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Mass in C

Heather Meyer, Soprano Susan Squires Cox, Alto Gary Ruschman, Tenor David Cox, Bass

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Cañada College Main Theatre Sunday, December 6, 1998 3:00 P.M.

Program

Cantata BWV 140 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Chorale: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (chorus) Recitative: Er kommt, er kommt, der Bräut'gam Kommt! (tenor) Duet: Wenn kommst du, mein Heil? (soprano/bass) Chorale: Zion hört die Wächter singen (male chorus) Recitative: So geh herein zu mir (bass) Duet: Mein Freund is mein (soprano/bass) Chorale: Gloria sei dir gesungen (chorus) Heather Meyer, Soprano; Gary Ruschman, Tenor, David Cox, Bass

Intermission •

Mass in C, Opus 86 Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Kyrie Gloria Credo Sanctus Benedictus Agnus Dei

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Cantata BWV 140

Chorale (Chorus)

"Awake" calls the voice of the watchman, very high up on the battlements, to us. "Awake, you city of Jerusalem: This is the hour of midnight, calling us with clear voice; where are your wise virgins? Prepare! The bridegroom is coming; arise and take your lamps! Alleluja! Make yourselves ready for the wedding: you must go forth to meet him!" Recitative (Tenor) He comes, he comes, the bridegroom comes! Ye daughters of Zion, come forth. His procession hastens from the height to your mother's house. The bridegroom comes like a roe or a young hart leaping upon the hills, and brings you the wedding feast. Awake and rouse yourselves to greet the bridegroom! There, see, he comes hither.

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Der Wächter sehr hoch auf der Zinne, Wach auf, du Stadt Jerusalem! Mitternacht heisst diese Stunde; Sie rufen uns mit hellem Munde: Wo seid ihr klugen Jungfrauen? Wohl auf, der Bräut'gam kommt: Steht auf, die Lampen nehmt! Allehuja! Macht euch bereit Zu der Hochzeit, Ihr müsset ihm entgegen gehn!

Er kommt, er kommt, Der Bräut' gam kommt! Ihr Töchter Zions, kommt heraus, Sein Ausgang eilet aus der Höhe In euer Mutter Haus. Der Bräut' gam kommt, der einem Rehe Und jungen Hirsche gleich Auf denen Hügeln springt Und euch das Mahl der Hochzeit bringt. Wacht auf, ermuntert euch! Den Bräut' gam zu empfangen! dort, schet, kommt er bergegangen.

Aris Duet (Soprano, Bass) Suprano When art thou coming, my salvation? Hars I come, your partner. Soprano I wait with burning lamp. Soprano/Bass Open/I open the chamber for the heavenly feast. Soprano Come, Jesul Bass come/Come, lovely soull Chorale (Male Choir) Zion hears the watchmen singing. Her heart leaps with joy, she wakes and rises in haste. Her friend comes from heaven in splendour, strong in mercy, mighty in truth; her light burns bright, her star rises. Now come, thou worthy crown, Lord Jesu, Son of God! Hosanna! We all follow to the hall of joy and join the Lord's Supper. Recitative (Bass) Then come within to me, my chosen bride! I have been betrothed to you from all eternity . I will set you on my heart and on my arm like a seal and delight your troubled eyes. Now forget, O soul, the anguish and pain that you have to suffer: you shall rest at my left hand, and my right shall caress you. Aria Duet (Soprano, Bass) soprano My friend is mine Bass and I am yours. Soprano, Bass Nothing shall sever our love. Soprano I will with thee You shall with me Soprano, Bass Pasture amid heaven's roses. The fullness of joy and bliss will be there. Chorale (Chorus) Gloria be sung to thee with the tongues of men and angels, with harps and with cymbals. O twelve pearls are thy gates; in thy city we are consorts of the angels high around thy throne. No eye has ever perceived, no car has ever heard, such joy. Therefore we rejoice, iol iol forever in dulci jubilo.

Sopran Wann kommst du, mein Heil? Bass Ich komme, dein Teil. Sopran Ich warte mit brennendem Öle. Sopran/Bass Eröffne Ich öffne den Saal Zum himmlischen Mahl. Sopran Komm, Jesul Bass Ich komme/Komm, liebliche Seele!

Zion hört die Wächter singen, Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen, Sie wachet und steht eilend auf. Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmei prächtig. Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig. Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf. Nun komm, du werte Kron, Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn! Hosianna! Wir folgen all Zum Freudensaal Und halten mit das Abendmahl.

So geh herein zu mir, Du mir erwählte Brautl Ich habe mich mit dir in Ewigkeit vertraut. Dich will ich auf mein Herz, Auf meinen Arm gleich wie ein Siegel setzen Und dein betrübtesAug' ergötzen. Vergiss, o Seele, nun Die Angst, den Schmerz, Den du erdulden müssen; Auf meiner Linken solst du ruhn, Und meine Rechte soll dich küssen.

Sopran Mein Freund ist mein, Bass Und ich bin dein, Sopran, Bass Die Liebe soll nichts scheiden. Sopran Ich will mit dir Bass Du sollst mit mir Sopran, Bass In Himmels Rosen weiden, Da Freude die Fülle, da Wonne wird sein.

Gloria sei dir gesungen Mit Menschen-und englischen Zungen, Mit Harfen und mit Zimbel schon. Von Zwölf Perlen sind die Pforten, An deiner Stadt sind wir Konsorten Der Engel hoch um deinenThron. Kein Aug' hat je gespürt, Kein Ohr hat je gespürt, Des sind wir froh, io, io! Ewig in dulei jubilo.

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Mass in C

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us Lord, have mercy on us Gloria Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, We adore Thee, we glonfy Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son! O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone art most high, O Jesus Christ. Together with the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father Amen Credo I believe in one God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son of God, born of the Father before all ages; God of God, light of light, true God of true God: begotten, not made; consubstantial with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; and was incamate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; and was made man. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Palate, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven. He sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and His Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceedsth From the Father and the Son is adored and glorified;

Kyrie Kyrie eleison. Christe cleison Kyrie eleison Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatie Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. Credo Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum non factum. consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de coelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in coelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria, judicare vivos et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio Simul adoratur et conglorificatur

Who spoke by the Prophets. And in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen Sanctus Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Benedictus Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world, give us peace.

qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et in unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen Sanctus Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus Hosanna in excelsis. Benedixtus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi. miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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Program Notes

Bach's Cantata BWV 140 is based on the hymn Wachet Auf (Sleepers, wake). The opening chorus, the tenor chorale, and the concluding chorale are three verses of the hymn. The words are by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) and the melody by Hans Sachs (1494-1576). The hymn is based on the parable of the ten virgins and describes the joy of the five wise virgins who enter the wedding banquet, a meta-phor of the kingdom of heaven.

Beethoven's Mass in C was commissioned by the Esterhazy family, probably at the recommendation of Haydn, who had been Court composer for almost thirty years. Between 1794 and 1804 Haydn produced an annual mass, requested by Prince Nikolaus in observance of the nameday of his wife, Princess Marie Hemenigild von Liechtenstein. After Haydn stepped down as Kapellmeister other composers were commissioned, and in 1807 the honor went to Beethoven. Beethoven was slow in completing the Mass, making excuses about his workload and his health. Things did not go well at the premiere in September of 1807. The singers had apparently rebelled at having to practice under a deaf composer's direction. Not surprisingly the mass did not receive a great performance and the Prince formed a bad impression of it, reportedly calling it "another German Pigsty" Beethoven left for Vienna the same day in anger. The mass was not published until 1812.

The audience is invited to a reception after the concert in Room 142, South Corridor Heather Meyer (lyric soprano) most recently performed the role of the Sandman in Hansel and Gretel with Golden Gate Opera. Prior to that she has been seen with West Bay Opera as the Governess in The Turn of the Screw and with the West Marin Music Festival as Flaminia in Haydn's comic opera Il Mondo dell Luna. Recent concert works have included Monteverdi's Vespro dell Beata Virgine, also with the West Marin Music Festival, and Bruckner's Requiem, with St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco. She has also worked with Redwood Symphony in its concert performance of La Bohème, covering the roles of both Mimi and Musetta, and with Underworld Opera, where she premiered the role of the Novia in Asi Que Pasen Cinco Años, a new work by Bay Area composer Thomas Dean based on Federico Garcia Lorca's play. Also an avid chamber recitalist, in recent years she has performed Ravel's Chansons Madecasses and Trois Poèmes de Mallarme, and Stravinsky's Japanese Lyrics. A Mozart and Handel enthusiast, as well as an accomplished performer of 20th Century music, Ms. Meyer continues to make these areas a primary focus of her career. She is delighted to be making her de but with Peninsula Cantare.

Gary E. Ruschman (tenor) earned a BM in vocal performance from Northern Kentucky University, where he was 1997 Outstanding Graduate in Music and a Corbett Scholar. He has appeared as a soloist with Stanford Summer Chorus, Cincinnati Choral Society, Clifton Concert, the Kentucky State All-Collegiate Choir, Alameda's "sing-it-yourself" Messiah, and jazz festivals in Cleveland and Chicago. The tenor has also a ppeared with Cincinnati Opera Chorus, Cincinnati Symphony Orchesträ, the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia National Select Chorus, and Andy Williams. An avid proponent of 20th Century and new American music, Mr. Ruschman has premiered over twenty-five new works by Greater Cincinnati and Bay Area composers. Recent engagements include The Italian Girl in Algiers with West Bay Opera, Berkeley Opera's Daughter of the Cabinet, and Die Fledermaus at the San Francisco Conservatory, where he will sing principal roles in upcoming productions of Handel's Ariodante, and Ward's The Crucible.

David Cox has received high praise for his performance of many of the leading baritone roles with opera companies in the western United States and the Far East. He has appeared with Opera San Jose, Nevada Opera Association, Eugene Opera, Austin Lyric Opera, Tulsa Opera and Music From Bear Valley as well as many other regional opera companies and music festivals. In 1994 Mr. Cox sang the title role in *Rigoletto* in Sakai-City, Japan. He returned to Sakai in the fall of 1996 as a featured artist in a series of gala concerts. His soloist concert performances include: *Carmina Burana*, Dave Brubeck's Mass, conducted by Mr. Brubeck, Messiaen's St. Francois d'Assisi, and Rachmaninoff's Spring. He has performed the *Requiems* of Brahms, Fauré, and Mozart, as well as the Magnificat, St. John Pussion, and numerous cantatas of J. S. Bach. In addition, Mr. Cox has performed roles in musical theater, including the title role in Sweeney Todd, Juan Peron in Evita, Caiaphas in Jesus Christ Superstar, and Judd in Oklahoma. Mr. Cox has been a winner in the San Jose District Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

Susan Squires Cox, mezzo-soprano, has appeared in concert with the Contra Costa Chorale, the San Jose Symphonic Choir, the Santa Clara Chorale, the Peninsula Master Chorale, and the Valley Presbyterian Church "Music in the Redwoods" concert series in works including Mozart's Requiem and Solemn Vespers, Haydn's Paukenmesse and Lord Nelson Mass, Handel's Solomon and Messiah, Bach's Magnificat, Mendelssohn's Elijab, Saint Saëns' Christmas Oratorio, Beethoven's Missa Solemnis and Mass in C and Vivaldi's Gloria. She is a section leader/soloist at Valley Presbyterian Church of Portola Valley and a member of the professional quartet at Congregation Sherrith Israel in San Francisco. For many years Ms. Cox has been a featured soloist with the Andrea Fulton Chorale in the annual Bracebridge Dinner and opera concerts at the Awahnee Hotel, Yosemite. In addition to her concert roles, Ms. Cox has appeared in leading roles in numerous operas for opera companies including Opera San Jose, West Bay Opera, Oakland Opera, and the Wagner Society of Northern California.

Peninsula Cantare previously known as Peninsula Master Chorale, was founded by former director, Carl Sitton in 1970. The 50 voice choir is sponsored by Cañada College of the San Mateo County Community College District. It is open to experienced singers by audition. In addition to Bay Area performances, the choir has completed five international tours to Europe, Australia/New Zealand and Japan. The latest tour was an acclaimed visit to the British Isles in June and July of 1995, which included three performances at the Shrewsbury International Music Festival.

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Janice Gunderson was named Director of Peninsula Cantare in January 1997. She has been an active musician in the Bay Area, working as a professional accompanist, director and teacher. From 1985 to 1997 she served as Assistant Conductor for the Masterworks Chorale under Galen Marshall. She was Choir Director and Organist at the First Baptist Church of San Carlos, accompanist at the College of Notre Dame, and currently works as Staff Accompanist at Cañada College. She has participated in the Festival of Masses with Robert Shaw and the Cabrillo Music Festival with Dennis Russell Davies. Janice studied at Lewis & Clark College and holds a degree from the University of Oregon with additional work at Cal State Hayward and San Jose State. Her professional affiliations include the Music Teachers Association of California and the American Choral Directors Association.

Alexander Bootzin holds a B.A. degree in Piano Performance and a M.A. degree in Musicology from U.C. Santa Barbara. He performs as solo pianist and in chamber music concerts throughout the Bay Area; and is active as a teacher, accompanist and musical director. He is currently Director of Music Ministries at Hope Lutheran Church in San Mateo, and along with his wife Martha, runs the Spindrift School of Performing Arts in Pacifica.

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