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*featuring*

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**Shelly Cox-Thornhill** - Alto

**Christopher Bingham** - Tenor

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# DVOŘÁK'S MASS in D Major

**Mass in D Major** .....Antonín Dvořák

*Soloists: Michelle Cipollone, soprano; Shelly Cox-Thornhill, alto;  
Christopher Bingham, tenor; Daniel Gibbs, bass*

**Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Gloria**

Glory be to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace to those of good will.

We praise Thee; we bless Thee;  
We worship Thee; we glorify Thee.

We give thanks to Thee  
for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, Heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father.

Thou that takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Thou that takes away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou who sits at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For thou only art holy,  
Thou only art the Lord,  
Thou only art the most high, Jesus Christ.  
Together with the Holy Ghost  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Credo**

I believe in one God;  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds;

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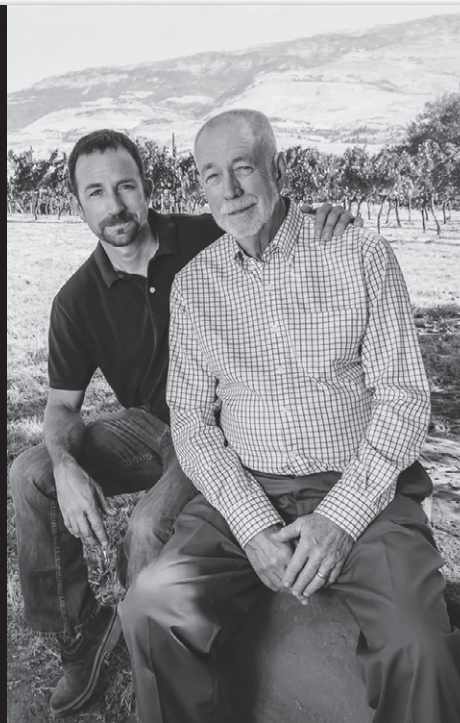
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God of God, light of light,  
true God of true God,  
begotten not made;  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made.  
Who for us  
and for our salvation  
descended from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost  
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

He was crucified also for us,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
and was buried,

And on the third day He rose  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father,  
and He shall come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
as it was told by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the remission of sins,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Benedictus**

Blessed is He that comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.



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**Christmas Sing-along**

**Deck the Hall**

Deck the Hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la la la la  
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la la la la  
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la la la la  
Troll the ancient yuletide carol, fa la la la la la la la

**Jingle Bells**

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go laughing all the way  
Bells on bobtails ring making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight, OH  
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, HEY  
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, HEY

**Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer**

Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it you would even say it glows  
All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games




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**Silent Night**..... Grüber, arr. Reppert

**We Wish You a Merry Christmas**..... English, arr. Rutter

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The Romantic period (19th century) is known for its passionate music arising from the lush, complex harmonies, daring orchestrations and choral settings, and extreme tempos and rhythms. This kind of music is the music most of us hear in our heads when we think "beautiful and emotional." In this regard, the Dvořák "Mass in D Major" does not disappoint!

Antonín Dvořák was born in 1841, the son of a butcher, in Bohemia, the western part of what is now the Czech Republic. He was able to avoid the family business and pursue his real love, music. Dvořák was a rarity among Romantic composers—a nice guy! "He remained throughout his entire creative span the happiest and least neurotic of the late romantics" (Harold Schonberg, *The Lives of the Great Composers*).

The "Mass in D Major" was written in 1886 in response to a commission for the dedication of a new chapel. The small work for chorus and organ was rejected by Dvořák's publisher, Nicholas Simrock, who said that no one listened to masses anymore. However, a new publisher, Novello, was excited to have Dvořák write a large version for chorus, orchestra, and soloists, which he did in 1892. This is the version you will hear today.

Dvořák was a devout Catholic, so the Mass was very important to him. The piece is an intimate expression of his relationship to God. The music is a joy to experience because of his deeply felt response to the words of the Mass. But the love Dvořák has poured into this setting goes beyond any concerns of theology. The music is Dvořák's celebration of life.

Joining us are four wonderful soloists, Michelle Cipollone, soprano; Shelly Cox-Thornhill, alto; Christopher Bingham, tenor; and Daniel Gibbs, bass. And we will be accompanied by an expert 30-piece orchestra.

The second half of the concert will feature interesting arrangements of some traditional Christmas and Chanukah favorites. You will also get the opportunity to join us in singing three other holiday favorites. The program will end with a new setting of "Silent Night" and our traditional John Rutter setting of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

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## Biographies

### Mark Reppert - Music Director



Mark Reppert studied conducting, composition, piano, and music history at the University of Southern California, graduating with a degree in Music History. He received a master's degree in Piano Performance from California State University, Chico, graduating with distinction. He soloed with the Shasta Symphony as the winner of the Shasta Symphony Solo Competition and also with the Paradise Symphony. He also performed numerous solo recitals.

Mr. Reppert began his teaching career in California in 1975. He taught all manner of music—from kindergarten to adult—including band, orchestra, elementary music, college music appreciation, community choir, and high school and middle school choir. Moving to Oregon in 1998, Mr. Reppert was the director of choral music at North Medford High School. The award-winning choirs were an important part of the musical community, performing in many venues, including the annual Renaissance Dinner. Mr. Reppert also served as music director for numerous musical theatre productions at North including *Into the Woods*, *The King and I*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Mr. Reppert retired from teaching in 2008 and is now an active musician in the Rogue Valley. He has served as music director at the Camelot Theater (*Sweeney Todd*, *Cabaret*, *Gypsy*, *Les Misérables*) and accompanist throughout the valley. He is also a choral adjudicator for both middle school and high school choir competitions.

Mr. Reppert is in his ninth year as the director of Siskiyou Singers. During his tenure, the choir has performed many major works, including the *Christmas Oratorio* of Bach, the *Chichester Psalms* of Leonard Bernstein, and the *Maria Theresa Mass* of Haydn. Siskiyou Singers has also presented world premieres of three works by local composers. Mark is thrilled to be a part of this fine organization.

### Mikiko S. Petrucelli - Accompanist



Mikiko S. Petrucelli was born in Tokyo, Japan, where she first started playing piano at the age of 4. She attended the Mushashino Academia Musicae and received her undergraduate degree in Piano Performance. She then moved to Germany and earned a Performance Degree from Hochschule für Musik, Detmold in Detmold, Germany. After she returned to Japan, Dr. Petrucelli played with the string chamber group Uovo as their guest pianist, touring Japan and giving chamber and solo concerts in Germany. She has played on NHK radio, the national public radio station in Japan, and won a special award at the Josef Dichter Competition in Vienna, Austria in 2001.

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In 2004 Dr. Petrucelli moved to the United States and received a Masters of Music from Baylor University and Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

In 2008, as a result of winning the Chiara Competition, Dr. Petrucelli performed Dvořák's "Piano Quintet" with the Chiara Quartet. She has also studied Historical Performance Practice in fortepiano. In 2008, she was invited to an international conference as a result of a complete Hixson-Lied Presentation of Scholarly and Creative Activity Grant. She attended an international conference, "The Art of the Fortepiano," and performed in several concerts in Middleburg, the Netherlands.

Dr. Petrucelli has extensive experience as a chamber and solo pianist as well as an accompanist. As of May of 2010, she completed three years of service at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, as an adjunct faculty member. She is in her eighth season as accompanist for the Siskiyou Singers.



## Michelle Cipollone - Soprano

**M**ichelle Cipollone earned her bachelor's degree in Music Education from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. While attending PLU, Ms. Cipollone was a member of the Choir of the West, which toured the United States as well as Europe. With PLU Opera, she performed the roles of La Ciesca (*Gianni Schicchi*) and Ino (*Semele*) as well as taking part in scenes for the PLU Opera Workshops. For Brava! Opera, she has sung in the Opera Workshop and Master Classes as well as in the ensembles for *The Breasts of Tiresias*, *Don Pasquale*, and *The Abduction from the Seraglio*. She performed the lead role of Kathie in Sigmund Romberg's operetta *The Student Prince* for Jackson County Community Concert Association and in the ensemble of *South Pacific* at Camelot Theater. While taking part in an opera training program in Italy in 2017, she performed the role of Maestra della Novizie in Puccini's *Suor Angelica*. She has been a frequent soloist with the Rogue Valley Chorale and the Southern Oregon Repertory Singers, and recently toured Ireland with the chorale as a featured soloist. Ms. Cipollone is currently attending the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in pursuit of a master's degree in Vocal Performance.



## Shelly Cox-Thornhill - Alto

**S**helly Cox-Thornhill, a native of the Rogue Valley, has been a student of voice for 20 years. Ms. Cox-Thornhill's vocal studies include work with Ellie Holt-Murray and Laurie Anne Hunter of Southern Oregon University. She is a regular member and featured soloist with the Southern Oregon Repertory Singers and is a two-time Champion of the Oregon State — BIOGRAPHIES CONTINUED —>

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### **Christopher Bingham - Tenor**

Ashland native Chris Bingham is a nationally recognized tenor, conductor, and pianist. With degrees from Southern Oregon University and University of Southern California, Mr. Bingham has been performing on the West and East coasts for the past ten years. He has held church music positions in Ashland, Southern California, Rhode Island, and most recently at St. Luke's

Episcopal Church in Grants Pass. As a tenor soloist, Mr. Bingham has performed with Bach Collegium San Diego, La Jolla Symphony Orchestra, Siskiyou Singers, and many regional civic and community organizations.

### **Daniel Gibbs - Bass**



Dan Gibbs studied music, with an emphasis in vocal performance, at Southern Oregon University under Dr. Paul French. Mr. Gibbs has also studied with Rogue Valley-based Ellie Holt-Murray and Laurie Ann Hunter, Willene Gunn (retired director of the San Francisco Conservatory Opera Program), and internationally renowned baritone Rod Gilfry (USC Thornton School of Music). A frequent performer in the Rogue Valley, Mr. Gibbs has been a featured

soloist with the SOU Chamber and Concert Choirs, SOU Symphonic Band, Britt Festival Symphony Orchestra, Southern Oregon Repertory Singers, and Siskiyou Singers. He has sung five roles with the Rogue Opera and performed in the SOU Theater Department's production of Kurt Weill's *Johnny Johnson*. Beyond the Rogue Valley, he has performed with the USC Thornton Opera and was a featured soloist with the Symphony of the Vines in San Luis Obispo, CA. Currently Mr. Gibbs is a cantor and in-residence vocal instructor at St. Bart's Episcopal Church in Portland, voice faculty member of the Rose City Music Academy, member of the Oregon Chorale, and troupe baritone of Oregon's only contemporary art song and opera company, The Cult of Orpheus, led by composer Christopher Corbell.

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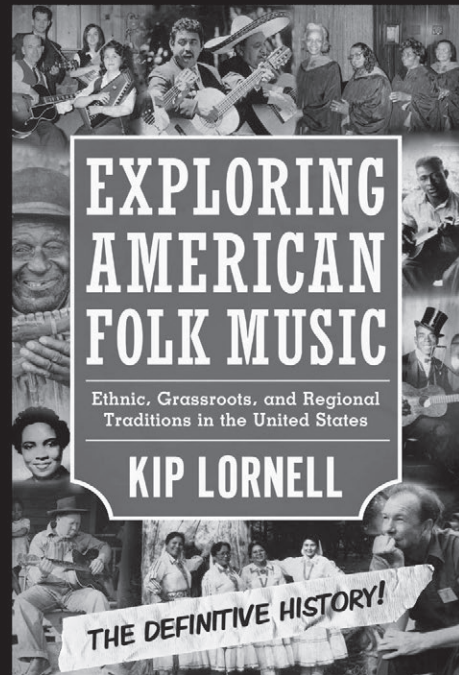
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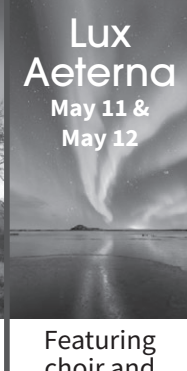
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