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Camerata



Cristen Gregory, Soprano
Paul Schlossman, Oboe
Bryan Eckenrode, Cello
Gregory White, Piano & Organ



In a concert of repertoire from the
17th to the 20th century including opera arias,
art songs, instrumental works and more

Sunday, May 31, 2009 • 7:00 PM

Free-Will Donation at the Door

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

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About the Artists . . .

CRISTEN GREGORY, Soprano, has performed with the English Chamber Orchestra, broadcast on the BBC Radio Network; the International Aldeburgh Festival in England; and the International Arts Festival in Bermuda. She has sung solo recitals in London, England and throughout Canada. Cristen has sung with many orchestras throughout the United States and Canada, including Chicago Symphony Hall, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Rochester Symphony, the Erie Chamber Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony and the Vancouver Symphony. She has sung leading roles with the Canadian Opera Company, the Toronto Operetta Theatre, Opera Sacra, Chicago Opera Theatre, Erie Opera Theatre, and the Greater Buffalo Opera Company, among others. Cristen was the soprano soloist for the world premiere of Persis Vehar's *Peace Requiem* with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra; she sang the American premiere of the complete songs of the renowned British composer, Francis Jackson; the leading role of Hilda in the New York premiere of Richard Shepherd's opera *Caedmon*, the Western New York premiere of Menotti's *Meuro porque no Meuro*, and the Western New York premiere of Reinhold Schmid's *Zehn Madchenlieder*. She is a member of the soprano/cello duo Voci d'Amore. Winner of many awards, including the Opera America Award, the Puccini Foundation Award, the International Festival de Loire Atlantique in France and the Jean Chalmers Award, Canada. She is listed in the Canadian Who's Who for her outstanding cultural contributions. She holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Voice Performance from the University of Toronto, and an MBA from Medaille College. She is founder and program coordinator of an educational program called *Opera Over Easy* for which she was named the 2004 Educator of the Year. Cristen is a member of the Niagara University voice faculty and is the Executive Director of the Lancaster Opera House. She is a member of the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and also a member of the Lancaster Area Community Development Corporation Board of Directors. She is married to the internationally acclaimed cellist and conductor, Bryan Eckenrode. Both Cristen and her husband Bryan are realtors with Metro Polis of Western New York.

PAUL SCHLOSSMAN graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a BA in Music and a Masters in Computer Programming. He was oboist and solo English hornist with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra from 1975-1978. He has toured Europe with a chamber ensemble for concerts and radio recordings in France, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Norway. A highly acclaimed oboist and soloist by music critics as well as audiences, Mr. Schlossman can be heard in concert performances throughout the Western New York region. Since 1992, Schlossman has been principal oboe with the Erie (PA) Chamber Orchestra, and for the last twenty consecutive seasons he has been a guest soloist with the Ars Nova Musicians Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Schlossman currently works as a computer software engineer with Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems.

Cellist **BRYAN ECKENRODE** graduated cum laude from SUNY at Stony Brook and holds a Master of Music degree from SUNY at Buffalo. Mr. Eckenrode is principal cello with the Western New York Chamber Orchestra. He is a member of the Lexington String Quartet, Voci d' Amore, and Camerata; he has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova, Erie Philharmonic Orchestra, Erie Chamber Orchestra, and the British Columbia Mozart Festival Orchestra. He records with the International Baroque Soloists, and can also be heard on many CDs including Ani DiFranco, Sixpence None the Richer, Seven Day Faith, Them Jazzbeards, John and Mary, Allison Pepitone, and Them Jazzbeards, not only as a cellist but as a bagpiper and flutist. Mr. Eckenrode performed and recorded a series of film scores for silent movies issued by Turner Broadcasting, now available on commercial DVD. He made his Lincoln Center Debut in 2003 and returned in 2006. He has performed with Musical Fare, Buffalo; Shea's Performing Arts Center, Buffalo and Art Park, Lewiston in performances from Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals to concerts with Rod Stewart. He is on the faculty of Niagara University, Canisius College, Daemen College, Jamestown Community College, and is the director of strings at Villa Maria College.

GREGORY WHITE is Conductor-Music Director of the Advent Chorale, East Aurora, NY, and is harpsichordist with Ars Nova Musicians Chamber Orchestra, the Western New York Chamber Orchestra and member of the Buffalo-based ensemble, Camerata. He is Music Director and Organist at the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church where he directs the Sanctuary Choir, and is responsible for musical arts programming. Mr. White is listed in "Who's Who in America." He has performed as harpsichordist and organist in concerts with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, in chamber music recitals with local artists on Opus Classics' Live-WBFO Radio, and in concerts throughout the Western New York Region. His choirs have appeared in performances with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra; his Parkside Choir presented an annual performance of Handel's greatest masterwork *Messiah* with the Ars Nova Musicians Chamber Orchestra. In 1998 the Parkside Choir and Soloists along with the Ars Nova Musicians Chamber Orchestra released a CD of *Messiah*. Mr. White has toured Europe in performances with his choirs; the Mayor and Common Council of Buffalo, NY have honored them with proclamations declaring them *Musical Ambassadors of Buffalo* as part of their European Concert Tour. Currently a *Program Director* at Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY, Mr. White serves as *Co-Director* of the National Training Institute for the New York Model for Batterer Programs and was an invited presenter at the First World Conference for Women Shelters in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; former Chair and continues as a member of the Executive Committee for the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence. A frequent trainer/presenter throughout New York State, as well as nationally; he has traveled throughout the Caribbean and South America as presenter, panelist, and trainer for the Washington, DC – Partners of the Americas.