

COLLEGE-COMMUNITY CHORUS RECITAL

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The world of music was enlightened when the College-Community Chorus presented its annual Christmas concert at the West Hazleton Trinity Lutheran Church and the Salem Evangelical Church, December 7,8, 1958. This year the concert was presented in two sections; the first section was composed of selections from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and the second, of the music of Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols."

The 38 voices, combined with the serenity of the church sanctuary, presented Bach in the quiet, sacred manner in which Bach should be presented. Miss Bette Kulig, Mrs. Mary Ann Bigelow, Mr. Leroy Hinkle and Rev. Brian Fetterman, soloists during the "Christmas Oratorio," all did justice to Bach. The time devoted to Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" seemed to pass by too quickly. It would be difficult for any chorus, regardless of their experience, to equal and surpass the excellent and stirring rendition the College-Community Chorus gave to this music of Britten. Since this was the Hazleton area's first public performance of "A Ceremony of Carols," the College-Community Chorus did more than just sing the music; they put into song all the emotion and feeling that Benjamin Britten must have felt as he composed "A Ceremony of Carols." The interpretation of this music by Mr. A. G. Wilcox was just the right touch to give the audience the feeling of anxiety befitting the debut of Britten's music in this area.

Miss Pearl Garbrick, our versatile music instructor, again displayed her amazing and uncanny skill at directing.

All in all, the general audience reception to the concert, was more than sufficient to compensate the chorus for the many long and hard hours of rehearsal time that was needed to make

this concert the success it was.*****

CHORUS APPLAUDED

Al Hinger

The following is an exact copy of a congratulatory letter received by Miss Pearl Garbrick honoring our chorus.

December 2, 1958

Miss Pearl Garbrick
Asst. Professor of Music
Hazleton Campus
Hazleton, Pa.

Dear Miss Garbrick;
I want you to know how much we enjoyed the music provided by the College Community Chorus at the Dedication Ceremony on November 23. It added greatly to the program and was well done.

Sincerely yours,

Eric A. Walker
President

Also received were plaudits from Mr. Roland Edmunds, President of the Hazleton Educational Council and from Mr. W.R. Grubbs, formerly an Associate Professor of English at the Hazleton Campus (owns) and presently Asst. Administrative Head of the Allentown Center. Mr. Grubb also sings with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem.

COMPANION

Prisca Stiles

Sorrow pricks me...
needle fine her dire enroachment
Never so was discontent
...on airy wings he came and went

But, weaving her web
Arachne-like
That insidious spider, Sorrow
puts in a bit today, tears out a bit
tomorrow