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CLASSICAL FOR A CAUSE
HANDEL'S MESSIAH IN CONTEXT



**Classical for a Cause:
Handel's Messiah in Context**
Friday, December 4th, 2015 at 7:30 pm
St. John of Rochester Church, Fairport

Handel's "Messiah" is one of the most famous compositions ever, but if it were not for a charity event, the masterpiece could very well have disappeared into obscurity.

Thomas Coram founded London's Foundling Hospital in 1741 to rescue, sustain, and educate abandoned children. In 1750, Coram collaborated with visual artist William Hogarth to bring London's elite into the hospital to hear and see Handel conduct "Messiah", along with the "Anthem for the Foundling Hospital". The event was so successful that Handel conducted "Messiah" in the Foundling Hospital annually until his death, raising the modern-day equivalent of over a million dollars for the orphanage.

GVOC honors the oratorio's connection to charity by performing the first part of "Messiah" along with "Anthem for the Foundling Hospital", a lovely work for soloists and chorus that concludes with the renowned chorus borrowed from "Messiah:" "Hallelujah!" As this work was once new music, the program also features Handel-inspired works composed in 2009 by Sir John Tavener and Michael Nyman.

ROCK WITH GVOC TONIGHT

ROCK N' ROLL FAVORITES FROM THE



Rock with GVOC Tonight:
Rock n' Roll Favorites
from the 50's to Now

GVOC's Annual Dinner concert
Sunday, March 13th, 2016
Harro East Ballroom, Rochester

Cash bar 4:30 pm
Dinner 5:30 pm
Concert 7:30 pm

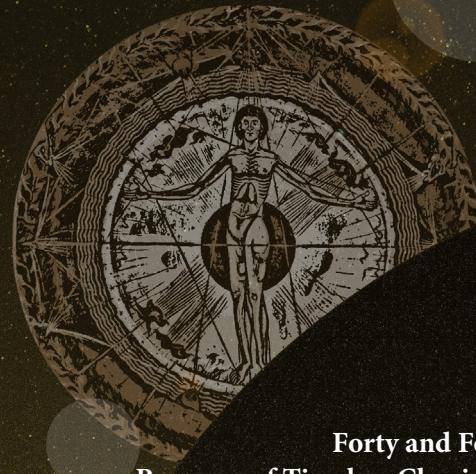
It's daylight savings time again, so come "Rock around the Clock Tonight" with GVOC and our celebration of rock n' roll hits!

Dinner is served in the Harro East Ballroom, followed by rock n' roll favorites arranged for choir and orchestra. We'll share our "Heart of Rock and Roll" (Huey Lewis) by doing the "Jailhouse Rock" (Elvis Presley) and by shouting "Goodness, Gracious, Great Balls of Fire!" (Jerry Lee Lewis)

Come also to support GVOC at our most important fundraiser of the year by donating to and bidding in our silent auction. Only with the support of our friends can we perform for you more hits on this program by the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Queen, Led Zeppelin, Michael Jackson, and Bruce Springsteen.



FORTY AND FORWARD



Forty and Forward:
Program of Timeless Classical and
Contemporary Music
Friday, June 3rd, 2015 at 7:30 pm
First Baptist Church of Fairport, Fairport
Saturday, June 4th, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Christ Church, Rochester

With its concert "Forty and Forward," GVOC celebrates forty years of bringing people together through great art, while also looking forward to a bright future for music in our community. Music creates human bonds, and all selections on the program celebrate an interconnectedness of ancient and modern -- perhaps eternal -- music-making.

The program opens with a celebration of "40" in Thomas Tallis' motet for 40 voices, "Spem in alium." Then, Arvo Pärt's "In Principio" (2003) explores the mystery of Creation in the composer's distinctive style of "spiritual minimalism."

In "Recomposed by Max Richter: Vivaldi - the Four seasons," Richter, one of the most in-demand composers today, borrows from Vivaldi's original score and dwells on rhythmic motives. The music becomes simultaneously old and new.

Jennifer Bellor composes GVOC's first-ever commission, "898 Hildegard." Named after a planetoid in our solar system, the work will honor GVOC's founder, Sister Virginia Hogan by quoting verse and melody of Hildegard von Bingen.

The Romantic music of Mahler and Elgar appear on the program, but in new forms for voices instead of instruments. Their texts celebrate light, and Tavener's "The Eternal Sun" sings of our cosmic sun as a mere reflection of a greater, divine sun. Ola Gjeilo's "Luminous Night of the Soul" closes out the program as an ode to our divine souls that eternally inspire great art.

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