



TAKE FLIGHT WITH HARMONIUM

May 9, 2010

Harmonium Choral Society concludes its thirtieth anniversary season with *It's a Lark*, at Grace Episcopal Church, 4 Madison Avenue at Kings Road in Madison, at 7:30 pm both Saturday, June 5th and Sunday, June 6th. The music spans the centuries, from the 16th to the 21st. There is Mozart's *Missa Brevis in C (The Sparrow)*, so called because of its birdcalls, with chamber orchestra; and the impressionistic a cappella sound of Charles V. Stanford's *The Blue Bird*. Both Copland's *Lark* and Bernstein's *Three Choruses from The Lark* are on the program. *Hark, Hark the Lark*, a setting of Shakespeare's song by Tim Laciano (New Providence High School junior), winner of Harmonium's 2010 Composition Contest for New Jersey High School Students, will be premiered. [Michael Rosin (Westfield High School senior), Runner-Up in the 2010 contest will also be recognized at the concerts.] Other composers include Monteverdi, Mendelssohn and Ward Swingle. The select Harmonium Chamber Singers' set includes the Beatles *Blackbird*.

General admission tickets are \$25 at the door (\$20 for students and seniors). Single tickets purchased at least a week in advance receive a \$5 discount. Groups of ten or more tickets are available for \$10 each. To order tickets, go on line at www.harmonium.org or send a mail order. To order by mail, write a note requesting the quantity, date, and type of tickets (regular or student/senior) desired. Send a check made out to Harmonium with the request to P.O. Box 1317, Morristown, NJ 07962-1317, Attn: Ticket Agent. Large print or Braille programs will be made available if requested in advance. Doors open a half hour before concert time.

Harmonium Choral Society, based in Morris County, is a 100-voice choral society dedicated to inspiring and transforming the community through music. They perform a diverse repertoire of choral music at a high artistic level and advance the choral arts through education, commissions, and community partnerships. Harmonium's sponsorship of its annual composition contest for New Jersey high school students is one of the strongest examples of their fulfillment of this mission. Citing the contest as a valuable and noteworthy endeavor, Chorus America awarded Harmonium its 2009 Education Outreach Award. Dr. Anne Matlack has served as Harmonium's artistic director since 1987. She was named 2003 Outstanding Arts Professional by the Arts Council of the Morris Area.

Coincidentally, members of Harmonium joined the Colonial Symphony in Drew University's Dorothy Young Center for the Arts on May 8th for a semi-staged performance of Bernstein's *Candide!*, a collaboration with playwright Lillian Hellman, as is *The Lark*. More information about Harmonium is available at www.harmonium.org or by calling 973-538-6969.

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