



The St. Martin's Voice

The Newsletter of St. Martin's Chamber Choir

The Unknown Masterpiece

Neglected Genius

By Timothy J. Krueger, Artistic Director

Kalliwoda is “a green, freshly-growing stem in the German musical world.” --*Robert Schumann*

“How it angers me when someone dismisses a symphony by Kalliwoda as ‘certainly not one by Beethoven.’ It’s like the caviar-connoisseur who laughs at a child who finds an apple tasty.” --*Robert Schumann*



With praise of this nature, and wide recognition of his music in the 19th century, would one not think that the average classical music lover of our age would have at least *heard* of Johann Kalliwoda? Yet he is obscure, his name forgotten, his music unperformed.

Likewise in the 17th century, a composition treatise by Steffano Bernardi was highly respected and widely used

to teach counterpoint, and his masses were compared to those of Palestrina for their clarity and beauty. Yet no works by Bernardi are performed or recorded today, and not even many Renaissance scholars have heard of him, let alone the casual classical music listener.

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Friday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.,
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder

Sunday, November 8th, 4:00 p.m.,
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Denver

Tickets: \$15 General Admission, \$5 Student

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Your sales tax dollars are at hard at work supporting the arts!

Did you know that every time you make a purchase anywhere in the Denver metro area, the sales tax you pay helps to support St. Martin's? One-tenth of one percent of every sale goes to fund the **Scientific and Cultural Facilities District**, or **SCFD**, which in turn awards grants to arts, cultural and scientific organizations throughout the area. The grantwriting process is thorough and very competitive, and SMCC has received substantial awards for its general operations and special projects for more than 10 years.

The SCFD is celebrating its 20th year of providing invaluable financial and infrastructure assistance to area nonprofits. Reauthorized by the voters in 2004, SCFD is a nationally recognized model for public support of the nonprofit sector. St. Martin's is truly grateful for its ongoing underwriting of its mission and outreach.



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Do you listen to Colorado Public Radio?

If you do, chances are that you've heard St. Martin's often, either through the broadcast of our recordings, our live concert features on Colorado Spotlight, or through our underwriting spots. CPR supports classical music at 88.1 FM through its programming of both local artists and performances from around the world, and St. Martin's is honored to support the station through our underwriting. We tangibly show our support of public classical radio, and at the same time we inform our audiences about upcoming SMCC events. It's definitely a win-win situation!

How Can I Support SMCC?

- Make regular donations via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Make a gift through PayPal on our Support page
- Donate a vehicle to SMCC
- Attend a "Feast of St. Martin" fundraiser

Please visit our Support page at www.StMartinsChamberChoir.org/support.htm or call 303-298-1970 for more information.

Purchase your concert tickets online

You can purchase your SMCC concert tickets in advance through the St. Martin's website. Simply visit www.StMartinsChamberChoir.org to get your tickets for some of Colorado's finest choral music...no muss, no fuss, and your tickets will be waiting for you at will-call.

St. Martin's to release 11th CD: "Enlightenment *A Cappella*"

In mid-November St. Martin's will release its eleventh CD recording, "**Enlightenment *A Cappella***", featuring unaccompanied choral works from the 18th century, an era when most European choral music was accompanied by *basso continuo*. Artistic Director Tim Krueger has found some lovely and exciting works for this CD program, which is a reprise of the choir's popular concerts from June 2009.

To obtain your copy of "**Enlightenment *A Cappella***" you may contact St. Martin's at 303-298-1970 or info@stmartinschamberchoir.org, or make your purchase at an upcoming concert. The CD will also be available through online digital retailers as soon as possible after its release.

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The audience will be invited to reflect on the fleeting nature of fame as St. Martin's performs an *a cappella* mass setting by each of these neglected composers, famous in their lifetime but completely obscure today. Join us as we bring these undeservedly forgotten works to light after hundreds of years of neglect. And, as this is a *Cameo Concert*, where the audience is invited to share their reactions in a more intimate concert setting than usual, enjoy being almost face-to-face with the performers, and hearing *their* thoughts as well as those of the audience.

Extra performances of "The Unknown Masterpiece" scheduled

In addition to St. Martin's subscription performances of "The Unknown Masterpiece" on November 6th in Boulder and November 8th in Denver (tickets \$15 General Admission, \$5 Student), the choir will present this program on two prestigious local concert series the following week.

On Saturday, November 14th, we're very pleased to be appearing on the Community Performances series at the Cherokee Ranch and Castle in Castle Pines. The evening's format, includes tours of the castle, cash bar, performance, coffee reception and conversation with the performers. Tickets are \$25 per person, and for more information and to make reservations please contact the Castle at 303-688-4600. (www.cherokeeranch.org)

On Sunday, November 15th St. Martin's will make its inaugural appearance in Colorado Springs as part of the Taylor Memorial Concerts at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. and is open to the public. There will be a freewill offering. More information at 719-328-1125 and www.graceststephensepiscopal.org.

What's next on the "Feasts of St. Martin" menu?

Join us for a CD release party and a holiday sing-along!

On November 21st help us celebrate the release of our newest CD "Enlightenment *A Cappella*". Artistic Director Tim Krueger and St. Martin's singers will be on hand to join in the festivities, and you'll receive a complimentary copy of the CD.

To add just the right festive touch to your holiday season, how does a sing-along with St. Martin's sound? Musicians from St. Martin's and the Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado invite you to a December 12th open rehearsal, followed by some seasonal carol singing and delicious and delectable goodies.

For more information about these or any of the 2009-10 **Feasts of St. Martin**, call 303-298-1970, e-mail info@StMartinsChamberChoir.org, or visit www.StMartinsChamberChoir.org. Don't forget, you can make your reservations by phone *or* through the SMCC website!



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Cameo Concerts

- “Cameo Concerts” feature intimate venues, an interactive style, shorter programs and lower ticket prices
- Ensemble of twelve SMCC singers performing charming a *cappella* settings of the Mass by Kalliwoda and Bernardi
- Opportunities to discuss the fleeting nature of fame with the musicians

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