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Run through May 18, 2002

**SEATTLE PRO MUSICA  
2001-2002 SEASON**

Seattle Pro Musica, under the direction of Karen P. Thomas, announces its 2001-2002 concert season. This season, as in past years, we continue our mission to bring the best choral music to Northwest audiences – both the masterpieces of the past, and the exciting new works being written in our own time. Featured soloists for the season are soprano Amy Bills, baritone Erich Parce, mezzo-soprano Kathryn Weld and organist Joseph Adam. In addition to our regular concert series (information below), Seattle Pro Musica will join forces with the Cathedral Choirs of St. James Cathedral to present the Western hemisphere premiere of Japanese composer Shigeaki Saegusa's *Requiem* on November 16, 2001 at St. James Cathedral.

**Weihnachten! A German Christmas**

December 15 & 16, 2001

***Durufle's Requiem***

March 2 & 3, 2002

**Peace in Our Time – Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem***

May 18, 2002

***Weihnachten! A German Christmas***

**Magnificent a cappella music for the Advent and Christmas seasons**

Experience Christmas in Germany, in this concert showcasing the glorious tradition of German a cappella music — including such favorites as *In dulci jubilo*, *Lo how a rose*, and Franz Biebl's *Ave Maria*. The grand style of Baroque *cori spezzati* (divided choirs) will be featured with Heinrich Schütz's *Deutsches Magnificat* and works by Praetorius. Also on the program are motets by Bruckner and Distler, and Johannes Brahms' *Marienlieder*. Seattle Pro Musica's Women's Schola performs medieval chant in our traditional candlelight processional. The evening concludes with an audience sing-along of traditional German carols.

**Saturday, December 15, 2001 ♦ 8:00 pm**

**Chapel at Bastyr University ♦ 14500 Juanita Drive NE, Bothell**

**Sunday, December 16, 2001 ♦ 3:00 pm**

**Town Hall ♦ 1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle**

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## ***Duruflé's Requiem***

**An all-French program celebrating the centennial of Duruflé's birth**

This program commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most beloved composers – Maurice Duruflé – with a performance of his *Requiem*, featuring Kathryn Weld, mezzo-soprano, and Joseph Adam, organist. The program also includes Debussy's *Trois Chansons*, as well as works by Fauré and Messiaen. Rounding out the evening is a set of evocative choral songs by Lili Boulanger, younger sister of the famed teacher Nadia Boulanger, and the first woman to win the prestigious *Prix de Rome* composition prize.

**Saturday, March 2, 2002 ♦ 8:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church ♦ 1013 8th Avenue, Seattle**

**Sunday, March 3, 2002 ♦ 3:00 pm**

**Sacred Heart Church ♦ 9460 NE 14th, Bellevue**

## ***Peace in Our Time***

**English Music for the Cathedral, performed in the glorious acoustic of  
St. James Cathedral**

This concert highlights music for the cathedral by English composers, with a focus on the theme of peace. The featured work is *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, for soloists, choir and orchestra, one of the most important anti-war compositions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Written between WWI and WWII, *Dona Nobis Pacem* is one of Vaughan Williams' most significant works — an impassioned plea for peace, incorporating Biblical texts with the emotionally-charged anti-war poetry of Walt Whitman. Joining Seattle Pro Musica for this performance in the magnificent acoustic of St. James Cathedral are Amy Bils, soprano, and Erich Parce, baritone. The program also includes Herbert Howells' sublime *Requiem* for a cappella choir, as well as works by Tavener, Tallis and Britten. The Women's Schola of Seattle Pro Musica performs Sarum chant and Medieval English music.

**Saturday, May 18, 2002 ♦ 8:00 pm**

**St. James Cathedral ♦ 804 9th Avenue, Seattle**

### **Ticket Prices**

#### **Season Subscription (all three concerts)**

**General \$48.00**

**Students/Seniors \$38.00**

#### **Single Tickets**

**General \$17 in advance ♦ \$19 at the door**

**Students/Seniors \$13 in advance ♦ \$15 at the door**

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