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Echoes of Christmas Past

BY TIMOTHY J. KRUEGER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

In keeping with the “Echoes”-theme of our 20th Anniversary Season, “A Salzburg Christmas” sees the choir joining with the acclaimed Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado to render Christmas works representing both a rustic “Village Christmas” and a grand “Cathedral Christmas” from the *Salzburger Dom*.

Centerpiece of the concert is the 8-movement *Weihnachts-responsorien* (more formally known as *Responsoria ad Matutinem in Nativitate Domini* – Responsories for Christmas Morning) by Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806). Johann Michael was the younger brother of the more famous Franz Josef. After following his older brother as a choirboy at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, the younger Haydn joined the Mozarts in the employment of the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg.

The 9th movement of the Responsories is a *Te Deum*, but Haydn did not write one with this set, but instead interpolated a variety of different settings with his own responsories, including that which we will perform, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's exuberant *Te Deum* (K. 141).

The music of Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751), who resided just over the mountains in Venice, made frequent appearances in Salzburg Cathedral services under the Italian-loving archbishops of the mid-18th century. His setting of the *Magnificat* (Mary's song of joy upon hearing she was bearing the Christ child) will be sung, featuring soloists Cynthia Henning, Leah Creek, Ray Ortiz, and Robert Avrett, as well as the orchestra and choir.

The above three works comprise the “Cathedral” side of a Salzburg Christmas. The rest of the program is devoted to more of a “Village Christmas,” taking for its inspiration *Stille Nacht*, written by Franz Gruber for the parish church of Oberndorf, a

small village just a few miles from Salzburg. A medley of arrangements of “Silent Night” (including one composed by myself for this occasion) will represent the “Village Christmas,” along with a rustic *Sonata e Pastorale* by Heinrich Biber (also from Salzburg) played by the orchestra.

A couple additional items not related to Salzburg will be added for two reasons of timing: Given Sir John Tavener's untimely death last week at the age of 69, I have decided to begin the concert with his lovely setting of William Blake's “The Lamb.” And, because our CD featuring three of Henri Hardouin's *a cappella* masses is just being released and will be available for sale, I have added a few brief settings by Hardouin of the text *Pastores, dicite* that I discovered recently. Though having nothing to do with Salzburg, Hardouin was a contemporary of J. M. Haydn and Mozart, and these are winsome little settings of this Christmas text about the shepherds that tie directly in with the release of this CD. ✦

UPCOMING CONCERT

A Salzburg Christmas

ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS PAST

Friday, Dec 13, 7:30 pm

Broomfield Auditorium :: 3 Community Park Rd :: Broomfield CO 80020

Sunday, Dec 15, 3:00 pm

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Denver CO 80220

Friday, Dec 20, 7:30 pm

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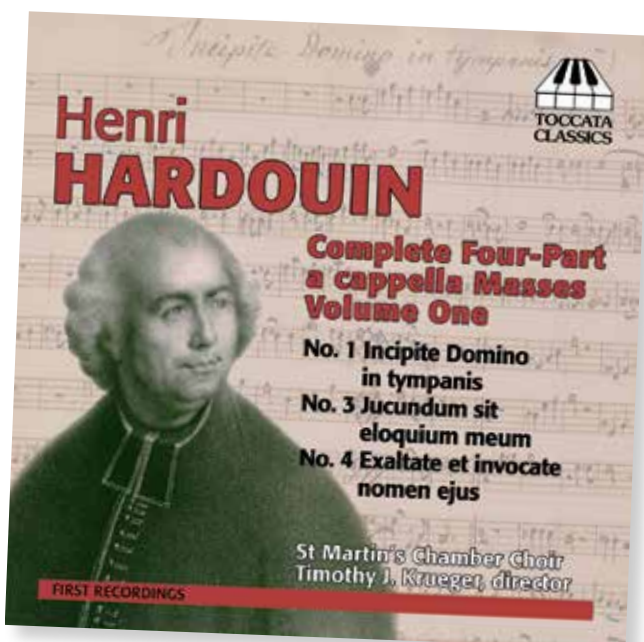


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