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ORATORIO SOCIETY PRESENTS BRITTEN, DURUFLE AND FAURE

#### SYNOPSIS

On Sunday: May 1, 2016, Westchester Oratorio Society, Benjamin Niemczyk, Artistic Director, presents BRITTEN's "Rejoice in the Lamb," DURUFLE's "Requiem" and FAURE's "Cantique de Jean Racine" featuring Corrine Byrne, Soprano, Mun-Tzung Wong, Mezzo-soprano, Mark Hanke, Tenor, Julian Whitely, Baritone, and the WOS Festival Orchestra. 3:00 PM. \$15 to \$50. South Salem Presbyterian Church, 111 Spring Street. (914) 763 9389; [www.Westchesteroratorio.org](http://www.Westchesteroratorio.org),

#### RELEASE

On Sunday, May 1, 2016, Westchester Oratorio Society concludes its 19<sup>th</sup> season with its Spring Concert featuring BRITTEN's "Rejoice in the Lamb," DURUFLE's "Requiem" and FAURE's "Cantique de Jean Racine" performed with the WOS Festival Orchestra and soloists Corrine Byrne, Soprano, Mun-Tzung Wong, Mezzo-soprano, Mark Hanke, Tenor, and Julian Whitely, Baritone. The concert begins at 3 PM and will be followed by a reception in the Church's Community Hall.

Artistic Director, Benjamin Niemczyk is looking forward to the program which is different than many of the society's past programs presenting choral masterworks, instead presenting three less often performed pieces of "intricate beauty." This is the group's ninth season under Niemczyk. In addition to conducting Westchester Oratorio Society, he leads the New York Session Symphony, New Westchester Symphony Orchestra, Chrysalis Consort and is music director at St Boniface Oratory Church in Brooklyn. The concert will be the chorus's fifth collaboration with the Festival Orchestra, the essence of which is created by contractor and Assistant Artistic Director, Mun-Tzung Wong drawing from some of the finest young musicians working and studying in the New York City area.

Founded in 1997 by a group of South Salem residents, including the noted choral conductor, Harold Rosenbaum, Westchester Oratorio Society is known for its performances of early music, traditional choral masterworks and contemporary pieces before local audiences with professional soloists and orchestras, and collaborations with premier groups and artists such as Tiffany Consort and REBEL Baroque Ensemble, as well as its appearances in the New York metropolitan area including with the Brooklyn Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall, the Brooklyn Academy of Music and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The group rehearses on Tuesday evenings at the Katonah Village Library.

South Salem Presbyterian Church is located at 111 Spring Street, South Salem, NY 10590. There is full ADA access. Tickets are \$25 General, \$40 preferred and \$15 students in advance (\$30/50/20 at the door), and available online or by phone (914) 763 9389, [www.westchesteroratorio.org](http://www.westchesteroratorio.org).

Corrine Byrne  
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soloists montage

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