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Binghamton Symphony and Choral Society

FRITZ WALLENBERG, Conductor

present their

Spring Concert

PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW



JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

SOLOISTS:

Julianne Baird, Soprano—Arias
Valentina Kozlowski, Soprano—Duet
Elaine Bonazzi, Alto
David Dodds, Tenor—Evangelist & Arias
Kenneth McDavit, Baritone—Jesus
Robert Ludden, Bass—Peter
Harold Manker, Bass—Pilate
Charles Joseph, Bass—Judas
Clifford Myers, Bass—Judas
Clifford Myers, Bass—High Priest & 1st Priest
Thomas Lamphere, Bass—2nd Priest
Jean Johnson, Soprano—1st Maid
Mary Yungkurth, Alto—2nd Maid
Jean Fisher, Alto—1st Witness
Ed Schappert, Tenor—2nd Witness
Barbara Garges—Organ

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1975 – 7:30 P. M.

WEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL Binghamton, N. Y.

PROGRAM

In order to present the work in one evening some of the conventional cuts are being made. The audience is asked kindly to refrain from applause until the end of each complete part.

PART I

Introduction; The Passion Announced

Double Chorus—Come ye daughters, share my wailing Recitative—When Jesus had finished all these sayings Chorale—Ah Jesus dear, what precept hast Thou broken

The Priests and Elders Conspire Against Jesus

Recitative—Then assembled the elders Double Chorus—Not upon the feast

Jesus in Bethany

Recitative—Now when Jesus sojourned in Bethany Chorus—For what purpose is this wasted Recitative—When Jesus had heard them thus Solo (Alto)—Thou dearest Saviour mine Aria (Alto)—Grief and pain

The Treason of Judas

Recitative—One of Jesus' twelve disciples Aria (Soprano)—Bleed thou must, beloved heart

The Last Supper

Recitative—Now on that day, the feast Chorus—Where wilt Thou, Lord Recitative and Chorus—He said, Go ye into the city Chorale—'Tis I who should, repenting Recitative—He answered to them and said Solo (Soprano)—Although my heart is bathed in tears Aria (Soprano)—Lord, my heart I gladly grant Thee

The Mount of Olives; Peter's Denial Foretold

Recitative—And when they had sung a hymn Chorale—Remember me, my Saviour Recitative—Peter then gave Him answer Chorale—I stand here close beside Thee

Agony in Gethsemane

Recitative—Then came Jesus with them unto a garden Solo (*Tenor*) and Chorus—Ah woel How trembles His tormented heart Aria (*Tenor*) and Chorus—Yea I will watch with Jesus gladly Recitative—And again He came and found them sleeping

The Arrest

Recitative—And as He was speaking came Judas Duet (Soprano and Alto)—Our Master Jesus now is taken Double Chorus—Will lightning and thunder in ruin engulf them? Chorus—O Man, thy grievous sins bemoan



Introduction

Aria (Alto) and Chorus-Ah! Now is my Jesus gone

Jesus Arraigned Before Caiaphas

Recitative—And they who had laid hold on Jesus took Him Chorale—The world with treachery replete Recitative and Duet (Alto and Tenor)—Yet though many lying witnesses Solo (Tenor)—He answers not, to lying lips is silent Recitative and Double Chorus—And the High Priest gave Him answer Recitative and Double Chorus—Then spat they on Him Chorale—Who was it, Lord, did smite Thee

Peter's Denial

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Recitative and Chorus—Peter sat in the palace court Recitative—And still did he deny with cursing Aria (Alto)—Have mercy, Lord Chorale—Though from Thee temptation lured me

The Death of Judas

Recitative and Double Chorus—Now when the morning came Recitative and Duet (Basses)—Then he cast the silver pieces down

Jesus Before Pilate

Recitative—Jesus stood then up before the Governor Chorale—Entrust thy ways unto Him Recitative and Chorus—Now the Governor at that feast Chorale—How strange, how wondrous strange this crucifixion Recitative—The Governor asked them Solo (Soprano)—For us He naught but good has done Aria (Soprano)—For love of me my Lord is dying Recitative and Chorus—But they cried out yet the more Solo (Alto)—O gracious God, here stands the Saviour

The Crowning With Thorns

Recitative and Double Chorus—The guards of the Govenor then took Jesus Chorale—O Head all scarred and bleeding
Recitative—And after they had mocked Him thus

The Crucifixion

Recitative and Double Chorus—And when they were come to a place called Golgotha Recitative—The two thieves also which with Him were crucified Solo (Alto)—Ah, Golgothal Accursed Golgothal

The Death of Christ

Recitative and Chorus—Now from the sixth hour onward Chorale—When comes my hour of parting Recitative and Chorus—And now behold, the veil of the temple

The Burial

Recitative—The body Joseph took and wrapped it Soli and Chorus—And now the Lord is laid to rest Double Chorus—Here at Thy grave sit we all weeping The St. Matthew Passion uses the largest performing ensemble (two choirs, two orchestras, children's choir.) of any of Bach's works. It was first performed on Good Friday, 1729. Basically the plan of the work calls for a series of scenes each comprised of a narrative and a lyrical reflection on it. Some scenes are simple recitative and aria, permitting the individual to express an emotional reaction to what has taken place. In other scenes the commentary takes the form of a choral setting in which the collective emotion of the whole Christian congregation, as it were, is expressed with respect to the unfolding drama. The recitatives of Christ are accompanied by strings and only once is this "halo" of sound silenced: when Christ in agony cries out "My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" The texts used are from three sources: the recitatives are from the book of St. Matthew, the choruses and arias are by Bach's contemporary, Picander, and the chorales retain their original texts. English translations are by Henry S. Drinker. The work is full of dramatic and imaginative touches. The opening chorus is the most elaborate piece of the whole composition. Two wildly excited groups confront each other with tense questions and sorrowful answers, against a background of floods of tears, suggested by the heaving and milling orchestra. Above the passionate grief of humanity thus depicted rises the crystal-clear, serene church tune (sung by the children), thus setting the stage for this work on mortal frailty and divine strength.

Program Notes by Dr. Harry Lincoln

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