Dr. Stephen W. Sachs, Chair

presents

Choral & Vocal Arts Concert

Gloria in Excelsis!

Saturday, November 22, 2014 • 7:30 p.m.
Belhaven University Center for the Arts • Concert Hall
There will be a reception after the program. Please come and greet the performers. Please refrain from the use of all flash and still photography during the concert. Please turn off all pagers and cell phones.

PROGRAM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Gustav Holst • 1874 - 1934

The Belhaven University Concert Choir
Ms. Maggie McLinden, Piano; Kate Ray, Harp
Dr. Christopher Shelt, Conductor

In the Bleak Mid-Winter
Gustav Holst

The Belhaven University Concert Choir
Ms. Maggie McLinden, Piano; Kate Ray, Harp
Cierra Lee, Student Conductor

The Little Road to Bethlehem
Michael Head • 1900 - 1976

Michaela Bowen, Soprano; Dorothy Claire Glover, Accompanist

What is This Fragrance?
Ellie Wise, Student Conductor
arr. John Cheetham • B. 1939

Sweet Little Boy, Jesus
John Jacob Niles • 1892 - 1980

Madeline Jolley, Mezzo-Soprano; Brooke Kressin, Accompanist

Carol of the Bells
Mykola Leontovich • 1877 - 1921

Dr. Christopher Shelt, Conductor

Joy to the World
arr. John Rutter • b. 1945

Ms. Maggie McLinden, Piano; Dr. Christopher Shelt, Conductor

INTERMISSION

Gloria RV 589
Antonio Vivaldi • 1678 - 1741

The Belhaven University Concert Choir, the Belhaven Chorale, and Orchestra
Soloists: Grace Anna Randall, Julie Wolfe, Joy Kenyon, Sopranos
Constance Prince & Alesia Sterling, Mezzo-Sopranos
Dr. Christopher Shelt, Conductor
Ellie Wise & Cierra Lee, Student Conductors

Gloria in Excelsis
Chorus
Glory to god in the highest.

Et in Terra Pax
Chorus
And on earth peace to those of good will.
Laudamus Te

We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.

Julie Wolfe & Grace Anna Randall, Sopranos

Gratias Agimus Tibi

Chorus

We give thanks to thee.

Propter Magnam Gloriam

Chorus

According to thy great glory.

Domine Deus

Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Joy Kenyon, Soprano; Dorothy Claire Glover, Organ Solo

Domine Fili Unigenite

Chorus

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

Chorus with Constance Prince, Mezzo-Soprano

Qui Tollis

Chorus

Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Qui Sedes Ad Dexteram

Thou who sittest at the right hand of the father, have mercy upon us.
Alesia Sterling, Mezzo-Soprano

Quoniam Tu Solus Sanctus

Chorus

For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord.
Thou alone art the Most High, Jesus Christ.

Cum Sancto Spiritu

Chorus

With the holy spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PROGRAM NOTES

Antonio Lucio Vivaldi, affectionately known as "Il prete russo," the red priest, due to his flame-red hair, composed this Gloria in Venice, probably in 1715, for the choir of the Ospedale della Pietà, an orphanage for girls (or more probably a home, generously endowed by the girls' "anonymous" fathers, for the illegitimate daughters of Venetian noblemen and their
mistresses). The Ospedale was quite famous for the quality of its musical education and the excellence of its choir and orchestra. Vivaldi, a priest, music teacher, and virtuoso violinist, composed many sacred works for the Ospedale, where he spent most of his career, as well as hundreds of instrumental concertos to be played by the girls’ orchestra. This, his most famous choral piece, presents the traditional Gloria from the Latin Mass in twelve varied cantata-like sections.

Today, Vivaldi is one of the most popular of all composers. During his lifetime he enjoyed considerable success and fortune, which he squandered through extravagance. When he died in Vienna he was buried in a pauper’s grave. For two centuries after his death, the Gloria lay undiscovered until the late 1920s, when it was found buried among a pile of forgotten Vivaldi manuscripts. However, it was not performed until September 1939 in Siena in an edition by the composer Alfredo Casella. This was by no means an authentic edition (he described it as an "elaborazione"), as he embellished the original orchestration of trumpet, oboe, strings, and continuo, while reducing the role of the continuo, and cut sections from three movements. It was not until 1957 that the now familiar original version was published and given its first performance at the First Festival of Baroque Choral Music at Brooklyn College, NY.

**VIVALDI ORCHESTRA**

**Violin I:**
- Thorburn McGee, Principal
- Hannah Wilson
- Sidney Durham
- Anne Sinclair

**Violin II:**
- Zak Joyner, Principal
- Gabriella Castro
- Lauren Barger

**Viola:**
- Rebecca Franklin
- Brandon Randle

**Cello:**
- Rebekah Miller
- Rachel Kniseley

**Bass:**
- Samuel Dahmer, Principal

**Harpsichord:**
- Ms. Maggie McLinden

**Organ:**
- Dorothy Claire Glover

**THE BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR**

Dr. Christopher Shelt, Conductor
Ms. Maggie McLinden, Accompanist/Rehearsal Assistant
Ellie Wise & Cierra Lee, Student Conductors

Cassandra Acker · Cornisha Atkins · Brittany Ayers · Dave Barnett · Nicole Bell · Anna Bryant · Jessica Charitos · Mary Ansley Chitwood · Kaley Copeland · Katherine Dixon · Natalie Guillot · Dorothy Claire Glover · Hillary Hardin · Anne Hilleke · Lydia Jones · Adrienne Joransen · James Kenyon · Jinyoung Kim · Rachel Loftus · Alyssa Massengale · Tiff Merritt · Billy Overton · Madison Parrott · Charity Ross · Brittany Sanford · Faith Schumacher · Brandon Smith · Caroline Tate · Amanda Thrall · Brittany Washington · Caleb Wolfe

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Dr. Christopher Shelt, Conductor
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Thank you to those working behind the scenes to make today’s program a success: music faculty supervisor, Dr. Andrew Sauerwein; student workers—house manager, Wil Murphy; ushers, Taylor Scrivner; stage manager, Scott Foreman; stage hands, Hannah Wilson & Thorburn McGee; recording/sound, Stephen Craig; videographer, Rachael McCartney; photography, Allie Sahli; reception hosts, Ellen Wise & Lauren Barger.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 24, 7:30pm, Concert Hall  Best of Belhaven I
Tuesday, November 25, 7:30pm, Concert Hall  Ellen Wise Senior Composition Recital
Fri. & Sat., December 5-6, 7:30pm, Soccer Bowl  82nd Annual Singing Christmas Tree

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