano, Beth Manus, piano*  
*first performed by BCCS on June 4, 2011*

*Of Journeys and Refuge (first performance)*

Jay Fluellen

1. The Light of God
2. By the Waters of Babylon
3. Hear My Cry, O God
4. O Send Out Thy Light
5. Show Me Your Ways
6. God is Our Refuge

*DeVonne Gardner, soprano, Lourin Plant, baritone*  
*Daniel Peterson – alto sax, Madison Rast - bass*  
*Juan "Cuco" Castellanos – percussion, Vincent Rutland - drums*  
*Jay Fluellen – piano*

~ Intermission ~

*Praise – A Sacred Jazz “Te Deum” (first performance)*

Carl MaultsBy

1. Te Deum Laudamus
2. Deep Inside the Music
3. Aléluya, Ashé, Amen!

*DeVonne Gardner, soprano, Lourin Plant, baritone*  
*Daniel Peterson – alto sax, Madison Rast - bass*  
*Juan "Cuco" Castellanos – percussion, Vincent Rutland - drums*  
*Jay Fluellen – piano*

*Spiritual Voices*

The Harvest

Rollo Dilworth

*Lourin Plant, baritone*  
*Madison Rast – bass, Juan "Cuco" Castellanos – percussion, Vincent Rutland - drums*

Ev'ry time I feel de spirit

Hall Johnson

*Lourin Plant, baritone*

If Anybody Ask You

Clayton White

*DeVonne Gardner, soprano*

He's So Wonderful

James H. East

*DeVonne Gardner, soprano, Bruce Frazier, trumpet*

Since I Laid My Burdens Down

Rollo Dilworth

*Jay Fluellen, piano*

Come Sunday (encore)

Duke Ellington

***Annual Festival of Christmas Music***

*Saturday, December 10 at 8:00, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown*

*Sunday, December 11 at 4:00, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown*

*Tommie Shead Memorial Bell Choir*

*of Doylestown United Methodist Church, Diana Durbin, director*

*Bell Choir Prelude*

*Procession: O Come Emmanuel*

arranged by Thomas Lloyd

*The Star of Bethlehem*

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

*Beth Manus, piano*

- I. Expectation
- II. The Shepherds  
*Lindsay van Osten, soprano*
- III. The Appearance of the Angel  
*Jenna Avery-Lawyer, mezzo soprano*
- IV. Bethlehem  
*Milo Morris, bass-baritone*
- V. The Shepherds at the Manger
- VI. The Star
- VII. The Adoration of the Wise-Men
- VIII. Mary  
*Ruth Hook Warneck, mezzo-soprano*
- IX. Fulfillment

*Intermission*

The Christ-child (from *Weihnachtslieder*, Op. 8)

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

*Stephen Luebke, baritone*

A Christmas Carol

Norman Dello Joio (1913-2008)

*Cheryl Stitzinger, soprano and Steve Rowe, baritone*

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

*George Caucci, tenor*

Ave Maria (from *Mignon Lieder*)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*Marissa McIlhinney, soprano*

*Beth Manus, piano*

*Procession with audience sing-along: Joy to the World*

Handel, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

“Hallelujah Chorus” (from *Messiah*)

Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Nowell

arranged by John A. Behnke

Still, Still, Still

arranged by Norman Luboff

The Holly and the Ivy

arranged by John A. Behnke

Silent Night (with audience)

Franz Grüber, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*Tommy Shead Memorial Bell Choir of Doylestown Methodist Church*

*Diana Durbin, director*

*Beth Manus, piano*

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***A Transcendent Symphony of Voices***

Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 7:30, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown  
with the Riverside Symphonia

Tarik O'Regan – *Triptych* (2005)  
Bruckner – *Mass No. 1 in D*

*Program order:*

Bruckner - Kyrie, Gloria\

O'Regan – 1. Threnody

Bruckner - Credo

*intermission*

O'Regan – 2. As we remember them

Bruckner – Sanctus, Benedictus

O'Regan – 3. From Heaven Distilled a Clemency

Bruckner – Agnus Dei

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***Cathedral Classics at the Princeton Festival***

Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Princeton University Chapel, Princeton, NJ

featuring the combined choirs of the Bucks County Choral Society and Voices Chorale

Lyn Ransom and Thomas Lloyd, conductors

John Andrew Bailey, organist

*organ prelude* (starting at 7:10):

Arthur Foote (1853-1937) - *Cantilena in G*, Op. 71, No. 1

Fela Sowande (1905-1987) - *Joshua fit de battle ob Jericho*

*Prayer (Oba a ba ke)*

*Go Down, Moses*

*main program* (starting at 7:30 pm):

G. F. Handel (1685-1759) – *Coronation Anthem No. III: Let thy hand be strengthened*

*organ solo interlude:*

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703) *Veni Creator– Premiere verset en taille a 5*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) – *Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks* (1941)

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)– *Bogoroditse Devo* (from *All-Night Vigil* (1915))

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946) – *Sing ye to the Lord*

*organ solo interlude:*

François Couperin (1668-1733) - *Élévation*

(*Tierce Taille* from *Messe propre pour les convents de religieux et religieuses*)

Samuel Barber (1910-1981) – *Agnus Dei*  
(*Adagio for Strings* (1936) arranged for chorus and organ)

*organ solo interlude:*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749) - *Flutes* from *Suite du deuxième ton*

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963) – *Gloria* (1961)  
*Jane Kamp* – *soprano soloist*

*Bucks County Choral Society – 2010-2011 Season*  
*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

*A Night at the Opera*

Beth Manus, piano

October 23, 2010 at 8:00 p.m., Lenape Middle School, Doylestown, PA

Verdi – “Brindisi” from *La Traviata*

Cristina Nassif, soprano and John Viscardi, tenor

Purcell – “When I am laid in earth” from *Dido and Aeneas*

Olivia Vote, mezzo soprano

Beethoven – “Prisoner’s Chorus” from *Fidelio*

Steven Rowe, tenor, David Fryling, bass

Mozart – “Là ci darem la mano” from *Don Giovanni*

Olivia Vote, mezzo soprano, Scott Conner, bass

Tchaikovsky – “Chorus of the Peasant Girls” from *Eugene Onegin*

Thomas – “Le Tambour Major” from *Le Caïd*

Scott Conner, bass

Argento – “Gloria” from *The Masque of Angels*

*Intermission*

Bizet – “March of the Toreadors” from *Carmen*

Lalo – “Vainement ma bien Aimee” from *Le roi d'Ys*

John Viscardi, tenor

Wagner – “Bridal Chorus” from *Lohengrin*

Verdi – “Anvil Chorus” from *Il Trovatore*

Rossini – “Bel raggio lusinghier” from *Semiramide*

Cristina Nassif, soprano

Verdi – Finale: “Tutto nel Mondo è burla” from *Falstaff*  
choir and soloists

*encore:* Verdi – “Va, Pensiero” from *Nabucco*

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**A Messiah Christmas** (Dec 10, 11, 12, 2010 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Doylestown)

*Prelude: Carols with Autoharp*, featuring John Hook, autoharp

Amy Stemelski and Amy Falk - O Little Town of Bethlehem

Amy Moskovitz - Here we come a wassailing

Steve Rowe - The Virgin Mary had a-one Son

Cynthia Regan - What Child is This?

Ruth Hook - Cherry Tree Carol

Lloyd, arr. *O Come Emmanuel Processional*

Georg Frederic Handel - *Messiah – Part I*

with:

Ruotao Mao, violin  
David Tsai, violin  
Clifford Young, viola  
Elizabeth Loughran, cello  
Nancy Merriam, bass  
Beth Manus, organ

Handel *Messiah Part I*

Comfort ye/Every Valley - Steve Rowe  
Thus Saith the Lord - Steve Mallon  
But who may abide - Ruth Hook  
Behold, a virgin shall conceive/O thou that tellest - Ruth Debardeleben  
For behold, darkness - Stephen Luebke  
The people that walked in darkness - David Fryling  
Angel recitatives - Lindsay van Osten  
Rejoice greatly - Debbie DiMicco  
Then shall the eyes of the blind/He shall feed his flock - Emily van Wikle  
He shall feed his flock - Kim Hess

Intermission

Chamber Choir - C. Hubert H. Parry:

Welcome, Yule!  
I sing the birth  
When Christ was born of Mary free

*Processional Carol with audience: Handel - Joy to the World*

Handel - *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*

William Walton – What Cheer?  
John Rutter – Dormi, Jesu/Sleep, sweet baby! (Beth Manus, organ)  
Elizabeth Poston– Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

*Recessional: Silent Night*

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**J.S. Bach - *St. Matthew Passion***

**April 3, 2011 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown**

Robert Petillo, Evangelist  
Dashon Burton, Jesus  
Laura Heimes, soprano  
Suzanne DuPlantis, mezzo soprano  
Joseph Mikolaj, tenor  
Kevin Deas, bass

Riverside Symphonia  
Ruotao Mao, violin  
Donna Fournier, viola da gamba

soloists from the Choral Society:  
Judas - Steve Rowe  
Peter - Steve Mallon  
False Witnesses - Emily Wikle, Jim Peters  
Caiphas - Adam Dierking  
Maids - Debbie DiMicco, Ruth Hook Warneck  
High Priests - Allen Regan, Steve Rock  
Pilate - David Fryling  
Pilate's Wife - Lindsay van Osten

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***American Masters Past and Present –  
Copland, Bernstein, Sondheim / Gordon, Guettel, and Brown***

*Beth Manus, piano accompanist*

*Leslie Johnson, soprano*

Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. New Hope/Solebury High School

Leonard Bernstein – *Hashkiveinu* (1946)

Aaron Copland - *In the Beginning* (1947)

Ricky Ian Gordon - *Down The Road* - Four Settings of Langston Hughes (2010)

Heaven

Prayer

Bound No'th Blues

Litany

*commissioned by the Karen and Michael Noland Commission Fund*

*Intermission*

Jason Robert Brown – *Parade* (1998)

*(with ensemble soloists Dennis Walsh, Kim Keller, Chaunce Monta, Kathy*

*Herpich,*

*Laura Steere, Stacy Piecyk, Bianca Lindblad, Amy Stemelski, Gerry Hurst,  
Adam Dierking, Steve Rowe, and Ruth DeBardleben)*

Funeral scene

*Jeremy Lloyd, tenor*

“You don't know this man”

*Leslie Johnson, soprano*

Where will you stand when the flood comes?

Adam Guettel – *The Light in the Piazza* (2003)

Statues and Stories

*Leslie Johnson and Devin Lloyd, sopranos*

The Light in the Piazza

Stephen Sondheim

“The Ballad of Sweeney Todd” from *Sweeney Todd* (1979)

“Take me to the World” from *Evening Primrose* (1966)

*Leslie Johnson, soprano*

“Sunday” – Finale from *Sunday in the Park with George* (1984)

Bernstein – from *Candide* (1956)

Life is Happiness Indeed

This World (Candide's Lament)

The Best of All Possible Worlds



**Bucks County Choral Society**  
**37<sup>th</sup> Season - 2009-2010**  
*Singing our Stories - Building Bridges through Artistic Collaboration*

***Rodion Shchedrin – The Sealed Angel (Philadelphia premier)***  
***Collaboration with Dance***

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale: Sunday, November 1 at 4:00

with

Opus 1 Dance Company, Tim Early director and choreographer

<http://www.opus1dance.com/>

<http://www.opus1dance.com/directors.htm>

Mimi Stillman, flute <http://www.mimistillman.org/>

Alex Bessen, treble soloist from the Keystone Boys Choir

<http://www.paboychoir.org/>

concert will begin with a 20-minute informal introduction to the work  
with choreographer Tim Early, conductor Thomas Lloyd,  
and the choir

see: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rodion\\_Shchedrin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rodion_Shchedrin)

and attached jpg's of description and text translation

***A Child's Christmas in Wales***

***Collaboration with the Visual Arts***

Matthew Harris – *A Child's Christmas in Wales*

see: [http://www.gcast.com/user/jabez/podcast/Childs\\_Christmas](http://www.gcast.com/user/jabez/podcast/Childs_Christmas)

with original illustrations by local artists,

closing with a variety of shorter English carol arrangements

and the Hallelujah Chorus

Friday, December 11 at 8:00: Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale

(with North Penn Brass Ensemble)

Saturday, December 12 at 8:00: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

Sunday, December 13 at 4:00: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

***Brahms - Ein Deutsches Requiem***

***Collaboration with Orchestra***

Schütz – *Selig sind die Toten*

Brahms – *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, with Kevin Deas, bass-baritone

see <http://www.dispeker.com/page/deas.html>

Saturday, April 10 at 8:00 – New Hope / Solebury High School (tentative)

Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 – Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale

***Singing our History - Seeking anew to cross our racial divisions***

***Collaboration with Our Fellow Singers***

combined concerts with Bright Hope Celestial Choir, J. Donald Dumpson director

Saturday, June 5 at 7:30 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown

Sunday, June 6 at 3:00 – Bright Hope Baptist Church, Philadelphia

*In these concerts we will seek to know each other better*

*through sharing the rich musical traditions that grew up in America*  
*from both European and African origins*

see: [http://www.rider.edu/864\\_5754.htm](http://www.rider.edu/864_5754.htm)

**Bucks County Choral Society - 2008-2009 Season**  
*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

**Fall Concert**

October 19, 2008 - Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale

with:

Timothy Harrell, organ

featuring:

pre-concert instrumental prelude

Heinrich Schutz - *Musikalische Exequien*, (Funeral Music) SWV 279-281

Benjamin Britten - *Jubilate Deo*

Benjamin Britten - *Rejoice in the Lamb*

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**31st Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

December 12, 2008 - Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale

December 13 & 14 2008 - St. Paul's Lutheran, Doylestown

with:

Tommy Shead Memorial Bell Choir of Doylestown United Methodist Church, Diana Durbin, director

Elizabeth Manus, piano

featuring:

pre-concert instrumental prelude

arr. T. Lloyd - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* - processional

traditional Ukrainian, arr. Arnold B. Sherman - *Carol of the Bells*

French, arr. Kevin McChesney - *Sing we now of Christmas*

Roy Ringwald - *The Song of Christmas*

Mel Torme and Robert Wells, arr. Ed Lojeski - *The Christmas Song*

traditional Welsh carol, arr. James McKelvy - *Deck the Halls*

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane, arr. Ken Neufeld - *Have yourself a merry little Christmas*

Henry Thomas Smart, arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden - *Angels from the Realms of*

*Glory*

George Frideric Handel - "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*

traditional English, arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon - *On Christmas Night*

Natalie Sleeth - *Calypso Christmas*

Ken Darby, arr. Harry Simeone - *'Twas the night before Christmas*

arr. Franz Gruber, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski - *Silent Night*

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## Annual Choral/Orchestral Concert

March 22, 2009 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown

with:

Randi Marazzo, soprano  
Leslie Johnson, mezzo soprano  
Frank Hampton, tenor  
Evan Hughes, bass  
Riverside Symphonia, Mairusz Smolij, director

featuring:

John Corigliano - *Fern Hill*  
Chris DeBlasio - *The Best Beloved*  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - *Requiem*

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## Sounds of Brazil Tour Program

June 12, 2009 - Philadelphia, PA

June 13, 2009 - Lenape Middle School, Doylestown

with:

Singing City, Jeffery Brillhart, Director  
Elizabeth Manus, piano

featuring:

arr. Alice Parker - *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*  
Carlos Alberto Pinto da Fonseca - *Muie Rendera*  
Emma Lou Diemer - *She'll be Coming Round the Mountain*  
Jennifer Higdon - *Amazing Grace*  
Heitor Villa-Lobos - *Ave Maria*  
Craig Curry, arr. Jonathas Matias - *Efesios em Samba*  
Jerome Kern, arr. Roy Ringwald - *All the Things You Are*  
George Gershwin, arr. Robert Page - *I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise* Tom  
*Jobim/Newton Mendonca, arr. Eduardo D. Carvalho - Desifinado*  
*Antonio Carlos Jobin, arr. Lilian van Tiel - Meditacao*  
*Wendell Whalum - Sweet Home*  
*Keith Hampton - True Light*  
*Moses Hogan - This Little Light of Mine*  
*Thomas Lloyd - Stan' Still Jordan / Egbe Nukpowo*  
*Moses Hogan - My Souls's Been Anchored in the Lord*

**Bucks County Choral Society – 2007-2008 Season**  
**Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director**

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choral Favorites Concert**  
**with guest soloists DeVonne Gardner, Julia Kemp Rothfuss, and Guy Rothfuss**  
**and Beth Manus, piano**

Sunday, October 21 at 2:30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown  
Carl Orff – *Carmina Burana* – “O Fortuna”  
Randall Thompson – *Alleluia*  
Sergei Rachmaninoff (Russia)– *Bogoroditso Djevo*  
Peep Sarapik (Estonia) - *Rukkivihund rehe all*  
Andre Thomas – *Rockin' Jerusalem* (with DeVonne Gardner)  
Duke Ellington – *Come Sunday* (with DeVonne Gardner)  
Ralph Vaughan Williams – *Antiphon* (“Let all the world in every corner sing”)  
Johannes Brahms – from *Ein Deutsches Requiem*:  
“Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen”  
*Intermission*  
*Chamber Choir:*  
Maurice Durufle - *Ubi Caritas*  
Will Ayton – *O Come let us Sing*  
Jean Berger – *The Eyes of All Wait upon thee*  
*Full Choir:*  
Felix Mendelssohn – from *Elijah* – *Lift thine eyes* (women)  
Franz Biebl – *Ave Maria* (men)  
Giuseppe Verdi - duet tbd (Julia Kemp and Guy Rothfuss)  
Verdi – *Va Pensiero*  
Roy Ringwald, arr. (Kern) – *All the things you are*  
Leonard Bernstein – *Make our Garden Grow* (with all 3 soloists)

(December 4 – 1:15-1:45 – performance at VIA luncheon by a chamber choir)

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music**  
**featuring Vaughan Williams' *Hodie***  
**with the Amabile String Quartet and Beth Manus, piano**

Friday, December 14 at 8:00 St. Ignatius, Yardley  
Saturday, December 15 at 8:00 St. Paul's Doylestown  
Sunday afternoon, December 16 at 2:30 at St. Paul's, Doylestown

*Chamber Choir:*  
Britten – *A Child is Born*  
Gabriel Jackson – *Salus Aeterna*  
Howells – *A Spotless Rose*  
*Full Choir:*  
Handel – *Hallelujah Chorus*  
Lauridsen – *O Magnum Mysterium*  
Alice Parker – *Joy to the world*  
Norman Luboff – *Still, Still Still*  
Simeone – *Little Drummer Boy*

**Annual BCCS Multi-Choir Benefit Concert**  
Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 – CB East High School

**Choral/orchestral concert: - Beethoven - *Missa Solemnis***

Saturday evening, March 29, 2008 at 8:00 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown  
with the Riverside Symphonia and  
soloists: Joyce El-Khoury, soprano  
Suzanne DuPlantis, mezzo-soprano  
Timothy Bentsch, tenor  
Keith Miller, bass

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choral Spectacular**

**with the Fairfax Choral Society, Doug Mears, Director**

Sunday, June 1, 2008 – National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave, Washington, DC

Sunday, June 8, 2008 – Trinity Church, Lansdale, PA

and Edward Alan Moore, Catholic University, organ

with more than 200 voices singing works for multiple choirs:

Mendelssohn – *Heilig* for double choir

György Orbán - *Agnus Dei* for double choir

Mendelssohn – *Hora Est* for four choirs

Tallis – *Spem in Alium* for eight choirs

BCCS repertoire to include:

Charles Villiers Stanford - *Arise, Shine* (with organ)

Leo Nestor - *Rorate caeli desuper*

Bruce Neswick - *I will set his dominion in the sea* (with organ)

**Bucks County Choral Society – 2006-2007 Season**

*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

***Inspired by Ellington – Transcendent Voices***

**with DeVonne Gardner, soprano**

**the Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet**

**the Second Baptist Church of Doylestown Mass Choir,**

**Esther Dinkins, Director**

Friday, October 27 at 8:00, St. Paul's Church, Doylestown

attendance: 687

Sunday, October 29 at 2:30, St. Paul's Church, Doylestown

Ralph Carmichael, arr. Jerry Rubino – *A Quiet Place* (solo sextet)

Chamber Choir with DeVonne Gardner

Larry Farrow – *Deep River*

Carl MaultsBy – *Beauty for Ashes* from *Strong and Graceful Oaks* (1999)

DeVonne Gardner, soprano, Eric Mintel, piano

Hall Johnson – *My Good Lord Done Been Here* (Beth Manus, piano)

Duke Ellington – *TGTT* (“To Good to Title”)

James H. East – *He's So Wonderful!*

Duke Ellington – *Meditation*, Eric Mintel – piano

2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church of Doylestown Mass Choir, Esther Dinkins, Director

Carol Antrom – *Sovereign*, Brenda Hamlin, soprano

Glenn Burleigh – *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Choir and audience

arr. Roscoe Gill, Jr. - *Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory*

Bucks County Choral Society

arr. Roland Carter – *In Bright Mansions Above*

arr. Moses Hogan – *Elijah Rock*

Carl MaultsBy – from *Strong and Graceful Oaks* (1999)

*The Word*

*I will lift mine eyes unto the hills*

Duke Ellington – from *Sacred Concerts*

Almighty God has those angels

Hallelujah

The Majesty of God

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music - *Christmas in the Americas***

attendance: 1108

Friday, December 15 at 8:00, St. Ignatius Church, Yardley

Saturday, December 16 at 8:00, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

Sunday, December 17 at 2:30, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

Conrad Susa - *Carols and Lullabies – Christmas in the Southwest*

Frank Ferko - *A Festival of Carols* for choir and harp

Early American Shape-note carols

with Virginia Flanagan, harp, Laura Oltman guitar,  
and David Sherick, marimba and vibes

***Annual Choral / Orchestral Concerts with the Riverside Symphonia***  
***Handel's Israel in Egypt***

*Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 – St. Ignatius Church, Yardley*

*Sunday, April 15 at 7:30 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown*

***5<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert of Masterworks for Choir and Organ***

***Spiritual Voices of Eastern Europe***

*guest organist Eric Plutz, Princeton University*

*featuring Zoltan Kodaly's Missa Brevis*

*and a new work by Thomas Lloyd for choir and organ*

*Sunday, June 3 at 3:00 p.m. (organ prelude at 2:30)*

*Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale*

***5<sup>th</sup> Annual Choral Festival Benefit Concert***

*Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 – Tohicken Middle School*

**Bucks County Choral Society – 2005-2006 Season**

*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

**“Classic Jazz in a Sacred Space”**

featuring selections from Duke Ellington’s *Sacred Concerts*,  
Sat Oct 29 at 8:00 and Sun Oct 30 at 3:00 - St. Paul’s Lutheran attendance: 652

with DeVonne Gardner, soprano

the Eric Mintel Quartet

2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church of Doylestown Mass Choir, Esther Dinkins, director

arr. Swingle, Bach “Et Ressurexit” from *Mass in B Minor*

arr. Swingle, Bach “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier” BWV721

Thomas Lloyd – *The Spirit Moves in Marvelous Ways – Ode to Ellington*

Ellington, from *Sacred Concerts*:

New World A-Coming (piano)

Heaven (solo)

My Love (solo)

Will you be there/Ain’t but the One

Father Forgive

Is God a 3-letter word for Love

Every Man prays in his own language

It’s Freedom

Come Sunday

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

Friday, Dec 16 (St. Ignatius Church, Yardley),

Saturday, Dec 17 and Sunday Dec 18 (St. Paul’s Lutheran, Doylestown) attendance: 1125

with Virginia Flanagan, harp

Tommy Shead Memorial Bell Choir of Doylestown Methodist Church

Diana Durbin, director

also: arr. T. Lloyd – *O come, o come Emmanuel – processional*

arr. Arnold Sherman – *He is Born!* (with bells)

Britten – *Ceremony of Carols*

arr C. Dobrinski – *O come all ye faithful* (with bells)

Robert Parsons – *Ave Maria* (Chamber Choir)

Sweelinck – *Hodie Christus Natus Est* (CC)

Schütz – *Das Wort ward Fleisch* (CC)

arr. Alwes – *Resonet in Laudibus*

arr. Willcocks – *Tomorrow will be my dancing day*

Bullard – *Angel Alleluias*

arr. Simeone – *The Little Drummer Boy*

arr. T. Lloyd – *Silent Night*

**Annual choral/orchestral concert with the Riverside Symphonia**

Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 (St. Ignatius)

Sunday, April 2 at 7:30 (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)

attendance: 1101

J. S. Bach – *B Minor Mass*

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert of Masterworks for Choir at Organ**

at the Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown



Sunday, June 4 at 7:30 (organ prelude at 7:00)

attendance: 527

Herbert Howells - *Hymnus Paradisi*

Leonard Bernstein - *Chichester Psalms*

with Michael Stairs, organ

Torsten Odland, boy soprano

Jane Kamp, soprano

Kenneth Garner, tenor

**4th Annual Choral Festival Benefit Concert**

April 29, 2006; Central Bucks South High School, Warrington

attendance: 350

Central Bucks South Women's Ensemble

Holicong Middle School H Factor Choir

Kardon Institute for Arts Therapy Chorale

The Love Notes

Pennsylvania Youth Chorale

2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church of Doylestown Mass Choir

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**Bucks County Choral Society – 2004-2005 Season**

*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

***Hidden Treasures***

attendance: 200

Sunday, October 24 at 2:30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

*Masterworks by lesser-known composers for unaccompanied choir*

*from the BCCS Chamber Choir's new CD "Voices in Exile":*

Hans Gal – *Part Songs* and Jean Berger – *Anthems*

*Shorter works by major composers for choir and strings by master composers*

*[with strings of the Riverside Symphonia]*

Handel – *Nisi Dominus*

Fauré – *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Donizetti – *Ave Maria*, Julia Kemp, soprano

Mozart – *Ave Verum Corpus*

Beethoven – *Elegischer Gesang*

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music - In Terra Pax – On Earth Peace**

attendance: 1077

Friday, December 17 at 8:00 – concert at St. Ignatius Church, Yardley

Saturday, December 18 at 8:00 – concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

Sunday, December 19 at 2:30 – concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

Gerald Finzi – *In Terra Pax* for choir, string, and harp,

Steven Sametz – *Peace on Earth*

Stephen Paulus – *Jesu Carols* – Chamber Choir and harp,

Thomas Lloyd – *Of the Father's Love Begotten (premiere)* with string quartet and harp

arr. Thomas Lloyd – Büsser: *Le Sommeil de L'Enfant Jesu*

arr. Jacques – *The Holly and the Ivy*

arr. Willcocks – *The Sussex Carol*

arr. Luboff – *Still, Still, Still*

Alison Simpson and Virginia Flanagan, harps

**Annual Choral/Orchestral Concert with the Riverside Symphonia**

Franz Joseph Haydn - *The Creation*

attendance: 566

with Jacqueline Horner, soprano

Randall Scarlata, baritone

Saturday, April 2 at 8:00 – concert at St. Ignatius Church, Yardley

Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 - concert at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concert of Masterworks for Choir and Organ – Friday, June 3**

attendance: 450

*With guest organist Edward Alan Moore, Washington, DC*

*Featuring James MacMillan - Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis and Francis Poulenc – Gloria*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Choral Festival Benefit Concert**

attendance: 300

April 16, 2005, Lenape Middle School Auditorium, Doylestown

Bel Canto Children's Chorus

Kardon Institute for Arts Therapy Chorale

Lenape Middle School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

Pine Run Senior Chorus

Second Baptist Church of Doylestown Mass Choir

**Bucks County Choral Society – 2003-2004 Season**

*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

**“Romantic Mysticism”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Concert of Masterworks for Organ and Choir**

*Saturday, November 1, 2003 at 8:00 (organ prelude at 7:30)*

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

Jeffrey Brillhart, organ

Jason Switzer, baritone

Sara Curtiss, soprano, winner of special county-wide auditions

Organ prelude (at 7:30):

Jehan Alain - *Litanies*

Herbert Howells - *Prelude on Psalm 23*

Maurice Duruflé - *Suite*

Concert program (at 8:00):

Edgar Bainton – *And I saw a new heaven*

Herbert Howells - *Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks*  
and *O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

Ralph Vaughan Williams - *Mystical Songs*

Maurice Duruflé - *Prélude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain*

Gabriel Fauré – *Requiem*

**“Christmas with Barbara Prugh and the Festive Brass”**

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 (brass prelude at 7:40)

Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 (brass prelude at 3:40)

Lenape Middle School, Doylestown, PA

Bach/Praetorius – *In Dulci Jubilo*

Praetorius./Cable – *Lo how a rose e're blooming*

Vittoria – *O Magnum Mysterium* (Chamber Choir)

Harold Boatrite - *A Child is Born* (Chamber Choir)

Thomas Lloyd – *Immensity Cloistered in thy dear womb* (Donne) – premiere

Biebl – *Ave Maria*

arr. Cable – *Ding Dong Merrily on High*

arr. McNeff – *Silver Bells*

Bob Chilcott – *Christmas Day 1666* (Chamber Choir)

arr. Richards – *Let it Snow* (Chamber Choir)

arr. McNeff – *We wish you a merry Christmas*

**“Sacred Masterworks Old and New”**

March 27, 2004 George School Auditorium, Newtown, PA

Morten Lauridsen – *Lux Aeterna*  
Mozart – *Great Mass in C minor*  
Robert Moran – *Agnus Dei and Ite Missa Est*

with Julie Kemp, soprano  
Kirsten Rothfuss, mezzo soprano  
Guy Rothfuss, tenor  
and the Festive Arts Orchestra

**“East meets West” Pre-tour Concert**

June 5, 2004, Lenape Middle School Auditorium,, Doylestown, PA

(same program performed on tour in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Tallinn, Estonia)  
with Wendy McNally, piano, and the Mercury Dance Company

**Estonia:**

*Laulik*

Mart Saar (1882-1963)

*Rukkivihund rehe all*

Peep Sarapik (1949-1994)

*Laul rõõmule*

Aleksander Läte (1860-1948)

**Russia:**

Свете тихий (No. 1, Opus 45)

Александр Кастальский (1856-1926)

(Svjetje Tihi)

(Kastalsky)

Богородице Дево (Всеношное Бдение, Op. 37)

Сергей Рахманинов (1873-1943)

(Bogorodiste Djevo)

(Rachmaninoff)

Благослови, душе моя, Господа (Op. 44, No.1)

Павел Чесноков (1877-1944)

(Blagoslovi, dushe moya)

(Chesnokov)

Спасение соделал (Op. 25, No. 5)

Павел Чесноков

(Spasenyie Sodelal)

(Chesnokov)

**America:**

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal*

arranged by Alice Parker (1925- )

*Amazing Grace from Southern Grace (1998)*

arr. Jennifer Higdon (1962- )

*Leaves of Grass – Ode to America (premiere)*

Thomas Lloyd (1952- )

*Ain’ a that good news!*

arr. by William L. Dawson (1898-1990)

*My Lord, what a mornin’*

arr. by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

*Rockin’ Jerusalem*

arr. by André Thomas (1952- )

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Choral Festival Benefit Concert**

Central Bucks High School West Auditorium

January 24, 2004

Bucks County Motet Singers

Central Bucks High School – West Women’s Choir

Doylestown Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Kardon Institute for Arts Therapy Chorale

Lenape Middle School Concert Choir

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Choir

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**Bucks County Choral Society – 2002-2003 Season**

*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music - *A thoroughly English Christmas***

featuring a concerto prelude with Barbara Prugh, baroque trumpet

Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Southampton

with soloists Julia Kemp, soprano, and Guy Rothfuss, tenor

Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 - Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton

Lenape Valley Middle School Auditorium, West State Street, Doylestown:

Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 (prelude at 7:45)

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 (prelude at 3:45)

Wassail Song of Gloucestershire      Ralph Vaughan Williams

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child      Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)  
Diana Barnhart, soprano

The Shepherd's Carol      Bob Chilcott (1955- )  
Jennifer Moss, conductor

A Hymn to the Virgin      Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)  
Diana Barnhart, soprano  
Christine Cherwien, alto  
Raymond Johnson, tenor  
David Fryling, bass

Handel - Christmas portion of *Messiah*  
Sarah Keister, soprano  
Fiona Murphy, mezzo soprano  
Andrew Bidlack, tenor  
Todd Thomas, baritone

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids and the Choral Society Concert - "Meet the Composer"**

Saturday, February 1 at 1:00 at the Lutheran Church of God's Love in Newtown  
with composer Robert Maggio

**Gala 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concerts**

Friday, February 28 at 8:00 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 235 E. State St., Doylestown

Saturday, March 1 at 8:00 - Langhorne Presbyterian Church, Bellevue Avenue at Gillam Street

Sunday, March 2 at 4:00 - First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, 123 South 17th Street

Anton Bruckner's *Mass No. 2 in E Minor*

Robert Maggio's *Rachel and her Children - Small Hands, Relinquish All* (premiere)

Suzanne DuPlantis, mezzo soprano

**First Annual Concert of Masterworks for Choir and Organ**

*featuring guest organist Ann Elise Smoot*

Daniel-Lesur - *Messe du Jubilé*

Olivier Messiaen - *L'Ascension*

Maurice Duruflé - *Requiem*

with Meredith Arwady, alto soloist

Friday, May 9 at 8:00 - Our Lady of Czestochowa National Shrine, Doylestown

*Pre-concert talk in the organ loft at 7:00 with Ann Elise Smoot  
presenting an introduction to Messiaen's L'Ascension*

***Special events:***

**Annual Community Benefit Concert for the Community Conservatory of Music**

Saturday, November 9 at 8:00 – Central Bucks East High School Auditorium, Buckingham

featuring choirs from throughout Bucks County:

Central Bucks East Select Choir

Plumstead Christian Chamber Choir

St. Paul's Lutheran Senior Choir

Trinity Episcopal Solebury Senior Choir

William Tennent Madrigal Singers

Young Singers of Pennsylvania

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**Bucks County Choral Society – 2001-2002 Season**

*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

***All Night Vigil, opus 37, by Sergei Rachmaninoff:***

Friday, November 2, 2001 National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown

Saturday, November 10, 2001 Ukranian National Cathedral of Our Holy Family,  
Washington, DC

**Riverside Symphonia Annual Christmas concerts, featuring BCCS Chamber Choir**

Thomas Lloyd, guest conductor

at Church of St. John the Evangelist in Lambertville, NJ:

Friday, November 30, 2001

Saturday, December 1

Sunday, December 2

*choral works on program:*

Puerling – *Deck the Halls*

Lojeski – *Christmas Song*

Puerling – *Silent Night*

Still - *Christmas in the Western World*

**24<sup>TH</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

Friday, December 7, 2001 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Southampton, PA

Sunday, December 9, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA

Friday, December 14, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown, PA

Saturday, December 15, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown, PA

Hogan, *Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King*

Wilberg, *Away in a Manger* (w/ oboe + piano)

Richard Wargo, from *Voices in the Mist* “Chorale” (w/ bassoon)

Respighi, *Laud to the Nativity*

*Chamber Choir*

Carter, *Spanish Carol*

Warlock, *Bethlehem Down*

Patriquin, *Venez, mes enfants*

Rachmaninoff - Bogoroditsje Djevo (Ave Maria) #6 from *Vespers*

Rachmaninoff - Slava vishnich Bogu (Glory to God in the Highest) #7 from *Vespers*

Fraser - Jessye's Carol (w/ piano)

Rutter Nativity Carol (w/ piano)

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Doylestown Vespers series:**

BCCS Chamber Choir

Sunday, February 17, at 7:00 PM

***Elijah, by Felix Mendelssohn* with the Riverside Symphonia**

Friday, March 22, 2002 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Doylestown, PA

Sunday, March 24, 2002 Newtown Jr. High School, Newtown, PA

David Arnold, baritone, as Elijah

DonnaLee Ramsey, Mary Jane Reep, Lisa Dale Woodward, Cheryl Stitzinger, sopranos

Jennifer Adam, alto

Andrew Bidlack, tenor

David Fryling, bass

Kelsey Halling, youth

the select women's choir of Pennsbury High School, Elizabeth Hohweiler, Director

**Spring concert: "A Night at the Opera"**

Saturday, June 1, 2002 8:00 PM

Central Bucks East High School, 2804 Holicong Rd., Buckingham, PA  
with featured soloists tenor Guy Rothfuss and soprano Julia Kemp

Carl Maria von Weber – excerpts from *Der Freischütz* -  
from Act I:

Victoria, Victoria (chorus)

Trio (Max, Cuno, Caspar) and Chorus: O diese Sonne...

from Act III:

Huntsmen's Chorus: Was gleicht wohl auf Erden (men of the chorus)

Verdi, *La Traviata*

Duet (Violetta, Alfredo): Brindisi (Julia Kemp, Guy Rothfuss)

Mascagni, *Cavalleria Rusticana*

Easter Hymn (chorus, Santuzza) (Julia Kemp)

Donizetti, *Lucia*

Wedding Scene (chorus, Arturo) (Guy Rothfuss)

Verdi, *Aida*

Triumphal Scene (chorus)

Verdi, *Nabucco*

Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves (Va, pensiero)

Leonard Bernstein, *Candide* (arr. Robert Page)

Finale: Make our garden grow

**Saturday, June 29, 2002 – 8:00 pm**

"A Concert in the Park" – Buckingham Township Summer Series  
conducted by Assistant Conductor Intern, Jennifer Moss



**Bucks County Choral Society – 2000-2001 Season**  
*Thomas Lloyd, Artistic Director*

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Music**

*Melding the transcendent and the traditional*

Friday, December 8 at 8:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 at Doylestown Methodist Church\*

Friday, December 15 at 8:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale\*

\* with special holiday prelude before the concert

by the Bell Choir of Doylestown Methodist Church, Diana Durbin, director

Giovanni Gabrieli - O Magnum Mysterium (antiphonal Chamber Choir)

- Magnificat @8, 1597 (antiphonal full choir)

Bruckner - Ave Maria

- Virgo Jesse Floruit

Poulenc - *Quatre motets pour le temps de noel*

Jennifer Higdon - Deep in the Night

Leontovitch/Wilhousky - Carol of the Bells

Harry Simeone, arr. - The Little Drummer Boy

- 'Twas the Night before Christmas

Alfred Burt - five carols from sets II and III (Chamber Choir)

**Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem* with the Riverside Symphonia**

Jane Kamp, soprano

David Arnold, baritone

Friday, March 23 at 8:00 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown

Sunday, March 25 at 4:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale

**Spring Concert - *Inspired by Nature***

with special guest, painter Taylor Oughton, who gave a pre-concert talk and exhibited examples of his work alongside paintings of students of CB East High School both before the concert and at a 1/2 hour intermission

also featuring the Select Choir of Central Bucks East High School,

Scott Teschner, director

Saturday, May 19 at 8:00, Central Bucks East Auditorium

Ireland - "The Hills"

Dvorak - *In Nature* (complete cycle)

Britten - *Five Flower Songs* (Chamber Choir)

Robert Maggio - *The Wishing Tree* (text by Seamus Heaney)

*performed by the Central Bucks East Choir:*

Lauridsen - "Dirait-on" from *Les Chanson des Roses*

Rutter - "For the beauty of the earth"

from the Fred Waring Archives at Penn State University:

*Stardust* (Carmichael, arr. Ringwald)

*How Deep is the Ocean* (Berlin, arr. Waring)

*All the things you are* (Kern, arr. Ringwald)

*performed by the combined choirs:*

Copland - "The Promise of Living" from *Tender Land*

**New Hope Performing Arts Festival - Carl Orff - *Carmina Burana***

Saturday, July 28 at 8:00, New Hope Solebury High School  
with the New Hope Festival Orchestra (2/3 volunteer)

Carol Whitenack, soprano

Robert Rowland, tenor

Thomas Irwin, baritone

Thomas Lloyd, conducting