

## Musical Masterworks

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The Hilton Head Choral Society continues their 2012 season with a Musical Masterworks performance featuring *The Magic of Mozart*. Artistic Director Tim Reynolds will lead the Hilton Head Choral Society chorus, orchestra, and four featured soloists in a one-night-only performance featuring selections which highlight the energy and exuberance of the young genius composer. This very special performance will take place on Friday, March 30, 8:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island.

This year we will feature four outstanding soloists, explained Tim Reynolds, Artistic Director for the Hilton Head Choral Society. These are world renowned performers that we are fortunate to have on the same stage for what promises to be a very memorable evening.

John Daniecki, Tenor, is known globally as a singing actor of the highest caliber. He has performed with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, the Kennedy Center, and virtually every major opera company in the United States and Europe. He performed on the London/Decca recording of *Carmina Burana* which earned a Grammy for best performance of a Choral Work, and the Washington Post wrote, "John Daniecki has that rarest of all combinations, a good tenor voice and a strong stage presence."

Jacob Will, Bass, made his New York Philharmonic debut as a bass soloist in the American premier of *Messa per Rossini* which was televised nationally. Mr. Will has also been featured with orchestras throughout the United States, Europe and Asia including performances with the Berlin Radio Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony, the International Bach Festival in Switzerland, the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, and at the Tokyo Salzberg Festival in the Mozart Requiem.

Soprano Jill Terhaar Lewis is an Assistant Professor of Vocal Music at Charleston Southern University, and received her DMA in Vocal Performance from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Lewis is a respected performer and is a regular guest soloist with the Charleston Southern University Concert Singers. She has toured Northern Italy and has also performed in Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic, as well as in New York City and is a recurring featured soloist in the Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

Mezzo Soprano Jennifer Luiken has been a state winner and regional finalist in the Metropolitan Opera auditions, and is Associate Professor of Voice at Charleston Southern University. She has numerous operatic credits and has made multiple appearances with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra and other regional orchestras.

This year we will be featuring our soloists, more than ever, explained Tim Reynolds. These pieces lend themselves to some dramatic solo performances which I think will be a real wow factor.

The Hilton Head Choral Society performs with more than 100 singers accompanied by a 40 piece orchestra. "Most first time concert attendees are struck by the big sound that the singers and orchestra deliver," said Choral Society President Gary Trimm. "Once they experience one performance, they are hooked. There is nothing quite like it in our area."

The Choral Society's 36th concert season continues with two performances of *America Sings!* over the Memorial Day Weekend. This all-American musical salute, including the addition of brass and percussion this season, is sure to be a real crowd pleaser, explains Gary Trimm. It is our most popular performance of the year, so get tickets early.

Tickets for all performances can be purchased online at: [HiltonHeadChoralSociety.Org](http://hiltonheadchoralsociety.org/) or by calling 843-341-3818. Individual performance tickets may be purchased on site, if available.

About the Hilton Head Choral Society: The original Hilton Head Choral Society formed in 1975 and consisted of about 50 singers who were brought together to perform Handel's *Messiah*. By the mid-90's

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the Choral Society was performing three concerts a year - a Christmas concert, a Spring Classics concert and a Memorial Day concert. By 2000, the group had grown to 100 singers. Today the Hilton Head Choral Society produces six events every year with audiences of almost 1,000 per event. The Choral Society has had 300 members over the years, with an average tenure per individual of about 12 years. The Choral Society has performed more than 90 concerts before more than 40,000 attendees.

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