Georgetown Bach Chorale kicks off season by heading to Broadway

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The Georgetown Bach Chorale (GBC) has some wonderful concerts to offer in its upcoming 2011/12 season to help console you in the shorter days of autumn, the frigid days of winter, and the warmer days of spring.

There is a famous saying: "if it ain't broke don't fix it." The Bach Chorale is doing exactly that! Following the enormous success of their first jazz dinner and concert, the Chorale has decided to host another evening of a sumptuous multi-course gourmet dinner paired with a jazz combo and hot sultry singers. We're bringing Broadway New York to Georgetown. The hottest night club for one night only is St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph St. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $75— available in advance only.

It has been said by Sir Andrew Davis, former conductor of the TSO, that the GTA is a mecca for Handel's most popular oratorio, *The Messiah*. Evidence of this statement is clear in four performances given by the Bach Chorale and Baroque Chamber Orchestra. Come and live history in the present. The performances feature period instruments, two harpsichords, Baroque chamber organ, valveless trumpets, and acoustically wonderful venues:

- Friday, November 18 at 8 p.m. Christ Church Anglican, Brampton
- Sunday, November 20 at 3 p.m. St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East
- Saturday, December 3 at 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, Acton
- Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m. St. Elias Ukrainian Church, Brampton

Tickets $30, students $10

GBC ARTISTIC DIRECTOR RON GREIDANUS
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Noel Noel is the title of the Christmas celebration at 157 Main Street in Georgetown. A concert filled with incredible seasonal music and readings and sensuous edibles can only be experienced in the cosy surroundings of Maestro Greidanus's abode. Tickets are $45, are limited in number, and must be purchased in advance.

Performances are on Friday, Dec. 16, Saturday, Dec. 17 and Sunday, Dec. 18, all at 8 p.m.

Artistic director Ron Greidanus performs a solo piano recital on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m. Medtner's nostalgic *Sonata Reminiscenza* and Rachmaninoff's stirring *Etudes-Tableaux* will be the featured portrait pieces offered. A selection of hot soups, fine cheeses, and freshly baked bread will finish off the evening.

Music for cathedrals at the awe-inspiring Croatian Centre is once again one of the musical stops for the GBC. In a visually breathtaking and audibly stunning venue, the chorale will surround you with marvelous choral gems on Saturday, March 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets $30, students $10.

To close the year, Mozart's *Requiem* coupled with his *Piano Concerto in E flat Major* will be the final selections offered by the Georgetown Bach Chorale on Sunday, May 6 at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Tickets $30, students $10.

Tickets for all concerts can be purchased at Foodstuffs, 89 Main St. S., Georgetown, 905-877-6569 or Pat's Prime Cuts & Deli, 333 Mountainview Rd. S., 905-873-0352 or go to www.georgetown-bachchorale.com.

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