

HARMONIUM PREVIEWS TOUR REPERTOIRE

Come and enjoy the program Harmonium Choral Society will present in centuries-old cathedrals and picturesque town squares when it tours the beautiful lake district of northern Italy this July. The free pre-tour concert will be held Monday evening, June 27th, 7:30pm at Grace Episcopal Church on Madison Avenue at Kings Road in Madison, New Jersey. Harmonium will present their typical mix of sacred and secular, old and new, including the recently premiered 25th anniversary commission by American composer Edie Hill. For the cathedral setting, the program includes a number of sacred pieces in Latin, Hebrew, German and Russian. But there are also love songs, songs celebrating singing, international folk songs, Shaker tunes and American spirituals. The church is wheelchair accessible. Access Harmonium's website at www.harmonium.org or call 973-538-6969 for more information.

Dr. Anne Matlack, Artistic Director of Harmonium Choral Society since 1987, was named the 2003 Outstanding Arts Professional by the Arts Council of the Morris Area. She is also choir director and organist at Grace Episcopal Church in Madison, where she directs a full program of children's and adult choirs, as well as the concert series, Grace Community Music. Harmonium Choral Society was named Outstanding Arts Organization in 1998 by the Arts Council of the Morris Area. "In addition to being one of the best music ensembles of any kind, it's the sense of sharing and enjoying and pleasure that most comes through." [Robert Butts, Conductor of the Baroque Orchestra of North Jersey and *Classical New Jersey* critic, July 2003]

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