

The St. James Music Series Returns!

Our 25th anniversary season opens with a world premier performance by the St. James Choir and orchestra. Lee Hoiby's moving tribute to fallen soldiers, *Last Letter Home*, is based on the words of Pfc. Jesse A. Givens. While on duty in Iraq, Givens wrote a letter to his wife and two children to be opened only in the event of his death. He died in battle on May 1, 2003 at age 34. Givens' widow gave American composer Lee Hoiby permission to set his words to music, creating a haunting memorial to all soldiers and their families. This will be the world premiere of this arrangement for chorus and string orchestra. A beautiful Requiem by Sir Philip Ledger follows and the program concludes with Lee Hoiby's *Hymn to the New Age*.

Sunday, November 8, 2009 www.sjbts.org



"Heavenly simplicity, and more intoxicating than most things you'll be offered over the holiday season."

BBC Music Magazine

Through their recordings and concert performances, **The Tallis Scholars** have established themselves as the leading exponent of Renaissance sacred music throughout the world. Their holiday program will be celebrated in Josquin's spectacular mass in praise of the Virgin Mary. The second half of the program is made up entirely of English music, chosen for its variety as well as beauty.

Saturday, December 5, 2009 <http://www.thetallisolars.co.uk>

The **San Francisco Girls Chorus** is recognized as one of the world's most respected vocal ensembles. Their most recent season included a performance at the 56th Presidential Inauguration Ceremony and the Chorus debut at New York's Lincoln Center. In addition to three Grammy Awards, The Girls Chorus is invited annually to perform with musical organizations, including the San Francisco Opera and the San Francisco Symphony. The Chorus has been honored to sing at many international venues, including the World Choral Symposium in Kyoto, Japan.

Sunday, January 31, 2010 www.sfgirlschorus.org



We are honored to close our 25th annual St. James Music Series with a performance by a cornerstone of our series and one of the most acclaimed choral ensembles in the world, Grammy Award-winning **Chanticleer**. This concert features Chanticleer's lush signature sound in their program titled *"In Time Of....Songs of Love and Loss, War and Peace."* Chanticleer will reflect on the most profound experiences touching all of us, singing some of the choral repertoire's most beautiful music.

Sunday, March 14, 2010 www.chanticleer.org