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LAKELAND CHORAL SOCIETY PLANS “GLORIOUS” FINALE TO ITS 44TH SEASON

The Lakeland Choral Society, now in its 44th year, will conclude its 2011/2012 concert season with an April 1, 2012 performance of John Rutter’s “Gloria.” Rutter is considered among the most influential composers of sacred music over the past several decades, and his music defines the high water mark of contemporary choral literature. Among his recent works is the anthem “This Is the Day Which the Lord Hath Made,” composed for the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Rutter’s “Gloria,” composed in 1974, is an exciting and festive setting of the traditional Latin text—challenging for the performers, and thrilling for the listening audience.

The Lakeland Choral Society will perform the “Gloria,” together with other noteworthy choral works, with brass and organ in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland. According to Dr. Larry Sledge, Director of the Lakeland Choral Society, “First Presbyterian’s sanctuary is the perfect venue for Rutter’s “Gloria.” The acoustic environment, the outstanding organ, and a group of excellent instrumentalists will provide exceptional support for our singers.”

The Lakeland Choral Society is a mixed chorus of eighty auditioned singers performing a broad spectrum of significant choral literature. Most recently, the group performed the Robert Shaw “Many Moods of Christmas” with the Imperial Symphony Orchestra in December, 2011, and, in the spring of 2011, Beethoven’s “Mass in C,” and the Duruflé “Requiem”.

In addition to its celebrated concerts of choral masterworks, the Lakeland Choral Society supports an ambitious program providing annual scholarships to area high school and college students studying music at the undergraduate level.

Membership in the Lakeland Choral Society is by audition, and open to all area singers. To learn more about the Lakeland Choral Society, or to schedule an audition, please visit the group’s website at www.lakelandchoralsociety.org.

The Lakeland Choral Society’s April 1 concert will begin at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr., Lakeland. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students, and can be purchased at the door.

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