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Holiday Glory

with MSU Symphony Orchestra and Choirs

Jonathan Reed, conductor Sandra Snow, conductor Paige Heidrich, soprano

> Choral Union University Chorale State Singers Symphony Orchestra

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> Saturday, December 7, 2024 Wharton Center, Cobb Great Hall, 8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

Gloria, FP 177

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Laudamus te

Domine Deus

Domine Fili unigenite

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris

Paige Heidrich, soprano

Sandra Snow, conductor

from The Messiah, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel

And the glory, the glory of the Lord

(1685-1759)

Francis Poulenc

(1899-1963)

- 7. And He shall purify
- 12. For unto us a Child is born
- 17. Glory to God in the highest
- 44. Hallelujah

Jonathan Reed, conductor

PROGRAM NOTES

Gloria is a six-movement setting of the titular sacred text from the Roman Catholic mass. Contrasting elements characterize Poulenc's distinct compositional style. Harmonies regularly juxtapose narrow dissonances with open sonorities, short angular phrases are interpolated with long lyrical melodies, and dynamics alternate between hushed and raucous.

Movement one features a prominent dotted figure on the word "Gloria" which serves as the genesis for the movement. The beginning and end of the second movement are largely driven by short, buoyant rhythmic cells. The expressive third movement introduces the soprano soloist featuring a haunting melody in backand-forth dialogue with the chorus. The fourth movement, marked "Très vite et joyeux" ("Very fast and joyful"), returns to brief, angular counterpoint - similar to movement two. The stunning fifth movement features exchanges of lyrical melodies between the soprano soloist and chorus. The sixth and final movement begins with trumpet-like declamations from the chorus, and later, a moment with the soprano soloist marked "Extraordinairement calme" ("Extraordinarily calm"). In the end, Poulenc cannot resist one final bombastic "Amen" in the chorus alongside a familiar dotted figure in the orchestra before restoring lasting calm in the closing measures.

Alex Gerleman

Messiah was originally composed for an Easter premiere in Dublin on April 13, 1742. However, today *Messiah* is widely known as a fixture of the holiday season in concert halls across the globe. The three-part oratorio explores Jesus Christ's narrative through life, death, and resurrection as told in the bible.

Handel's compositional style is rooted in three formative musical influences: German church music, Italian opera, and English choral music. *Messiah* stands out among Handel's other oratorios not only for its exceptional solo writing, but for the greater role given to its choruses - many of which are featured tonight. Listeners will notice Handel's ability to adeptly alternate between fugal counterpoint and collective homophony all in service of the glorious and monumental musical drama.

Alex Gerleman

Thank you for joining us for "Holiday Glory" – we're so glad you're here!

FACULTY BIOS

Jonathan Reed is Professor of Music and Associate Director of Choral Programs at the Michigan State University College of Music where he serves on a dynamic choral faculty that includes David Rayl and Sandra Snow. He conducts the State Singers, the Singing Spartans (tenor/bass choir) and teaches courses in conducting at both the undergraduate and graduate level. In 1999, the Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) presented him with the Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. Reed is also Director of Music at the Peoples Church of East Lansing. He is a contributing author to GIA's The School Choral Program. Dr. Reed enjoys an active career as a clinician/conductor, conducting festivals and all-state choruses throughout the United States. He has conducted numerous all-state choirs as well as honor choirs for the Northwest. Western, and Southern Divisions of The American Choral Directors Association. His choirs have performed at divisional and national conferences of ACDA. He has presented interest sessions at two national conferences of ACDA (1999, 2005) and at numerous state ACDA conferences. He has also served ACDA as a state newsletter editor, a state president, and divisional and national chair of the Repertoire and Standards committee on Male Chorus.

As conductor, pedagogue, and scholar, **Sandra Snow** is widely acknowledged as one who brings singers of all ages and abilities to artful performance through an understanding of the music and its context in the world around them. As Professor of Choral Conducting and Director of Choral Programs at the Michigan State University College of Music, she has appeared with Mosaic Ensemble-as featured performers at American Choral Directors Association conventions at state, regional, and national levels. As quest conductor, she travels extensively in North America and abroad. In 2017, Snow created mirabai, a project-based professional women's chorus, which became winners of the American Prize in Music, professional division, in 2020. She curates two series of choral music, In High Voice and the mirabai series, and regularly commissions composers as a supporter of new music. She is a recipient of the Michigan State University William J. Beal Award for Outstanding Faculty, the MSU Teacher-Scholar Award, and the Dortha J. and John D. Withrow award for Excellence in Teaching.

STUDENT BIO

Paige Heidrich is a current DMA student in Voice Performance. Paige has been seen in MSU Opera Theatre productions as Alice Ford in *Falstaff*, Lady Billows in *Albert Herring*, and Geraldine in *A Hand of Bridge*.

As a soloist, Paige has appeared with the MSU Chorale, the BW Treble Choir, and the Ashtabula Area Orchestra. She sang the roles of Pamina in *The Magic Flute* and Constance in *Dialogues of the Carmelites with* Resonanz Opera, and sings regularly in the Detroit Opera chorus. Paige teaches applied voice and diction courses at Grand Rapids Community College and Saginaw Valley State University.

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<u>Violin I</u>

Natasha Kubit **
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Viola

Yu-Chieh Lin *
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<u>Cello</u>

Aaron Longuski *
Tung-An Chien
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Yi-Chen Ke
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Shaniah Cooper
Weigen Jiang

<u>Bass</u>

Cole Sheffer *
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Sam Stover
Ben Merte
Grace Kovacs
Shaun Rogers

Flute

Tzu-Shan Fu Adam Gulley/Pic Ivana Ramirez/Pic

Oboe

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Clarinet

John Khaydorov Jack Mulrooney Shaoqian Wang/Bass

Bassoon

Erika Clippinger Matt Weber Finn McCune/Contra

<u>Horn</u>

Alexander
Delperdang
Keith Pepper
Reed Fitzpatrick
Caden Dennie

Trumpet

Jon-Michael Taylor Calvin Pfund Natalia Vela

Trombone

Gracy Tomek Jordan Dove Nicholas Cicero/Bass

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