A Cornucopia of Holiday Delights

Eastman Horn Choir

December 1, 2021
12:10PM
The Eastman Horn Choir was founded in 1968 by Verne Reynolds, Professor Emeritus of Horn at the Eastman School of Music, who served as its director until his retirement in 1995. From its inception, the Choir’s mission has been threefold: to provide an expanded ensemble experience for the horn students; to acquaint them (through transcriptions) of the breadth of quality repertoire (with a particular emphasis on the glorious vocal music of the German and Italian Renaissance) within our musical culture; and to encourage contemporary composers to create original works for multiple horns. In addition to compositions and commissions by such notable composers as Samuel Adler, Jeff Tyzik, John Cheetham, David Diamond, and James Willey, the Choir’s repertoire in recent years has expanded to include transcriptions from the classical, romantic, and modern eras.

The Choir is typically featured on the “Eastman at Washington Square” series, on “Live from Hochstein” in its annual holiday concert (broadcast live on WXXI Classical-FM 91.5, a National Public Radio affiliate), in its biennial tribute to St. Hubert (patron saint of the hunt, from which the horn derives much of its repertoire), in formal concert in Kilbourn Hall and the Eastman Theatre, and on the “Music at St. Andrew’s” and “Music at St. John’s” series.

In 2002, the Choir was a featured ensemble (the only collegiate choir in the world so honored) at the 34th International Horn Symposium held in Lahti, Finland, where it presented three performances to critical and popular acclaim. As a result of its successes there, the Choir was invited to present three performances at the 36th International Horn Symposium, held in July 2004 in Valencia, Spain.

In addition to being director of the Eastman Horn Choir, W. Peter Kurau is Professor of Horn and Chamber Music at the Eastman School of Music as well as Principal Horn of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He received his formal education at the Eastman School of Music, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Royal College of Music, University of Connecticut, and Florida State University, where his principal teachers were Verne Reynolds, David Cripps, and William Capps.

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*W. Peter Kurau, director*

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O Come all ye Faithful                      Traditional
                      arr. Kerry Turner

Exultate                                               Giovanni Gabrieli
                      transcr. Verne Reynolds

Cor Carols II [2021]                                            Leonard "Leo" Schwartz
                      World premiere performance

Jingle Bell Rock                                               Jim Boothe, James Boothe, and Joe Beal
                      arr. Jack Finlay

O Tannenbaum                                                 Melchior Franck
                      Rochester premiere of this arrangement
                      arr. Stephen Shewan

Joy to the World                                               George Frideric Handel
                      Premiere performance of this arrangement
                      arr. Connor Landers

Cor Carols I [1998 version]                                    Leonard "Leo" Schwartz
                                                                 arr. Verne Reynolds

With special guests, Eastman Horn alumni Jonathan Dozois,
Jill Mavis Hammond, Colleen Smith Wolf, & Madison Warren

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NEXT WEEK’S PERFORMANCE:

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Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 12:10PM

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