

St. Paul's United Church hosts cantata featuring choirs

The festive season often means rushing around at malls, going from party to party, and trying to get everything done before the big day. There's no doubt that Christmas can often be a less-than-restful time.

For a more introspective look at the Christmas story, two local church choirs will join together to present a new cantata enti-

led 'The Winter Rose', by Joseph M. Martin.

The cantata will take place Sunday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. E. It'll feature the St. Paul's choir, plus the Grace Anglican Church Choir, directed by Judy Hunter and Sue Anderson.

"I know that the evening will be a memorable and moving experience for all who

attend," Anderson said, explaining the cantata is written with a depth and sensitivity that powerfully proclaim the message of advent — the performance falls on the second Sunday of advent — and Christmas.

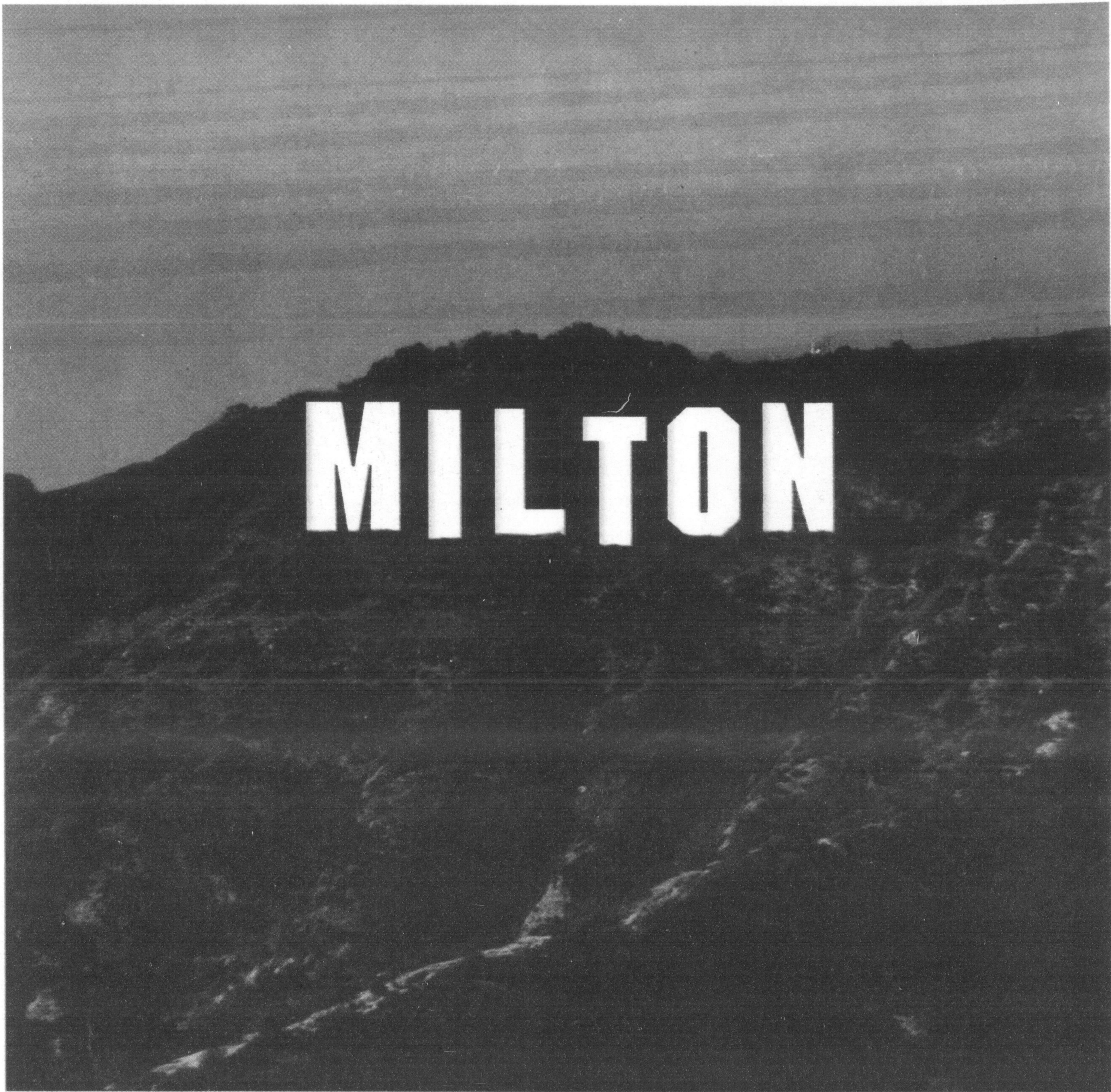
Accompaniment will be provided by pianists Dawn Brodie and Carl Steinhauser, as well as an ensemble of harp, strings,

woodwinds and percussion.

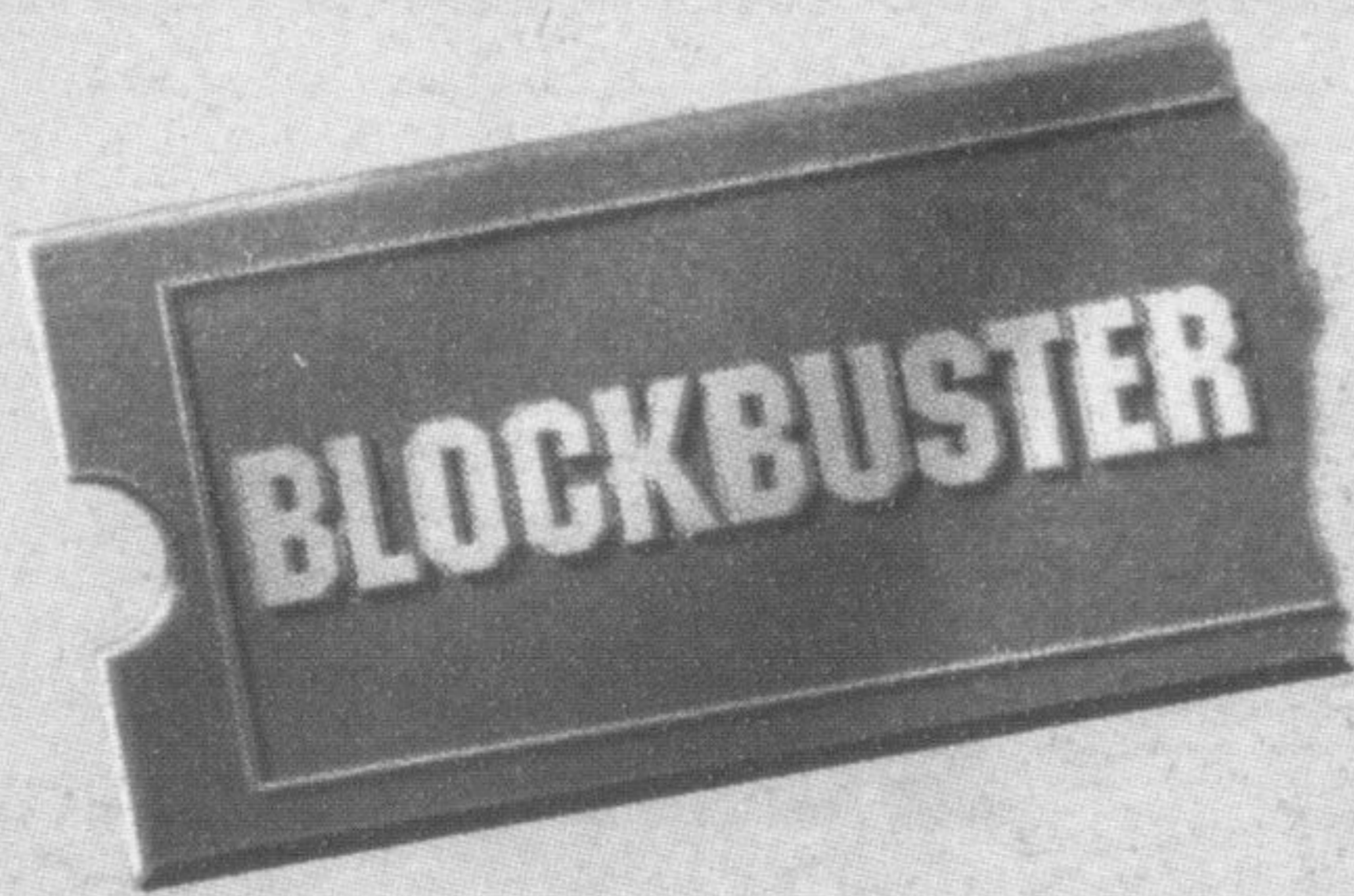
It's being performed in loving memory of Alma Wicks, a long-time member of several local choirs and other musical groups.

A free-will offering will be accepted at the performance, with part of the proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity. St. Paul's United Church is wheelchair accessible.

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