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CHAGRIN VALLEY CHORAL UNION

A Classical Advent/Christmas Concert

With Chorus and Brass

Sunday, December 18, 2011, 4 pm

St Joan of Arc Church, 498 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH. At 4:00 PM.

Directed by Dr J.D. Goddard, with new accompanist Susan Lezan, The Chagrin Valley Choral Union (CVCU) performs an exciting free concert of classical Advent and Christmas music by composers from the 16th century to the present.

The featured work will be the rarely performed Missa Pro Dominicis Adventus et Quadragesimae by W.I. Emmerig. Other works on the program are by composers Lorenzo Perosi, Johann Leo Hassler, Claude Goudimel, Johann Kuhnau, Jason Metheny and Jewish composers Salomone Rossi, Lennie Green and Nurit Hirsch. Guest artists for the concert will be the Starkweather Brass Quintet.

Founded in 1953, the 40 member CVCU, now in its 58th season, is one of the oldest community choruses in Northeast Ohio. A non-profit choral group dedicated to providing a unique opportunity for all types of singers and music lovers, CVCU performs a variety of works from classical choral literature which in the past have included masterworks by Brahms, Haydn, Mozart, Bach, Rossini, Fauré, Puccini, Mendelssohn, and Vivaldi.

Now in his fifth season as CVCU's Artistic Director, Dr. J.D. Goddard has conducted and served as a clinician for both amateur and professional choruses and orchestras throughout the United States. Twice a regional finalist for the Metropolitan Opera Auditions, he has performed with the Los Angeles Co-Opera Company, San Francisco Opera and the Santa Fe Opera. Dr Goddard served as the chair of the voice and opera departments at Amarillo College, director of opera and teacher of voice at the University of Akron, and is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Master Singers, Inc. Chorale of Northeast Ohio.

"JD", as he is affectionately called, has a sincere interest in singers as individuals. With humor and a great deal of patience, he has a unique ability to teach, prepare, and empower amateur singers to perform profound and exciting classical chorale works of outstanding tradition and quality.

The program will be performed at Saint Joan of Arc Church 498 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH. At 4:00 PM.

The Chagrin Valley Choral Union takes pride in its dedication to learning and making music in a family friendly environment. Singers of all types are most welcome to our Sunday afternoon rehearsals at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7196 SOM Center Road (Router 91) in Solon. Contact CVCU President Carol Holub at 440-248-1244 for more information or visit our website at www.chagrinvalleychoralunion.org. There will be a free will offering