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The Bravo! Vancouver Chorale, Washington Chamber Orchestra and guest soloists will perform George F. Handel's *Classic Messiah: An Oratorio* on Sunday, Dec. 5 at St. Joseph Church in Vancouver.

Bravo! Vancouver's Holiday Classic

Concert Sunday at St. Joseph

The 17th season of the Bravo! Vancouver Concert Series begins on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. with a performance of George Frederic Handel's *Messiah: an Oratorio*.

The opening event features the 60-voice Bravo! Vancouver Chorale, 17-piece Washington Chamber Orchestra and guest soloists. The concert will be conducted by Maria Manzo. Tickets are \$20 for reserve seats and are available at bravoconcerts.com or the Bravo!

box office at 360-906-0441; or at ticketswest.com. The concert will be held at St. Joseph Church in Vancouver, 400 S. Andresen Road.

George Handel composed *Messiah* in the summer of 1741 in an astonishing 24 days. It is recognized by most music scholars as the Baroque era composer's greatest choral masterpiece, and is one of the most-performed—and most beloved—pieces of choral music in the world.

Handel's famous melodies and dramatic setting of the Biblical texts brings to life the story of the birth, life, death and resurrection

of Jesus Christ.

The Bravo! Vancouver Chorale has toured both nationally and internationally. In June 2009, the Chorale traveled to Croatia at the invitation of the City of Dubrovnik to perform with the internationally acclaimed Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra.

The Chorale has toured the east coast and performed at Lincoln Center with the Duke Ellington School of the Arts Jazz Orchestra; and has performed concert partnerships with Portland Opera, Seattle Jazz Singers, Washington State Ballet, Sno-King Chorale, and other arts organizations.

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