

Rogue Valley Chorale



FALL CONCERT SERIES

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Director

GREG SMITH

Accompanist

December 2, 1977
Eastwood Baptist Church
Medford
8:00 PM

December 3, 1977
Eastwood Baptist Church
Medford
8:00 PM

PROGRAM

I

Motet No. 5: Komm, Jesu, Komm
(Come, Jesus, Come)

J. S. Bach

Come, come, come Jesus come.
I am so weary
My strength declines from day to day.
I yearn for Thee
Thy realm so peaceful,
Life's bitter path doth me dismay.

In faith I grasp Thy hand extended
And bid this veil of tears farewell;
My life is spent, my grief has ended,
My spirit hastes in bliss to dwell.
My soul shall be with my Creator,
For Jesus is to life the one true Way,
The Savior.

Come, come,
To Thee, O Christ, I yield
Thou art alone the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Thou art alone the Way, the Truth, the Life
The Savior.

II

Messe de Minuit pour Noel
(Midnight Mass for Christmas)

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Soloists:

Regina Glasgow, Beverly O'Leary, sopranos; Diane Newland, alto;
William Matthews, Ron McUne, Deane Tack, tenors; Carroll Graber, baritone

Messe de Minuit pour Noel - Charpentier

The Messe de Minuit pour Noel is one of twelve settings of the Mass Ordinary found among Charpentier's autograph manuscripts. Though not the most spectacular or profound, it is without question the most charming, especially since most of its music is based on noels, or French Christmas carols. The melodies and texts of the noels are largely to be found in Jan Schmidt's *Les noels et la tradition populaire* (Amsterdam, 1932) and Henry Poulaille's encyclopedic *La grande et belle Bible des noels anciens* (3 vols., Paris, 1942-53)

INTERMISSION

III

Motets for the Season of Christmas

Francis Poulenc

1. O Magnum Mysterium

O how great the mystery, and how ineffable the covenant, that simple beasts behold the Christ-Child, as a babe new-born, and lying in a manger stall. O blessed Virgin, hallow'd is thy womb that it could hold the flesh and blood of Christ our Lord.

2. Quem Vidistis Pastores Dicite

Whom did you see? Shepherds, say! Who was there? Pray tell us who came down to the earth, tell us who appeared! We saw the Infant Child, and angels sang in chorus, glorifying God on high. Tell us then! Say what you saw there! Tell us the glad tidings that Christ was born to save us!

3. Videntes Stellam

Beholding the star, with joy the Wise Men came and with great gladness; and they enter'd in the house, in the house, and there offered the Lord gold and myrrh and incense.

4. Hodie Christus Natus Est

Born today is Christ, born for us; Comes today, lo! to us the Savior comes: Songs today angels sing, sing to men on earth, And their praise Archangels bring: Loud today the just men cry out, exulting: Glory be, glory to God on high, alleluia.

IV

Laud to the Nativity

Ottorino Respighi

Soloists:

The Angel: Kathy Gordon

Mary: Sharyl Lonstron

The Shepherd: Steve Simmons

Laud to the Nativity - Respighi

Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936) is best remembered for his symphonic poems, *Pines of Rome*, *Fountains of Rome*, and *Festivals of Rome*. But his music has a double face, one side of which looks to the past and the other to the future. The works which he himself regarded most highly belong to the past. They are the creations of a neo-classicist who was partial to old modes, plain chants and classical forms.

In *Laud to the Nativity*, Respighi chose to set an ancient Italian text in a form closely resembling the traditional cantata. The music shows traces of the diverse compositional styles of his contemporaries (impressionism, romanticism, colorful effects), and is often quite dissonant. Yet he has still managed to retain the archaic flavor of the old text, which has been translated into English by Harold Heiberg.

STRINGS

Violin

David Elliker
Richard Conviser
Michael Bardossi
Larry Stubson

Viola

Marjorie Farquahr
Lindell Stacy

Cello

Judy Bjorlie
Carolann Healey

ORGANIST

Greg Smith

WOODWINDS

Flute

Phoebe Belford
Sonya Domitrovitch

Oboe and English Horn

Larry Brezicka
Tom Nugent

Bassoon

Susan Miller
Ann Zaccone

PERCUSSION

Piano

Kathleen Davis
Greg Smith

Triangle

David Adee

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