


CAMMAC READING

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|  | <h1 style="margin: 0;"><i>Mass in C</i></h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Beethoven</h2> |
| <i>Date</i> | SUNDAY, March 26, 2023 |
| <i>Time</i> | 2 PM SHARP TO 4:30 PM (Please arrive 15 minutes early.) |
| <i>Conductor</i> | Robert Cooper |
| <i>Biography</i> | <p>One of Canada's foremost choral musicians, Robert Cooper is Artistic Director of Chorus Niagara, Orpheus Choir of Toronto and the Opera in Concert Chorus. He has taught Choral Music at the University of Toronto and has conducted choirs such as the National Youth Choir of Canada and the Ontario Youth Choir (1979, 2007, 2016). In addition to his work with choirs, Mr. Cooper has been involved with the presentation of more than 150 operas and has conducted symphony orchestras in numerous Canadian cities as well as Toronto Operetta Theatre and Opera in Concert.</p> |
| <i>Music notes</i> | <p>While the <i>Mass in C</i> is often overshadowed by the immense <i>Missa Solemnis</i>, written some 15 years later, it is still no less significant. It is a masterpiece of sacred music. Restrained and dramatic with short, brilliant outbursts contrasted against intensely personal reflections, excellent fugues alongside the best of Handelian homophonic moments, and demanding solos interwoven throughout. The <i>Mass in C</i>, taken altogether, is a vividly dramatic response to the liturgical text. Upon receiving the score his publisher wrote: "My dear Beethoven. what have you done?" To which he replied: "I do believe I have treated the text as it has been treated only rarely before." It is time to experience again this glorious and innovative work initially greeted with shock and dismay.</p> |
| <i>Place</i> | Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St. (2 blocks north of St. Clair Avenue) in Elliott Hall (enter from Heath St.) |
| <i>Singers</i> | Chorus, soloists SATB. Please pre-register with Cristina Oke, c.oke@alum.utoronto.ca |
| <i>Instrumentation</i> | 2 flutes; 2 oboes; 2 clarinets; 2 bassoons; 2 horns, 2 trumpets; timpani; strings; keyboard. Please pre-register with c.oke@alum.utoronto.ca |
| <i>Cost</i> | CAMMAC members \$10; non-members \$15; students free. |
| <i>Refreshments</i> | Refreshments will be available for \$1 during the break. |

Instrumentalists: please bring your own music stand.