

A Message From Our President

This year the Genesee Valley Orchestra & Chorus is marking its thirty-seventh season. This community group started in 1976 when we sang on a barge on the Erie Canal as part of the bi-centennial celebrations in Fairport.

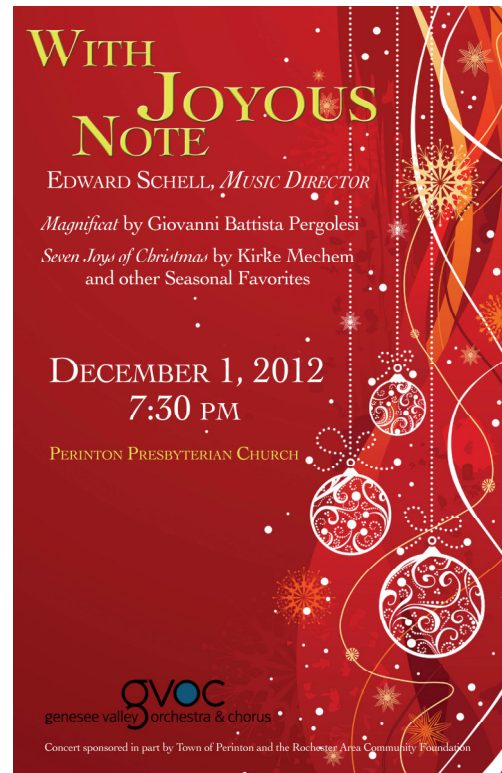
Edward Schell is our new conductor. An Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Rochester Institute of Technology, Mr. Schell is well-known to the Rochester musical community. He has conducted numerous ensembles throughout the Northeast and has served in leadership positions in the American Choral Directors' Association, the American Guild of Organists and the Unitarian Universalist Musicians' Network. We welcome Mr. Schell and look forward to an exciting new season of memorable and inspiring concerts.

Our first concert on December 1st is entitled With Joyous Note. In addition to several seasonal choral and instrumental pieces, we will be performing two pieces – one Baroque, the other 20th century - that are new to us. We hope you will plan on starting your holiday season with us.

On St. Patrick's Day we will have a buffet dinner concert at Eaglevale Golf Club with some traditional Irish favorites for your eating and listening pleasure. Come and enjoy our journey through Ireland and beyond in our concert entitled Look to the Rainbow.

On May 11th we will present Love, Beauty, Laughter!, a selection of music chosen from the 19th and 20th centuries, including music by a Grammy winning composer. We believe that this concert of great music performed by our chorus and orchestra members will be entertaining and inspirational.

Anne Rodgers, President GVOOC Board of Directors



Our first of the season program will feature two works:

Magnificat, or the Canticle of Mary, Mary's powerful and joyous prayer, set to music by 18th century Italian composer Giovanni Battista Pergolesi.

Seven Joys of Christmas, a sequence of carols celebrating the joys of the season: the joy of love, of bells, of Mary, of children, of the new year, of dance and of song by 20th century composer Kirke Mechem.

Seasonal choral and instrumental favorites will round out this delightful holiday program.



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Our St. Patrick's Day Entertainment will celebrate the season with selections of favorite folk and popular music as well as Broadway hits.

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Rounding out the season will be our May 11th concert **Love, Beauty, Laughter!**, a selection of music chosen from the 19th and 20th centuries. Included in this program:

Five Hebrew Love Songs, a set of delicate Hebrew poems set to music by Grammy Award-winning composer Eric Whitacre capturing moments of love shared with his wife, Hila Plitmann, author of the poetry upon which the music is based;

Johannes Brahms' **Nänie**, an elegy on the transience of life, as well as a memorial to a dear friend;

In Windsor Forest by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Based on Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, this cantata encompasses celebration, joy, exuberance and majesty as well as wit and just plain fun. We believe that this concert of great music performed by our chorus & orchestra members will be both entertaining and inspirational.

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Edward Schell, Music Director