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Masterworks at San Roque: The “Bach B Minor Mass”

The Santa Barbara Choral Society to sing epic choral work

January 6, 2011, Santa Barbara, CA – The vaulted ceiling of San Roque Catholic Church will resonate with the sound of nearly a hundred voices when The Santa Barbara Choral Society performs its inaugural “Masterworks at San Roque” concert. The Choral Society will give two performances of Bach’s greatest choral masterpiece, the ***B Minor Mass***, on February 26 at 8:00 pm and February 27 at 3:00 pm. Led by Artistic/Music Director JoAnne Wasserman, soloists include Deborah Mayhan (First Soprano), Tamara Bevard (2nd Soprano), Cynthia Jansen (Alto), Jonathon Mack (Tenor) and Dean Elzinga (Bass), accompanied by the 26-piece Choral Society orchestra, with David Potter featured on the organ. Mr. Potter is Music Director at San Roque Catholic Church and Choral Society accompanist. General admission tickets for the concert are \$25, student tickets are \$10.

This is the first of what is hoped to be a series of great masterworks to be presented at the church. “The acoustics here are wonderful,” said Ms. Wasserman, “and the sheer beauty of the space is a perfect backdrop for the *B Minor Mass*.” The B-Minor Mass was the final work of the composer, although it had been written over an extended period of time, with sections of the work performed during a 20-year period.

San Roque Catholic Church is located at 3200 Calle Cedro in Santa Barbara.

To reserve tickets call: 805.965.6577 or visit the Choral Society website at: www.sbchoral.org. Tickets may also be purchased at Chaucer's Books and at the door, but advanced purchase is recommended.

Masterworks Patron tickets at \$250 include reserved seating, private reception following the Saturday night concert (Feb. 26), complimentary beverage at intermission, and valet parking.

For more detailed information please call the Choral Society office or e-mail:

info@sbchoral.org.

The Santa Barbara Choral Society is a nonprofit music organization, community-based in performance and education. The Santa Barbara Choral Society serves the public by performing choral music at the highest level and fostering musical development and appreciation within the Santa Barbara community.

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PHOTOS ATTACHED

The Artists:



Top row: Tamara Bevard, Deborah Mayhan, Cynthia Jansen

Bottom row: Jonathan Mack, Dean Elzinga