

## Bach Chorale preparing for a busy season

The Georgetown Bach Chorale offers choral, orchestral and solo classical concerts from the end of October to the first of May.

A violin and piano concert begins the season with guest violinist Michael Schulte and chorale director, Ronald Greidanus, on piano, playing music by Vitali, Grieg, Liszt and Schubert on Oct. 30, 8 p.m. at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre's Gallery. Tickets are \$20.

Part I of Handel's Messiah and the Hallelujah Chorus will be performed at the Advent Concert with the Chorale and guest soloists and a baroque orchestra, featuring Norman Engle, Canada's premier baroque trumpet player. Advent Cantata No. 70, Wachet, betet by J.S. Bach and Trumpet concerto in D major by G. Telemann will also be performed on Saturday, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, and on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 3 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East. Tickets are \$25.

The Christmas concert will combine period carols and readings performed with harpsichord and cello accompaniment. It will take place in a private home, by candlelight and with seasonal decorations. A reception will follow the concerts on Friday, Dec. 17, and Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. at 157 Main St. S., Georgetown. Tickets for this venue are \$35 but will not

be available at the door. They must be purchased well in advance due to limited seating and their popularity.

Music for Good Friday will kick off the Chorale's annual monthlong Spring Festival and will appropriately have Part II of Bach's Messiah with selections from the St. Matthew and St. John's Passions. Guest soloists will perform with the Chorale and a baroque orchestra on Friday. March 25, 8 p.m. at Knox

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Concert for String Quartet and Piano will feature the Tokai String Quartet (finalists at the Banff International String Quartet Competition). They will perform Concerto in E minor by F. Chopin with artistic director Ronald Greidanus on piano on Sunday, April 10, 8 p.m. at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre's Gallery. Tickets are \$20.

Coloratura soprano Kyra Bailey will be featured in The Russian Revolution concert for piano and solo voice, with the master works of Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov. The evening will include a

reception with a Russian theme on Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16, 8 p.m. This concert will also be held at 157 Main St. S. Georgetown. Tickets are \$35.

A Gala concert will finish the season with the Georgetown Bach Chorale and guest soloists performing Part III of the Messiah (Resurrection Portion) by G. Handel and the Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 by J.S. Bach, along with a

baroque orchestra on Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East, and Saturday, May 7, 8 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Georgetown. Tickets are \$25.

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