

# RELIGION

## Gospel in motion

A Yuletide Performance of Johann Sebastian Bach's Christmas Oratorio on Sunday, December 1st at 8:00 p.m. marks the opening of the Sinfonia Concertante Orchestra's seventh season under the leadership of Maestro Stefan Minde.

Back from conducting the Arizona Opera's two complete performances of Wagner's "Ring Cycle" (Der Rings des Nibelungen), Minde promises an exquisite spiritual and musical experience on the first day of Advent at the beautiful, newly renovated St. Mary's Cathedral located at 1716 N.W. Davis in Portland.

SCO's Sunday, March 9th concert dedicated to "music-loving children of all ages" features performances of SCO musicians in tandem with the student orchestra of St. Mary of the Valley School. Among others works, this musical event offers listeners the Toy Sym-

phony by Michael Haydn, brother of the great Franz Joseph Haydn, and the enchanting Story of the Little Taylor by Hungarian composer Tibor Harszanyi. David Apple of KATU Channel 12 will narrate this work and once again charm the audience as he did last season when he became *storyteller per excellence* for SCO's performance of Poulenc's delightful Babar the Elephant.

Minde and his orchestra conclude this season of high quality performances in mid-spring with an all-Beethoven program containing Symphony Number 3 in E flat and Violin Concerto in D major. SCO Concert Master, Karen Bryan, performs as soloist of this latter, incomparable piece.

Both the March 9 May 18 concerts will be performed at 3:00 p.m. at the Hillsdale Community Church, 6918 SW Capitol Highway.

## Faith in action

Thirteen local Presbyterian churches have joined forces to build Portland Habitat for Humanity's first duplex.

The partnership began a year ago with a \$50,000 goal and a desire to make simple, decent houses available for purchase by low-income families. Now, with 90 percent of the money raised and the entire house framed, this leap of faith has become a real labor of love.

The local Presbyterian Steering Committee challenged the churches to activate their faith by sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity project last spring.

Reverend Ben Paroulek of Pied-

mont Presbyterian Church, chairman and chief cheerleader of the project's steering committee, said, "It's incredible what can happen when faith fuels the effort to serve those in need."

Since the project began, more than 3,500 volunteers have donated their sweat, skills and savings to keep the conjoined houses on schedule for completion in early 1997. Working side-by-side with future homeowners, church volunteers develop personal attachments to the project.

More information on this project and Habitat for Humanity is available by calling 287-9529.

## Let's Celebrate Together A Day Of Jublie!

Christ Memorial Church  
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Location will be Fernhill Park Food-Fun-Games.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM will be our Open Door Celebration. It will be a time of praise, worship and music. Please bring a friend, and refreshments will be served following the service.

For more information please contact:  
Rev. Roy Tate 286-7122.

## Returning request from Heaven

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's native son Michael Scott, comes through with a most promising, uplifting, inspirational message in a new collection of Gospel songs.

Lord, Let Me Hear From Heaven is The Outreach Choir's second album on the Atlanta-based record label, Intersound. Their debut album, Hold On, was released in 1995 on Intersound, establishing them as one of the new bright spots of the year and earning the group kudos throughout the Pennsylvania area.

Michael Scott & The Outreach Choir is up the task and should have a tremendous impact in Gospel music. According to industry experts who have taken a listen, most will agree with James Bullard, Intersound's VP of Gospel, who says, "This project contains one of the most spirit-filled songs of our time led by a mother and daughter team (Dr. Mattie Moss Clark & Twinkle Clark-Terrell) that I ever had the pleasure of working with. The title cut will send chills up and down your spine and bring tears to your eyes."

According to Jerry Peters, Intersound's A&R Director, "The title cut has a great chance of being a classic in the mold of 'Order My Steps,' (a recent hit by labelmate Salt Of The Earth) and soloists and choirs will want to cover this tune."

"I think there's song for everybody on this album," says Michael. "We hope listeners will play it for words of encouragement."

Heavy emphasis has been placed on "Lord, Let Me Hear From Heav-



Michael Scott & The Outreach Choir

en," and "I Am Determined," as the double-sided single release which has been shipped to radio and "should give us a strong position on radio playlists," according to Jeff Hargrove, Intersound Gospel Marketing Director. Says Intersound Gospel Radio Promotions Director, Melissa Clark, "This project will provide 'soul-food' for everyone."

Focusing on the youth of the

church, the 35-member choir remains versatile enough for everyone. Having arranged, directed, produced and co-written some songs on their debut release Hold On as well as on the current album, Michael explains this versatility further. "We can go from a hymn inspired song, like 'Holy Ghost Abide,' or 'Lord I Want To Be Effective' to something very contemporary like 'Jesus Is All I Need'

or Great Things' straight into down-home shout song like 'Send The Light.'" He adds, "Most other choirs are one or the other, but we're unique, since we offer variety."

Growing up in Philadelphia in the '70s, Michael set his dreams to form the most versatile choir of the century and after a listen to their new album, one just might say that they've heard from Heaven.

## The Jesus Series Begins

The Archdiocese of Portland will initiate a new monthly lecture series on the person and significance of Jesus Christ.

The "Jesus Series" will begin with a presentation by Father John O'Donnell, S.J. on the "Foundations of Christology." His presentation will be given on Friday, September 20 at Mt. Angel Seminary (Mt. Angel, OR), and on Saturday, September 21 at the Franciscan Renewal Center (0858 S.W. Palatine Hill Road, Portland). The talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. on both evenings.

The "Jesus Series" places before both the Catholic and ecumenical faith communities, the Church's teaching regarding the person and significance of Jesus Christ. The Series will focus on Jesus Christ as the resurrected Lord proclaimed by Tradition and Scripture. Drawing from the insights of outstanding the person of Jesus, but to demonstrate the Christocentricism intrinsic to the Catholic faith.

Father John O'Donnell, S.J. is the Rector of Weston Jesuit Community

in Cambridge, MA. He is a Lecturer in Dogmatic Theology, Weston Jesuit School of Theology. Born in 1944, Father O'Donnell entered the Society of Jesus July 30, 1962. He was ordained a priest June 1, 1974. He received a doctoral degree from Oxford University. He was a lecturer at Heythrop College, University of London (1980-1984) and was Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (1991-1994). He has authored several books including Prayer in the Catechism (Cassell, 1995).

The Series is organized by the Archdiocese of Portland in collaboration with the University of Portland, Marylhurst College and Mt. Angel Seminary. The series will consist of nine presentations held monthly September 1996 through May 1997.

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EVENING SESSION: 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

PORTLAND ADVENTIST HEALTH VAN: 10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

### Special Greetings

Dr. Charles A. Moose, Chief of Police - Portland, OR

### Keynote Address

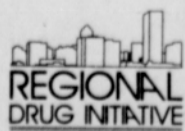
Reverend Lewis Anthony, pastor of the Metropolitan Wesley AME Zion Church, Washington, D.C.; National Advisor to the Anti-Drug Program of the Congress of National Black Churches and the National Crime Prevention Council's Advisory Council on Community Responses to Drug Abuse.

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