THE BENNINGTON COLLEGE MOTET CHOIR

presents

A CHORAL CONCERT

June 6, 1973 8:15 P.M. Bennington Armory

I
1. Ave Maria
   Ave Maria
2. Non t'a mo
3. Sing We and Chant It
4. Il est Bel et Bon
5. Weep O Mine Eyes
6. So ben mi ch'a bon tempo

Gregorian Chant
Thomas Luis da Vittoria
Carlo Gesualdo de Venosa
Thomas Morley
Passereau
John Bennet
Orazio Vecchi

O.K. CHORALE, Richard Harris, Conductor

II
*Morning (1962)
for Narrator, Organ, and Chorus

Vivian Fine

Text by Henry David Thoreau (from Walden)

Choral text:

Little is to be expected of that day, if it can be called a day, to which we are not awakened by our Genius, but by the mechanical nudgings of some servitor, are not awakened by our own newly acquired force and aspirations from within, accompanied by the undulations of celestial music, instead of factory bells, and a fragrance filling the air, to a higher life than we fell asleep from; and thus the darkness bear its fruit, and prove itself to be good, no less than the light. ---

We must learn to reawaken, not by mechanical aids, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn, which does not forsake us in our soundest sleep. I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavor. It is something to be able to paint a particular picture, or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look, which morally we can do. To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts.

Narrator: Stanley Scott
Organ: Beth Eisenberg
Conducted by the Composer

*Commissioned by the New York Society for Ethical Culture
Metaphors (1959) for 50-part chorus (Premier Performance)

Text by Wallace Stevens

Twenty men crossing a bridge
Into a village,
Are twenty men crossing twenty bridges,
Into twenty villages,
Or one man
Crossing a single bridge into a village.

This is old song
That will not declare itself...

Twenty men crossing a bridge,
Into a village,
Are
Twenty men crossing a bridge
Into a village.

That will not declare itself
Yet is certain as meaning...

The boots of the men clump
On the boards of the bridge
The first white wall of the village
Rises through fruit-trees.
Of what was it I was thinking?
So the meaning escapes.

The first white wall of the village...
The fruit trees...

Conducted by the Composer

*Commissioned by the Collegiate Chorale

Jesu, meine Freude *
Horch auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Tom Guralnick: Bass Clarinet
Maria Lattimore: French Horn
Jim Signorelli: Trumpet
Jim Cook: Trombone

*In memory of Thomas Jeremiah Carroll, a Bennington College student, who was killed in an accident on June 4, 1973.
AUDREY JONES  JORGE TRISTAN
RUTH LEVIN  KEITH WILLIAMS
NANCY CRAWFORD  TINA WILLIAMS
LINDA JOHNSON  MIA PRIOR
CATHERINE RANDALL  NANCY SMALL
ADELAIDE FINE  RICHARD HARRIS
STEVIE KING  LINDA RAPER
TINA CALABRO  MEGAN MARSHALL
JIM SIGNORELLI  DAN LILENESTEN
ARTHUR JONES  DAN LEVITAN
RICHARD HUNT  STEVE SMITH
WARREN SKURET  BILL STUROCK
WALLIS SMITH  ASHLEY HOLLISTER
MARY STEVENS  STEVE KEFFER
EILEEN BRESNAHAN  CLAY ANDRE
SHELIA KERRIGAN  CLAUDIA COHEN
ALLISON LINDSAY  VIVIAN HELLER
Gwen Ahoya  MARGERY PERLMUTTER
Sarah Whittier  ELIZABETH COHEN
Polly Covell  ANNE HENRY
Jody Roberts  ELLEN ROGERS
Maureen Thompson  GILLIAN ANGLE
Leslie Morris  YASMIN AGA KAHN
Lina Guild  CHARLES COLLINS
Kitty Humpstone  MAUREEN HOY
Jane Heifetz  ELIZABETH COMPTON
Charlotte Hanna  BETH JOSEPHS
Sandy Sorlien  CYNTHIA SALTERMAN
Betsy Marks  CYNTHIA ANKENEY
Pam Geannelis  LAURA COOK
Libby Towne  DEBORAH KAUFMANN
Christine Graham  SAMUEL SCHEER
Sandy Hughes  ELLEN ASCHER
Donna Slawson  CAROL KENNEDY
Will Boepple  THERESA SNYER
Chip Jarman  SONIA BENENSON
Donna Simms  CATHY EMOLL
Seton Ijams  WENDY KLINCK
Robert Dechame  MYRA TASKA
Donald Lusardi  JO ROTHSTEIN
Kevin Rapp  WENDY BLAIR
Neil Zimmerman  LISA DORSEY
Denis Lechman  ANREW LANGERMAN
Steve Riffkin  LAURISTON THRUSH
Eric Dash  LIE CASPARI
Dwight Marvin  SARA FELDER
Maria Lattimore  MARCIA WEESE
Laura Chandler  JOHN GARRETSON
Martin Lucente  EDIE CHOATE
Caroline Guir  AMARI MEADER
Alice Wimer  MARY CLEAVER
Lily Meltzer  PETER GOLUB
Roy Wiseman  KATE MAXWELL
Lisa Bra'en  LEROY LOGAN
79. Jesu, meine Freude

"Hence with earthly treasure!"

J.S. BACH

Hence with earthly treasure! Thou art all my pleasure.

Jesu, all my choice.

Hence, thou empty glory, Naught to me thy story, Told with tempting voice!

Shall not from my Savior move me.

Since He deigns to love me.
Glory unites Thy holy ones, to dwell with us forever.

The host of heaven's host in song, with harps and high, with the symphony's tone, around Thy throne.

No eye hath seen such light, no ear heard such dawn.

Hail, in joy, Thine hour is this, 0

heaven's holy, Thine sea, and shall be evermore.