

ENTERTAINMENT



Special Good Friday concert

Bach Chorale continues its Spring Festival

The Georgetown Bach Chorale started the spring season with a flourish. The choir is becoming well known for the challenging and exacting standards of its choral performance under the guidance of music director Ron Greidanus.

Recognition of the choir's achievements came this year with an invitation to perform in Toronto as featured guests of acclaimed tenor Peter McCutcheon in his own concert series. Along with mezzo-soprano Jean Stillwell, the Georgetown Bach Chorale sang to an enthusiastic audience of several hundred at Glenview Presbyterian Church in Toronto.

The concert theme followed Christ's passion with vocals drawn from some of the most moving sacred music ever written.

The audience was shepherded through the story of the last supper, crucifixion and the resurrection with selections from Bach's great *Passions* (*St. John* and *St. Matthew*), Handel's *Messiah* and Mozart's *Requiem*. The soloists and choir were accompanied on the musical journey by cello, violin, timpani, trumpet and Ron Greidanus on the harpsichord.

Georgetown audiences will have an opportunity to hear the same concert when the Chorale reprises the performance at Knox Presbyterian Church on Good Friday, as part of its Spring Festival series. Tickets are \$20 and the concert starts at 8 p.m.

The series started with wonderful instrumental performance at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre Gallery, when the Chorale presented a concert for violin, cello and piano. Greidanus, on piano, was joined by Parmela Attariwala on violin and Mary-Katherine Finch on cello. The three musicians brought the audience to their feet with a tour de force performance of Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A.

Following the Good Friday concert and rounding out the season will be the Gala Concert on May 6 at St. John's United Church. This concert is included in the Halton Hills ArtsWeek festivities and is not to be missed. The choir, accompanied by a chamber orchestra will be singing Bach's Kantata 79, and the Mass 233 in F major. Filling out the program will be a Piano Concerto by Mozart and Handel's famous Water Music Suite No. 1. Tickets are \$25 and the concert starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets for all concerts can be purchased at Foodstuffs or the Freckled Lion in downtown Georgetown and further information can be found at www.georgetownbachchorale.com.

—Georgetown Bach Chorale

GLT in final rehearsals for spring play *The Perils of Persephone*

Seems there's a lot of panic going on in the Currie household after a truck suspected of hauling nuclear wastes lands in their swamp, spilling its load. Local farmer and township reeve Eldon Currie (Paul d'Entremont), is joined by his wife Marj (Margaret Brady), daughter Wendy (Megan Brady), and his brother Orval (Ken Smith) to discuss the ramifications of the spill with environment ministry officials (in back) media spin doctor Skip Fuller (Kathryn DeLory) and The Honourable Henry Bulford (Shane Philips) as they try to apply a liberal coat of damage control on the township, prompting a chain of comedic events in Georgetown Little Theatre's upcoming production, *The Perils of Persephone*. The play, written by famed Canadian playwright Dan Needles and directed by Mark Tiller, opens April 20 and continues April 21, 22 and April 26-29 at John Elliott Theatre.

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