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SEATTLE PRO MUSICA 2011-2012 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

CELTIC CHRISTMAS - December 10 & 17, 2011

BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION - March 10 & 11, 2012

RESONANCE: VENETIAN MASTERS - May 19 & 20, 2012

Seattle Pro Musica invites you to experience the sublime beauty of the human voice in expressions of joy, pathos and inspiration. Our 2011-2012 season takes you on a voyage of discovery – from the lively sounds of Celtic Christmas music to the majesty of Bach, ending with a surround-sound experience of music for antiphonal choirs.

Celtic Christmas - Music of Ireland, Scotland & Wales

Experience the joyous sounds of traditional Celtic choral music for the Christmas season, as well as new music by composers from Ireland, Wales and Scotland. The evening includes our traditional candlelight processional and works performed in Welsh, Gaelic, and English. Seattle Pro Musica's Christmas concerts have been voted "top holiday concert" by Seattle audiences.

Saturday, December 10, 2011

7:30 pm

Town Hall – 8th & Seneca, Seattle
Pre-Concert Lecture at 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 17, 2011

3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Chapel at Bastyr University – 14500 Juanita Drive NE, Kenmore
Pre-Concert Lectures at 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Christmas with Seattle Pro Musica - Family Holiday Concert

Enjoy traditional carols, holiday favorites, and an audience sing-along for children and families in this one-hour performance. Children from area schools will join us in performance. We'll even have a prize drawing for two lucky children to come up onstage and conduct! Bring the whole family!

Saturday, December 10, 2011

3:00 pm

Town Hall – 8th & Seneca, Seattle

PASSION: Bach's St John Passion

Bach's setting of the Passion according to St. John the Evangelist for choir, soloists and orchestra, is one of the pillars of western choral music. Written in 1724 during his first year in Leipzig, and revised numerous times throughout his lifetime, the St. John Passion is one of his most expressive and impassioned works, filled with dramatic choruses and beautiful arias.

Saturday, March 10, 2012 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 11, 2012 8:00 pm

St. James Cathedral – 9th & Marion, Seattle

RESONANCE: Venetian Masters

Immerse yourself in the resplendent ambience of the cathedral, as the voices of Seattle Pro Musica perform in surround sound, creating an unparalleled aural experience. The concert features *Spem in Alium*, Thomas Tallis' famous motet for 40 individual voices, with eight choirs positioned around the audience. Also included are polychoral motets for choirs and brass by the Venetian masters Monteverdi and Gabrieli, as well as the world premiere of a new commissioned work by the exciting young British composer Bernard Hughes.

Saturday, May 19, 2012 8:00 pm

Sunday, May 20, 2012 8:00 pm

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ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES

Seattle Pro Musica will present numerous outreach and invitational performances this season:
 October 30, 2011 – 3:00 pm – First Lutheran Church, West Seattle
 November 20, 2011 – 3:00 pm – St. John's Episcopal, Olympia
 January 14, 2012 – 7:30 pm – Maple Hall, La Conner
 February 5, 2012 – 4:00 pm – Trinity Lutheran Church, Tacoma
 March 14-18, 2012 – time & date TBA – American Choral Directors Association NW Division Conference, Town Hall, Seattle

Images, 2011-2012 season brochure and additional information are available for download at <http://www.seattlepromusica.org/press-room/download.php>

Additional season details and individual programs are available by contacting Seattle Pro Musica by phone at 206.781.2766, or by email at katie@seattlepromusica.org.

ABOUT SEATTLE PRO MUSICA. A recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces grant and the Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence, Seattle Pro Musica has garnered international recognition and praise for its CDs and performances. Seattle Pro Musica has appeared at international music festivals and on NPR's *Saint Paul Sunday* and hosted the American Masterpieces Choral Festival under the auspices of the NEA. Seattle Pro Musica is ranked by American Record Guide as "among America's very best choirs."

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