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Artistic Director and Founder

**An Ember December
Holiday Choral Concert and Carols**

Star of Wonder

Sunday, December 9, 5PM

Music in Montclair Concert Series
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
94 Pine Street, Montclair, NJ



Deborah Simpkin King, PhD, is a visionary choral conductor, new music advocate and master teacher. She plays an active role in the vibrant Manhattan choral scene, and serves the national and international music community through her guest conducting and body of published work.

Her leadership as a conductor is ongoing with not only her own four choral ensembles, but also within Lincoln Center’s Mostly Mozart Festival and other guest conducting appearances. Through PROJECT : ENCORE (which she

founded), Dr. King is at the leading edge of the new music industry, working with composers in finding post-premiere performances, and performing many premieres herself.

As an ongoing columnist with ACDA’s *The Choral Journal*, and host of public radio’s *Sounds Choral*, she serves the music community worldwide. Supplementing her work in the not-for-profit and professional conducting arena, Dr. King frequently works as a professor and as a director of music within church programs. DeborahSKing.com

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 James Splond
 Christopher Tefft
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 Anna Willson

Those singing today’s concert represent approximately half of the auditioned singers in the Ember Family. Each concert is uniquely balanced around the needs of the music and singer availability.

Ember is a proud member of the NY and NJ Choral Consortia.





Curious about Ember singing membership?

Ember membership is a mix of singers who are active professionals and receive a stipend for their work; active professionals who donate their time and talent to the Ember mission; and deeply experienced avocational singers. All adhere to the same audition requirement, rehearsal schedule and high artistic bar. All are drawn to Ember by a love of artistic finesse and expression, of working with active composers, of music with a social mission.

- ☞ Do you read music?
- ☞ Do you have vocal training and choral experience?
- ☞ Are you drawn to new music and a wide range of musical expression?
- ☞ Do you seek a singing family with which to grow and experience life in full color?

Yes? Talk with an Ember artist after the concert.

To inquire, or to schedule an audition:

Write to auditions@EmberEnsemble.org

or go directly to EmberEnsemble.org/auditions

to fill out and submit an audition request form.

Not a singer, but want to be part of the Ember Family?

It takes a village of committed individuals to support the artistic and social mission of Ember and its parent choral arts organization, Schola Cantorum on Hudson. Board members and committee members work directly with artistic leadership, as will the newly forming Advisory Board.

Regardless of your background, we welcome your expression of interest and your skills and talents that could help support the various promotional, operational, financial and developmental aspects of Ember's mission of meaningful artistic impact.

Please feel free to let us know of your interest by speaking to us after the concert, or by writing to info@scholaonhudson.org.

Please silence all cell phones, pagers, watch alarms, and other electronic devices.

- Performance with a purpose -

Please DO feel free to real-time tweet, photograph, and share your live performance experience!

Star of Wonder

An Ember December

Please stand, as you are able, and join us in singing the carols marked with a star symbol (✦).

Carols texts are found on page 6.

Come and Wonder

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles, arr. Steve Pilkington

Anna Willson, Soprano

O come, O come Emmanuel

Sheena Phillips

Annua Gaudia

J. David Moore

John Maderazo, Baritone

O Come, All Ye Faithful ✦

Adestes Fideles (English tr. Frederick Oakeley)

Prophecy & Miracles

Prepare Ye

Marc A. Robinson

Mark Aro, Tenor

Sure On This Shining Night

Morten Lauridsen

Adam Lay Ybounden

Carson Cooman

Vessels of Renewal

Mother of God, Here I Stand

John Tavener

Lo, How a Rose/The Rose

Craig Hella Johnson

Anna Willson, Soprano

Behold that star

arr. Bob Chilcott

Anna Willson, Soprano

James Splond, Bass

Star of Wonder

Gordon Thornett

What Child Is This? ✦

Traditional Carol

and on earth . . .

Incantations	Michael McGlynn
In dulci jubilo	Matthew Culloton
Ding Dong! Merrily On High	Traditional carol, arr. Andrew Megill
See Dat Babe	Spiritual, arr. Stacey V. Gibbs
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice ✦	Traditional Carol

Home for the Holidays

Winter Wonderland	Felix Bernard and Dick Smith Arr. Joel Phillips
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane Arr. R. Wesby
Peace, Peace ✦ <i>The first verse of Silent Night is part of this selection. Please join us in singing when Deborah invites you to do so.</i>	Rich and Sylvia Power, Arr. Fred Bock
Hark the herald angels sing ✦	Traditional Carol
A merry Christmas	Traditional West country carol, arr. Arthur Warrell



INSTRUMENTALISTS

Collaborative Accompanist	Matthew Oden
Hand Percussion	Caroline L. Sargent, Amanda Regan

Ember is committed to accommodating audience members with accessibility issues whenever possible. If you require special assistance, please let an usher or box office individual know, and every effort will be made to assist you.

✦ Please join us in singing these carols. ✦

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels. *Refrain*

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest. *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Refrain

What Child Is This?

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Bab, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kinds salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul and voice,
Give ye heed to what we say;
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now,
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice,
Now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new born king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild he lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*



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Core Value: Honoring the unique value and calling of every individual enriches life for all.

Core Belief: Music has a unique power to affect the human heart and soul, inviting each of us to become fully aware, mindful individuals.

Core Mission: Schola Cantorum on Hudson is committed to excellence in all facets of its artistry and human interaction through...

- ∞ Innovative programming and performance designed to touch lives (performances by Ember)
- ∞ Leadership through promotion and performance of new choral music (PROJECT : ENCORE)
- ∞ Vibrant creative engagement with young artists (collaborative performances with Cantorum Young Singers, and Phoenix Singers)

Is the notion of contributing to the nurture of these life values compelling to you? Does your own life calling potentially intersect with ours?

Each of Schola's three branches of activity—Performance; Education/Engagement; New Music Advocacy—thrives on visionary leadership and, of course, funding. If you have an interest in any or all of these areas, we'd like to talk with you about what your involvement could look like, as a possible leader and/or funder for our mission. Our commitment is to support your meaningful interaction at joyful competence.



Ember annually weaves a full season of concert activity around issues we believe warrant expansive visibility and thought, seeking to open hearts and minds to additional exploration.

Each year, as a new social focus is selected for the season, Ember establishes a task force of individuals interested in working with us to broaden the impact of our full-season mission within the community. This season's theme:

Coming of Age

Celebrating, honoring, acknowledging (sometimes bemoaning) the ageing process, in our citizenry that is heavily weighted to individuals over the "retirement age" of 65.

Interested in involvement?

Know an organization to which we should reach out?

info@EmberEnsemble.org

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Celebrating the second half of life through the experiences of an America abounding with people of retirement age.

March 2-3, 2019: Carpe Diem!

Ember is thrilled to collaborate with NYC's Encore Creativity for Older Adults Chorale in the second concert in Ember's Coming of Age season. Ember and Encore singers celebrate the many opportunities open to those whose work life is at last easing its demands.

May 18-19, 2019: A Second Simplicity

A return to simplicity – and the possibility of sharing its joyful wisdom – is the subject of our final concert. Featuring Sydney Guillaume's "Le Dernier Voyage" and a world premiere by Matt Van Brink.

SAVE THE DATE

Schola Spring GALA 2018!

Friday evening, April 26, 6:30 - 10:30 pm.

At the gorgeous (and delicious!) Highlawn Pavilion in West Orange, NJ

Music, hors d'oeuvres, full dinner, the amazing Ember Singers, camaraderie, dancing and song. Come celebrate this distinguished musical arts organization. More information on ticket purchases soon.

