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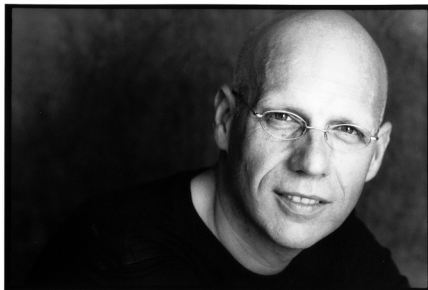
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While a student at CCM (a few years back!), I took a fascinating class in non-musical metaphors—a study in our desire to better understand music by applying terms not intended for it. Imagining our upcoming 30th Anniversary Season, I returned to this exercise to capture the spirit of featured composers we may not yet know, but will soon love. James

MacMillan... Mystery. Kaija Saariaho... Searching. Gabriel Jackson... Clarity. Einojuhani Rautavaara... Depth. Bo Holten... Emotional. John Tavener... Hovering. Kamran Ince... Peaceful. I hear in my head the soaring lines and deep silences, the dramatic strokes and wistful laments offered by the marriage of these composers, singers, and spaces. I want to be there now!

What an honor, to inherit this nationally-recognized ensemble from my friends and teachers, venerable Drs. Rivers and Thomas, and return to a musical city that holds a unique pride and understanding in the art it inspires. Together we'll explore the present, embrace the past, and encourage the future through the great singing of VAE's ethereal voices in the rich acoustics of Cincinnati's beautiful and provocative spaces.

Sound equals emotions. Subtle shades of colors, like our ever-evolving feelings. The journey continues with VAE Season 30. Please join us.

—Donald

VAE SEASON 30

30.1 : Cantos Sagrados

Friday, November 6, 8:00 p.m.

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
8th & Plum Streets, Downtown

Featuring James MacMillan's explosive *Cantos Sagrados*, an emotional journey told by mothers of the disappearing sons of Latin America, and Turkish-American Kamran Ince's tranquil *Gloria: Everywhere*, on a text of Rumi, celebrating the "aroma of God." Highlighting VAE resident organist, Christina Haan.

30.2 : Christmas at VAE

Saturday, December 12, 8:00 p.m.

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
8th & Plum Streets, Downtown

VAE's holiday tradition continues with music inspired by the nativity including John Tavener's *Mother and Child*—a work that evolves from quiet introspection to thunderous celebration with full organ and Hindu Temple gong—and Rautavaara's mystical *Canticum Mariae virginis*, which seems to be music of today and yesterday, amalgamated, with gorgeous chants piercing mystical textures.

30.3 : VAE at CAC

Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.

St. Boniface Church
1750 Chase Avenue, Northside

VAE invades Zaha Hadid's brilliant building, the Contemporary Arts Center, singing works by Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho, Pulitzer Prize-winning American composers Stephen Stucky and David Lang, in a concert programmed to highlight the transformative installations of the CAC.

30.4 : VAE with CCO

Saturday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Contemporary Arts Center
44 East 6th Street, Downtown

Donald Nally conducts VAE and the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. We step back into a richly romantic language in Brahms's *Nänie* then move into the present, yet other-worldly in John Tavener's angelic *The Bridegroom*. The centerpiece of this program is the Cincinnati premiere of a modern choral masterpiece: James MacMillan's dramatic, emotional *Seven Last Words*, enhanced by the amazing acoustic of this chapel, a hidden Cincinnati treasure.

30.4 : VAE with CCO

Sunday, May 2, 4:00 p.m.

Summit Country Day Chapel
2161 Grandin Road, Hyde Park

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