

Bach Festival Society OF WINTER PARK

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Carmina Burana on the Bach Festival Choral Masterworks Series

Winter Park, FL The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park is pleased to kick off its 2007–2008 **Choral Masterworks Series** with two magnificent performances featuring **Carl Orff's** awe-inspiring ***Carmina Burana***, **Samuel F. Barber's *Cello Concerto***, performed by internationally renowned cellist **Christopher Rex**, and the world premiere of award-winning composer **Keith Lay's *Vision of the Earth*** on October 27 and 28, 2007. These concerts will be performed by the Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra in Knowles Memorial Chapel on the Rollins College Campus. The Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra are also pleased to have Maitland Middle School's choir join us for the performances of *Carmina Burana*.

Carmina Burana is one of the few 20th-century classical works that has invaded popular culture. Its premiere in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1937 caused a sensation, and it has been thrilling audiences ever since. This powerful music of Orff can be heard today in movies and television commercials, as well as in live performances. It has been heard in the movies *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *Detroit Rock City*, and *The General's Daughter*, to name a few, as well as in commercials for credit cards. Though many will recognize the music, the work still maintains its mysterious air. The text was found in a monastery north of Munich, Germany, but many of the poems are secular in nature. Determining the specific origin of the text—whether

written by monks or secular poets—has been challenging, and no theory has won universal endorsement by scholars.

In addition to *Carmina Burana*, the Bach Festival Society will present Barber's *Cello Concerto* and the world premiere of Keith Lay's *Vision of the Earth*. Samuel Barber's *Cello Concerto* is considered one of the great concertos of the 20th century. We are pleased to have Christopher Rex, world-renowned cellist and a native of Central Florida, perform this piece with us. *Vision of the Earth* is composed for choir, orchestra, and soprano and baritone soloists. Lay describes the work as "ever hopeful and positive, with a harmony that is always rising."

Performance Information

What: The Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra performing Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Barber's *Cello Concerto* performed by Christopher Rex, and the World Premiere of Keith Lay's *Vision of the Earth*

Where: Knowles Memorial Chapel on the Rollins College Campus

When: Saturday, October 27, 8pm and Sunday, October 28, 3pm

Tickets: \$45/\$35 depending on seat location.

About the Bach Festival Society

The Bach Festival Society, located in Winter Park, Florida, is one of the longest continuously operating Bach Festivals in the country and among America's great oratorio societies. The Bach Festival Society brings the highest caliber of classical music to Central Florida. Performances are held in the intimate settings of the Tiedtke Concert Hall and Knowles Memorial Chapel on the beautiful campus of Rollins College.

For more information regarding the upcoming season or to order tickets, please call the Bach Festival Society at 407-646-2182 or visit us online at www.bachfestivalflorida.org