

CELEBRATE SPRING IN A SYMPHONY OF COLOR AND SOUND WITH WINTERTHUR AND UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CHORALE

“Forgotten People and Beautiful Things” to be Performed April 26 in Copeland Hall

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—Celebrate spring in a symphony of color and sound as the internationally acclaimed University of Delaware Chorale performs Sunday, April 26, in Winterthur’s Copeland Hall. The concert, “Forgotten People and Beautiful Things,” will feature moving selections based on folk songs from the Baltic states, which all but disappeared with the formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.) in the early 20th century.

“Winterthur is delighted to host this springtime celebration of culture, heritage, and beauty with the exceptional talent of the University of Delaware Chorale,” said Dr. David Roselle, Director of Winterthur.

Dr. Paul Head, Unidel Professor and Director of Choral Studies at the University of Delaware, said the program was designed to inspire, making it a perfect match for Winterthur, the former home of Henry Francis du Pont that features a world-class museum, garden, and library. The garden’s azaleas will paint a brilliant landscape of lavenders, pinks, corals, reds, and more.

“In an age when borders are fluid and nations are at odds, the music in this program is meant to celebrate forgotten people and beautiful things,” said Head. “In creating these settings, the composer Veljo Tormis, found the last living people who could speak the language and sing these songs from their childhood.”

Other program selections tell the stories of African peoples in the era of colonization; part fable, part lamentation, Head said.

“Our program is balanced with music about beautiful things; the sunrise, young love, and the simple pleasures of being alive,” he noted.

The University of Delaware Chorale is among the most highly regarded college choirs in the Eastern United States, performing at prestigious international, national, and regional competitions and concert halls, including Carnegie Hall in New York and the Kimmel Center’s Verizon Hall in Philadelphia. Their inspired performances have won them first place grand prix and other top placement awards against the finest choirs in the world.

The internationally acclaimed Head recently was named best conductor at the prestigious international Be’la Barto’k International Choir Competition in Hungary.

“We hope people will enjoy our concert amid Winterthur’s spectacular blooms and breathtaking views to create wonderful new memories,” Head said. “To quote one of the pieces in the concert, ‘Even though it’s hard to see the glass is full and not half empty, I remember a thousand beautiful things.’”

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The internationally renowned University of Delaware Chorale. Photo Courtesy of UD.

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Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic gardens, and research library for the study of American art and material culture—offers a variety of tours, exhibitions, programs, and activities throughout the year. General admission includes a tour of some of the most notable spaces in the 175-room house as well as access to the Winterthur Garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, a narrated tram tour (weather permitting), the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, and the Enchanted Woods children’s garden. \$20 adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11.

Museum hours

10:00 am- 5:00 pm, Tuesday- Sunday.

Winterthur, located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1, is closed on Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

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The concert will be held 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Copeland Lecture Hall in Winterthur’s Visitor Center, 5105 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, Delaware, 19807 (use this address for GPS). Make a day of it at Winterthur and tour the spectacular garden blooms, enjoy a leisurely outdoor or indoor meal and refreshments in the Visitor Center Garden Café, and tour Winterthur’s Museum collections and galleries, now featuring *A Colorful Folk: Pennsylvania Germans and the Art of Everyday Life*.

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