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ORATORIO SOCIETY PRESENTS GO FOR BAROQUE NOV 19 IN BEDFORD

Synopsis:

On Saturday evening November 19 Benjamin Niemczyk and the Westchester Oratorio Society will present **Go for Baroque**, selections by Handel, Bach, Pergolesi, Vivaldi, Purcell and Charpentier, at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, 44 Village Green (Routes 22 and 172), Bedford, New York, 7 pm. The concert features the critically acclaimed organist, James Kennerley. Tickets are \$25 general and \$40 preferred in advance, \$30/50 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets email westchesteroratorio@gmail.com, call 914-763-8462 or visit the group's website, www.westchesteroratorio.org.

Body:

Get a jump on the holiday season with Benjamin Niemczyk and the Westchester Oratorio Society on Saturday evening November 19, 2016 at 7 PM, when the group presents **Go for Baroque**, selections by Handel, Bach, Pergolesi, Vivaldi, Purcell and Charpentier, at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, 44 Village Green (Routes 22 and 172), Bedford, New York.

The concert features the critically acclaimed organist, James Kennerley, and some of the most beautiful and rarely heard choral music of the Baroque period. Mr. Kennerley, a native of the United Kingdom, was Organ Scholar at Jesus College, Cambridge University and later at Saint Paul's Cathedral, London, where he had several occasions to perform in the presence of HM the Queen. A multi-faceted musician, Kennerley has been hailed as "a great organist" with "phenomenal technique and sheer musicality" by Bloomberg News, and praised as a tenor by New Yorker critic Alex Ross.

Founded in 1997, Westchester Oratorio Society is dedicated to providing a community and educational experience for amateur singers of all levels while bringing exceptional performances with professional orchestras and soloists to local audiences, including the WOS Festival Orchestra and collaborations with such premier groups and artists 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, which rehearses on Tuesday evenings in Katonah will present the Bach *St. John Passion* on May 7, 2017 in South Salem.

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