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VOICES OF ASCENSION CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS
FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT & CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

New York NY - Voices of Ascension presents its 2019-2020 season’s holiday concerts, celebrations with song and candlelight in the heart of Greenwich Village. Voices of Ascension, founded in 1990 and directed by conductor Dennis Keene, presents exceptional performances of great works of music for chorus and orchestra. Both concerts take place at the Church of the Ascension on Fifth Avenue at 10th Street.

• FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019 AT 5:00PM
Special Performance with Guest Youth Choir from the Third Street Music School
A joyous holiday celebration for kids, parents, and grandparents, Voices of Ascension's Family Holiday Concert combines the professional singers of Voices of Ascension performing with this year's youth chorus partner, the Third Street Music School (thirdstreetmusicschool.org). It's a holiday songfest with some of New York's finest professional musicians and some of New York's most talented kids. A special cookie decorating event will follow the concert.

*New this year: designated "No Guilt" section for the very young who like to move, and their caretakers.

• CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 AT 7:30PM
Lit by the glow of hundreds of candles, the most popular concert of the Voices of Ascension season will feature enduring holiday traditions along with brand-new musical delights. As always, this program of glorious Christmas music will open with classic arrangements of favorite carols with the chorus and a major guest soloist. Then, the chorus will perform Benjamin Britten's haunting, ethereal Ceremony of Carols, featuring the pristine sounds of Voices of Ascension's women singers gathered around a harp. Finally, there will be a newly commissioned medley of famous carols to end the evening in a rousing finale with traditional sing-alongs.

VOICES OF ASCENSION’S 2019-2020 SEASON ALSO INCLUDES:

• BAROQUE CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020 AT 7:30PM
One of the most varied and lively programs Voices of Ascension has ever presented, featuring many of the greatest composers of Early Choral Music. Cathedral anthems by Purcell, brilliant chamber works of Monteverdi, polyphonic music by Schütz, anthems and motets by Gibbons, Palestrina and J.S. Bach himself.

• BRAHMS’ EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020 AT 7:30PM
One of the most beloved of all choral works, Brahms’ Ein Deutsches Requiem was not intended as a Mass of
the Dead but as consolation for those left behind. Brahms’ own four-hand piano version spotlights every glorious vocal nuance from the Voices of Ascension.

- **BACH'S MASS IN B MINOR**  
  **THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020 AT 7:30PM**  
  The culmination of Bach's life as a composer of choral music, this extraordinary work features several of the greatest moments in all classical music: the exhilarating "Et resurrexit," the triumphant, cosmic "Sanctus," and the final "Dona nobis pacem," a chorus of universal scope.

- **ASTRONAUTICA – VOICES OF WOMEN IN SPACE**  
  **MAY 14 & 15, 2020 AT 7:00 PM, THE FLEA THEATER**  
  **MAY 16, 2020 AT 7:00 PM, AND MAY 17, 2020 AT 4:00 PM, NATIONAL SAWDUST**  
  **Inaugural Performances of Voices of The New**  
  Voices of Ascension announces a new artistic initiative this season: Voices of The New. It is a series of performances dedicated to exploring new horizons of vocal chamber ensemble music. *Astronautica - Women in Space* will begin this new series. This newly commissioned work of music, voice, and video by ten women composers, has a libretto drawn from the words of the women who have traveled in outer space and seen the world from a dramatic new perspective. It is curated by Voices of Ascension Ensemble member Hai-Ting Chinn. *Astronautica* is an artistic evocation of the transformation that happens when one sees our small planet set against the endless blackness of space.

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Voices of Ascension, founded in 1990 and directed by conductor Dennis Keene, presents exceptional performances of great works of music for chorus and orchestra. It sustains a vibrant artistic community of professional vocal and instrumental musicians in New York City through a broad repertory, dynamic programming, and strategic collaborations across the tri-state area. Recent performances by the Grammy-nominated ensemble have been described as “richly colored, impressive, and beautifully balanced” (*Wall Street Journal*) and “inspired” (*New York Times*).

- Family Holiday Concert, December 14, 2020 at 5PM  
- Candlelight Christmas Concerts, December 16, 2019 at 7:30PM and December 17, 2019 at 7:30PM  
- Baroque Celebration, January 29, 2020 at 7:30PM  
- Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, March 26, 2020 at 7:30PM  
- Bach *Mass in B Minor*, April 30, 2020 at 7:30PM  
- Astronautica – Voices of Women in Space  
  - May 14 & 15, 2020 at 7PM, The Flea Theater, 20 Thomas Street, NYC 10007  
  - May 16 at 7PM, and May 17 at 4PM, National Sawdust, 80 North 6th St, Brooklyn NY 11249

- For tickets & information, visit [voicesofascension.org](http://voicesofascension.org) or call the box office at **212-358-7060**
- All concerts at The Church of the Ascension, 36 Fifth Avenue at Tenth Street, NYC  
  **EXCEPT Astronautica** – at The Flea Theater (20 Thomas St. NYC) and National Sawdust (80 N. 6th St. Brooklyn NY)
- Choral Concert Tickets: $85, $40, $10; half-price for students at the door  
- Family Holiday Concert Tickets: $35, $25, $10; $5 youth tickets, half-price for students at the door  
- Astronautica Tickets: $35, $25, $10; half-price for students at the door  
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- Wheelchair and Accessible Seating Available  
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