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Handel's "Children's" Messiah

ALBUQUERQUE (NM): To kick off the celebration for our **tenth anniversary season**, Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico will be presenting selections from the Christmas portion of **Handel's Messiah** – one of the most famous pieces of music in the classical repertoire. This 45-minute, educational concert geared towards kids of all ages will be paired with favorite carols of the season and will include the professional singers of Polyphony performing alongside musicians from the Albuquerque Youth Symphony, the Bosque School, Albuquerque Academy, the New Mexico Philharmonic, and various high and middle schools from the Albuquerque Public Schools. This is a *free* concert.

Press Quotes for *Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico*:

"A gorgeous tapestry of sound... Directing a carefully-chosen group of singers, [Maxine] Thévenot conducts with a minimum of gesture eliciting a maximum effect—the mark of a master conductor." – *The Albuquerque Journal*

"A group made up entirely and proudly of New Mexico singers, Polyphony, Voices of New Mexico, has quickly become the area's premier chamber chorus ... The ensemble boasts a unified blend of voices top to bottom with impeccable intonation ... Thévenot is a musical force to be reckoned with" – *The Albuquerque Journal*

"...there was a luxuriant sound to the group, solid throughout its range from stratospheric sopranos to robust basses. One can easily become mesmerized in the opulent sonorities." – *The Albuquerque Journal*

"The music [of *Winter: An Evocation*] is quite lovely – soothing and tranquil. The performances are the same." *The American Record Guide*

Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico will perform:

Saturday, December 17th, 10:30am

Cathedral of St. John

318 Silver Ave. SW

Albuquerque, NM

This is a FREE event.

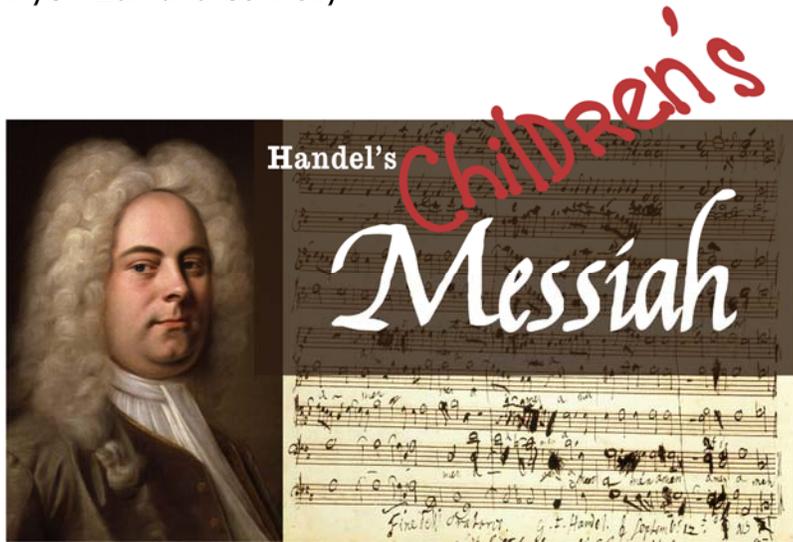
Founded in 2006 by Dr. Maxine Thévenot, POLYPHONY: Voices of New Mexico is a 501c (3) non-profit organization that promotes talented professional musicians who reside in the New Mexico. POLYPHONY consists of a flexible roster of singers allowing audiences the opportunity to hear the finest choral repertoire written for a variety of forces.

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Perfect for kids of all ages, an introduction to one of the most famous pieces of music in the repertoire: **Handel's MESSIAH**. This 45-minute concert will include select movements from the Christmas portion of Handel's beloved oratorio, interspersed with popular sing-a-long carols. Performed by professional instrumentalists and singers from Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico, this is sure to be a wonderful way to kick start the Holiday Season.

Wearing festive clothing, bringing comfy pillows to sit on and sporting Handelian wigs are all encouraged.

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