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ABOUT SCHOLA CANTORUM
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Schola Cantorum on Hudson, led by Founding Artistic Director Deborah Simpkin King, is a 40-voice choral ensemble and educational organization. The singers represent a mix of well-qualified amateurs and active professionals. Singing membership is attained by audition (<http://scholaonhudson.org/Auditions.htm>). Schola's 2008/2009 season includes four different programs, each of which is presented in at least one New Jersey and on Manhattan location, reflecting the group's dual residency and membership base. In addition, this season Schola has debuted its new 'Schola Sings Solo' series of concerts, highlighting the skills of its many trained professional soloists. Concerts regularly attract hundreds of dedicated and enthusiastic audience members, representing the diverse communities of Hudson County and the New York metropolitan area. Schola has twice enjoyed the privilege of performing for the thousands of people who attend the annual "A City Singing at Christmas" at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, through the invitation of the Cathedral's Director of Music. Schola Cantorum on Hudson has been hailed by critics for its innovative programming and "the most uniquely rounded bel canto singing ever

heard in live choral singing." Schola happily resides at the forefront of contemporary choral music by commissioning and premiering new works. SCH will travel to Austria and the Czech Republic in August by invitation to present the European premiere of Randall Svane's Mass at the Salzburg Dom during the world-renowned Salzburg Festival. The ensemble presented the world premiere here in March 2006. Schola is equally enthusiastic in its commitment to providing the highest quality of music education (<http://scholaonhudson.org/Music-Education.htm>) to its members and to the community with programs that build the foundation for future generations of singers and music lovers.

Find out how you can help support the programs of this fine organization by visiting <http://scholaonhudson.org/Giving.htm>.

Deborah Simpkin King, Founder and Artistic Director of Schola Cantorum on Hudson, holds a PhD in Musicology from the University of North Texas, a Master of Music in Music Education from North Texas



State University, and a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Texas Christian University. She has held graduate, undergraduate, and administrative posts on several campuses, teaching courses in music history, voice, sight singing, and choral conducting, and currently works as an independent

contractor in music performance and education, primarily in the state of New Jersey. Dr. King coordinates the annual High School Choral Festival for the New Jersey Chapter of the American Choral Directors' Association, which attracts high school choirs from throughout the state. Under her tenure as Coordinator, the Festival has incorporated competitive sight singing, now commissioning its own material for that event. She has served on the state Board of Directors for fourteen years. More about her at <http://scholaonhudson.org/Artistic-Director.htm>.

Schola's final concert series for the 2007-2008 season will be **American Ambassadors** - American choral music to include works by Barber, Thompson, Bernstein, and excerpts from **Mass** by Randall Svane, Sunday, May 18, at 4:00 PM: Holy Rosary Church, Jersey City and Monday, May 19, at 7:30 PM: The Actors' Chapel, Manhattan. More about these and other upcoming concerts at <http://scholaonhudson.org/Concerts.htm>. You can hear excerpts from Schola's performances at <http://scholaonhudson.org/AuditionsDemoSamples.htm>.

ABOUT OUR RECORDINGS

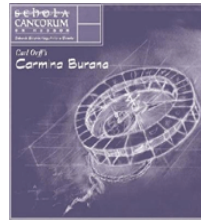
Schola Cantorum on Hudson has produced five compact disc recordings: **Sacred Bridge**, **Beautiful Star**, **Songs from the Heart**, **Cantorum Christmas**, and Carl Orff's **Carmina Burana**.

Sacred Bridge is a live recording of concerts of the same name, focusing on shared roots of the Jewish and Christian heritages, and including repertoire from pre-Christian times through the 21st century.



Beautiful Star is a selection of 22 charming Christmas songs, including **Coventry Carol**, **Winter Wonderland**, **I'll Be Home For Christmas**,

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.



Carmina Burana, Carl Orff's classic 1937 composition remains one of the most popular pieces of the classical music repertoire. Hear the Schola Cantorum on Hudson perform this timeless masterwork.

Songs from the Heart - a collection of 21 folk songs and spirituals including **At the River**, **Danny Boy**, **Down by the Riverside**, **I Know Where I'm Goin'**, **Shenandoah**, **Swing Low, Sweet Chariot** and **Song of the Breton Fisherman**.

Cantorum Christmas - a Christmas album to lift your holiday spirit, with 23 sacred and seasonal favorites including **Carol of the Bells**, **Infant Holy**, **Infant Lowly**, **O Magnum Mysterium**, **Riu, Riu, Chiu**, **O Come All Ye Faithful** and **We Wish You a Merry Christmas**.

All Schola Cantorum on Hudson CDs are \$15.00 + \$1.00 shipping & handling and can be ordered online at <http://scholaonhudson.org/Recordings.htm> or by phone at 201-918-3011.

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For more about these programs and Schola Cantorum on Hudson, visit <http://scholaonhudson.org/index.html> or contact them at info@scholaonhudson.org or 201-918-3009.

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