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—William Grant Egbert (1867–1928) Founder, Ithaca Conservatory

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# WINTER CHORAL CONCERT

# ITHACA COLLEGE VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE Lauri Robinson-Keegan, musical director

Take the A Train

music by Billy Strayhorn arranged by Steve Zegree

I've Got the World on a String

music by Harold Arlen lyrics by Ted Koehler arranged by Michele Weir

Blues Backstage

music by Frank Foster lyrics by Jon Hendricks arranged by Carol Kagy

# ITHACA COLLEGE CHORUS Janet Galván, conductor Erik Kibelsbek, graduate conductor

Song For Athene

John Tavener

Erik Kibelsbek, graduate conductor

Lauda per la Nativita del Signore

Ottorino Respighi

Deborah Montogomery\*, soprano as L'Angelo David Parks\*, tenor as Pastore Beth Ray\*, mezzo soprano as Maria Doug Han, piccolo Wendy Herbener Mehne\*, flute Paige Morgan\*, English horn Hannah McKeown, oboe Eleanor Conley, bassoon Nick Cantrell bassoon Laura Bilodeau, triangle Brian DeMaris, piano Alison Blanchard, piano

# ITHACA COLLEGE MADRIGAL SINGERS Lawrence Doebler, conductor

Wexford carol Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming Fomorrow shall be my dancing day Rise up Shepherds I wonder as I wander Shepherds, in their field abiding

John Rutter Michael Praetorius David Willcocks John Rutter John Rutter David Willcocks

# ITHACA COLLEGE WOMEN'S CHORALE Janet Galván, conductor

Haec Est Dies

Ave Maria

Jacob Handl

Tim Reno

ITHACA COLLEGE CHOIR Lawrence Doebler, conductor

Psalm 47

Jacob Handl edited by Lawrence Doebler

Aaron Copland text by Genevieve Taggard wler, soloist

Paul Fowler, soloist

I have a dream . . .

Dana Wilson

**Johannes Brahms** 

Franz Grüber

Speech by Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963

## ITHACA COLLEGE CHORAL UNION Lawrence Doebler, conductor

How lovely is Thy dwelling place From *German Requiem* 

Brian Hertz and Kerry Watkins, piano

Silent Night\*\*

Ithaca College faculty
\*\* Soloist

Ford Hall Sunday, December 10, 2000 3:00 p.m.



# PROGRAM NOTES

"Song for Athene" This composition is a tribute to a young family friend of Tavener's, Athene Hariades. She was a talented actress who was tragically killed in a cycling accident. Tavener wrote: "Her beauty, both outward and inner, was reflected in her love of acting, poetry music, and of the Orthodox Church." Tavener heard Athene rea Shakespeare in Westminster Abbey and conceived the piece after her funeral. He combined the Orthodox liturgy with lines from *Hamlet*. Between each is an "alleluia." Following the example of traditional Byzantine music, the whole piece unfolds over a continuous "ison" or drone. "Song for Athene" exemplifies that inner serenity, purity and radiance which is characteristic of Tavener.

"Lauda per la Nativita del Signore" (Laud to the Nativity of the Lord) is the only sacred choral work in Respighi's extensive output of music. The music is said to evoke the archaic serenity of Monteverdi's madrigals while demonstrating impressionistic harmony and orchestration. The Angel announces the birth of the Christ child. The Shepherd leads his companions to see the child in the stable. Mary is there to sing a lullaby. The English horn is used for pastoral pipes. The piano supported by bassoons create church-bell effects as the chorus jubilantly intones "laude, gloria e onore a te." The text is attributed to a medieval monk, Jacopone da Todi. It is archaic Italian but has lines from scripture.

Special thanks to Patrice Pastore for diction consultation.

"Lauda per la Nativita del Signore " Words attributed to Jacopone da Todi

The Angel

Shepherds, you who watch your flocks as they graze here, lift up your eyes, for I am the Angel of the eternal mansion. I bring you a message, the joyful news that little Jesus has been born, the son of God, sent for your salvation.



#### Chorus (Angels)

As a sign of this, in a humble stable the poor baby was born, and he does not mind lying between the ox and the ass. His mother, very poorly clad, has laid him in the manger. His cover is only hay, so low has he descended.

#### The Angel

Shepherds, you who watch, etc.

#### Chorus (Angels)

As a sign of this, etc.

#### Shepherd

Lord, you have descended from heaven to earth, as the Angel says, and our hearts burn to find you in that humble stable; let us find it, so that we may see you clothed in human flesh.

#### The Shepherds at the Manger

Well, here is the little stable, and we see in it the poor baby. The blessed Virgin has neither food nor clothes in which to swaddle him, Joseph cannot help her, for he is old and feeble. He gets used to poverty, he who, though Lord, seems to have nothing.

#### Shepherd

Lord, you have descended, etc.

#### Mary

O sweet and darling son of mine, you were born of me so poor! Joseph the old man, who is your guardian, has fallen asleep here. My son, perfect joy I felt at your birth! As I hugged you, I did not care about poverty, for you gave me so much sweetness with your eternal joy. O tender little son!

### Chorus

O fountain of bounty, to such poverty you have stooped.

#### Mary

My son, I gave birth to you! In such poverty I see you born!

### Chorus

Take our cloaks...

#### Mary

You are the infinite God, who for the human race has become flesh: As I have no swaddling clothes I will wrap you in my own dress, O poor little son of mine, the promise of your blessed Father.

#### Chorus

O holy Mother, do not be repelled, O holy Mother, by these poor garments, worn in our work with the flocks in the fields. Wrap your son in them, so that his pure flesh will not smell of hay.

#### Chorus (Angels)

Glory, praise and honor to you, omnipotent Lord of heaven.

#### Shepherds

Lord, since you have deigned to be born today in such poverty, give light to all people, and no one will be ungrateful for such a gift. (to Mary) Joyful will we leave if we can touch him for a moment. This favor we ask of you, we who are only shepherds, only simple shepherds.

#### Mary

I want to comfort you, so you may return to your flocks, for it is now disposed that the servant be redeemed.

#### Chorus

Glory, praise and honor to you. Glory to you, O omnipotent Lord of heaven. Ah, Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory to God in heaven and on earth peace to men of good will. To a guilty world you have given yourself, not out of duty, but only for your pleasure. We praise you, Lord, and glorify your majesty...

#### The Angel

Glory to God in heaven. Ah!

#### Chorus

...and glorify your majesty. Glory to God in heaven. and on earth peace to men of good will.

#### Mary

To God the father I am bound to give honor and glory for ever, as I am the mother of his son, who is the eternal God. And such is the sublime joy of kissing and hugging so dear a son, more beautiful than any lily, that I cannot control my heart. I feel a new joy, and all reborn I thrill with fervor!

#### Chorus

Amen, amen, amen!

The Angel Yes, now the Savior is born!

Chorus Amen, amen!

English translation: Marcello Maestro

"Haec Est Dies" Jacob Handl (1550-1591), also called Gallus, was from Slovenia. A Cistercian monk, Handl traveled in Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, was a member of the Viennese court chapel in 1574, and was choirmaster to the bishop of Olmütz (modern Olomouc, Czech Republic) in 1579-85. He worked in Austria and then Bohemia, and was heavily influence by the Venetian style. His wide-ranging, eclectic style was a mix of archaism and modernity. He rarely used a cantus firmus, preferring the Venetian polychoral manner that was new at the time.

Translation: This is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

"Ave Maria" Tim Reno is a senior in the performance/music education degree at Ithaca College. His setting of "Ave Maria" is dedicated to the Ithaca College Women's Chorale.

**"Psalm 47"** All ye people clap your hands, shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible, he is a great king over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us and the nations under our feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our king. Alleluia.

# ITHACA COLLEGE VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE Lauri Robinson-Keegan, musical director



Vocalists Alice Biss Meghan Galloway Matt Hill Natasha Hinds Colton Hubbard Teri Kowiak Joe Lai Joe Riela Jessica Stadt Jill Trask Piano Nathan Lincoln-DeCusatis

Guitar Nick Bullock

Bass David Hopings

**Drums** Chris Thaw

ITHACA COLLEGE MADRIGAL SINGERS Lawrence Doebler, conductor Jessica Lavway, graduate conductor Erik Kibelsbeck, graduate conductor

**Soprano I** Meagan Johnson Ragan Renteria

**Soprano II** Amanda Capone Jessica Lavway

Alto I Andrea Kraynak Nikki Schwarz

Alto II Kathleen O'Connor Hilarie Wilshire **Tenor I** Andrew Chugg Thomas Morris

Tenor II Bill DeMetsenaere Christopher Desjardins

Baritone Miles Johnson Michael Kilcoyne

**Bass** Josh Bouchard Jermaine Hill

# ITHACA COLLEGE CHORUS Janet Galván, conductor Alison Blanchard, Greg Beaulieu, rehearsal accompanists Erik Kibelsbeck, Jessica Lavway, graduate assistants

Soprano I Sarah Dewey Jennifer Hasselhan Allison Zalneraitis

Soprano I-II Matylda Bylinska Kimberly Dulchinos Mary Edwards-Ransom Jenny Engard Amanda Goodman Sara Hughes Elizabeth Ingram Kristina LaFever Alison LaGarry Donna Mathis **Emily** Phillips Meghan Raboin Meagan Sherwood Callie Shrader Kiera Smialek Alyssa Schwitzer Jessica Stadt Kimberly Thompson Shannon Tobia Sarah Tree Megan Young

Soprano II Dominique Ayuso Katie Curran Vanessa Gaul Heidi Kolb Klenda Martinez Lorraine Mignotte Jane Newsome Elizabeth O'Brien Christine Smith Angela Tennis Kristin Triantafill Rebecca Winston

#### Alto I

Alison Blanchard Teresa Fiorenza Katherine Grasmeyer Erica Hallock Kira Kamensky Susan Meuse Cassandra Leonard Laura Pratt Jessi Tranter Kristen Weiskotten

#### Alto I-II

Lesley Bannister Laura Centonze Iennifer Coleman Sara DelVillano Katya Ermolaev Katie Jurewicz Elizabeth King **Ieanette Korinis** Catherine Lake Jennifer O'Donnell Laura Raposo Pamela Ross Ellen Stapleton Jen Trimble Mary Walker Kristin Zaryski

#### Alto II

Laura Bilodeau Asli Zeynep Coskun Kristin Dermody Lynn J anovich Amy Johnson Beth LaBella





Gwendolyn Mathis Nicola McLean Katherine Paul Julia Pfeiffer Kim Schaeffer

Tenor I Daniel Baker Andrew Benware Peter Bush Sean Clark Christopher Franklin Jeffrey A. Hoffman Adam Klock Jon Mendelsohn Thomas Morris James Paisley Doug Rausch Brandon Steinorth Michael Stephenson

Tenor II Ryan Ainsworth Sean Anderson Jonathan Coyle Matthew Faranda Tim Ferguson Byron Ford Jeremy Harting BrianKrauss David Lacey Joe Lai Ben Richards James Roumeles, Jr. James Theisen, Jr.

Bass I Chad Corey Mason Daffinee Christopher DeGraw Alex Friedman **Iacob Hardesty** Jason Hess Matthew Hill Francis Hoch Chad Louden John-Paul Norpoth Tucker Post **James Sanderson** Tony Spradlin Daniel Tillapaugh Chris Zarpentine Erik Butzek

# Bass II

Greg Beaulieu Kevin Besig Lee Buchwalder Patrick Gehlhoff Kevin Grabowski Mike Harrison Colton Hubbard Tyler Marinello Brian Messier Todd Morgan Gerald Porteus Mike Simon Robert Stewart David Van Gelder John Varlaro

Percussion Laura Bilodeau

# ITHACA COLLEGE WOMEN'S CHORALE Janet Galván, conductor Jill Trask, accompanist

Soprano I Ann Chrastina Donata Cucinotta Kristen Robinson

Soprano I-II Adele Betz Brittney Borgstedt Elizabeth Davis Lauren Dragan Lynne English Ivy Gaibel Whitney Guy Megan Kohler Sacha Mackerwicz Katy McNulty Sabrina Martin Lauren Quigley April Reiman Melissa Sanfilippo **Iessica** Russell Christine Stevens Vanessa Velez Barbara Vultaggio Lauren Zito

Soprano II Megan Beatty Julie Bickford Karla Faggard Suzanne O'Gara Bora Yoon AnaWithiam

Soprano II – Alto I Alice Biss Teri Kowiak Jill Trask

### Alto I

Christine Dunn Melanie Fishman Meghan Galloway Dawn Golding Amanda Hick Jennifer Hawe Ashley Keedy Angela Ramacci Danielle Santiago Amanda Zawadzki

#### Alto I-II

Meredith Allen Hollis Bowen Jessica Corvino Aimee Dollard Kristin Sharkey

### Alto II

Shelley Facente Rosemarie Flores Natasha Hinds Abigail Irwin Kristine Jones Erin McCully Kelly Nixon Heather Race Deana Saada Vicki Spaulding

**Graduate Assistants** Erik Kibelsbeck Jessica Lavway



ITHACA COLLEGE CHOIR Lawrence Doebler, conductor Jessica Lavway, graduate conductor Erik Kibelsbeck, graduate conductor



### Soprano I

Sarah Bartolome Sharon Costianes Alyson Curry Meagan Johnson Shannon McElroy Ragan Renteria Haviland Stillwell

### Alto I

Nicole Asel Jessica Holl Jessica Julin Elissa Levitt Nikki Schwarz Joan Stafford

#### Tenor I

Andrew Chugg Christopher Desjardins Bill DeMetsenaere Anthony Maiese Blake Siskavich Edwin Vega

#### Baritone

Sean Fox Miles Johnson Michael Kilcoyne Christopher Martin Scott Seltzer Caleb Whelden

### Soprano II Sonia Rodriguez Bermejo Amanda Capone Jessica Lavway Laural Martin Maria Rondinaro

Mary-Lynn Sindoni

### Alto II Andrea Kraynak Emily Mangino Kathleen O'Connor Rebecca Sach Elisa Sciscioli Kerry Watkins Hilarie Wilshire

### Tenor II Scott England Paul Fowler Brian Hertz James Paisley Thomas Morris

### Bass II Josh Bouchard Lucas Hibbard\*\* Jermaine Hill Eric Toyama Michael Vaughn Marc Webster

\*\* Soloist for Silent Night