

## Choral Society Christmas concert features Puccini

Operas are known for catchy tunes and powerful emotional music. However, opera composer Giacomo Puccini, called the greatest composer of Italian opera after Verdi, also used his huge talent to create many other lovely pieces. The Georgetown Choral Society is thrilled to feature Puccini's lovely "Messa di Gloria" in its 43rd annual Christmas concert.

It is not surprising that he composed this masterful sacred work at age 22, as he followed a 124-year old family tradition (1740–1864) as the "maestro di cappella" of the Cattedrale di San Martino, in Italy.

The program also has many other traditional Christmas songs such as the lively "Goin' to Bethlehem" and a very innovative version of "The 12 Days of Christmas" incorporating many styles of European music stretching over five centuries. There will also be an audience "sing-along" of popular carols. You and your family can get into the Christmas spirit by letting the sound of 95 voices in four-part harmony embrace you.

The concert is on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown. Tickets purchased in advance are only \$20. See the website http://www.georgetownchoral.ca/ for more details of the concert, and where to obtain tickets, including online purchasing.

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