



Music and the Arts

ORCHARD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Gregory White, Director of Music and Organist

presents



VOCÁLIS

CHAMBER CHOIR

Sunday, October 18, 2009
4:00 pm

Tickets available at the door
\$15 Adult • \$10 Student

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Founded in September of 2002 by its director, James Burritt, the **Vocalis Chamber Choir** is a select ensemble of dedicated professionals based in Western New York. Vocalis is committed to performing great a cappella music of all eras, and to cultivating an awareness of the art of choral singing. Consisting of 18 voices, the choir strives to inspire, educate, and enlighten our audiences through an intimate and moving concert experience. Currently in its seventh season, Vocalis has quickly established itself as one of the finest ensembles in Western New York.

"Vocalis' voices are incredible and beautifully balanced. Their phrasing is so exquisitely sculpted as to sound seamless. This choir is impeccably rehearsed, and the singers all sound completely in tune with each other, in every sense of the word." "...haunting," "...otherworldly." – Buffalo News, December 7, 2008.

The membership of the choir consists of music educators, church musicians, and other talented professionals from Buffalo, and beyond. The choir rehearses weekly, and presents eight to ten concerts a year. Vocalis' first CD, *New Day*, was highly praised by the Buffalo News, and has been regularly heard on WNED-FM, landing on its 'best of' list for 2006. Vocalis performs regularly throughout Western New York, and has travelled to Toronto, CA and Pittsburgh, PA. Most recently, the choir has collaborated with the choirs of St. Paul's Cathedral, the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus, and Shakespeare in Delaware Park.

The 2008-2009 season, continues the choir's diverse repertoire, with a concert of Renaissance and 20th century music, an exploration of choral music styles from around the world, and a celebration of music for choir and percussion. In December, Vocalis returned to the glorious acoustic of the Karpeles Manuscript Museum in Buffalo to sing in the season, and last November performed at the opening of the new Burchfield-Penney Art Center in Buffalo. Most recently the choir was a featured ensemble at the ECMEA Winter Conference in Buffalo. Future plans include a domestic tour, and the release of their second commercial recording in the Fall of 2009.

For more information, please visit us at our website: vocalischamberchoir.org