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#### SYNOPSIS

On Sunday: May 7, 2017, Westchester Oratorio Society, Benjamin Niemczyk, Artistic Director, presents Bach, "St. John Passion" featuring Stephanie Jabre , Soprano, Mun-Tzung Wong, Alto, Micheal Anderson, Tenor, and featuring Brian Montgomery, Baritone. 3:00 PM. \$15 to \$50. South Salem Presbyterian Church, 111 Spring Street. (914) 763 9389; [www.Westchesteroratorio.org](http://www.Westchesteroratorio.org),

### **Westchester Oratorio Society presents Bach's "St. John Passion"**

On Sunday afternoon May 7, 2017, Westchester Oratorio Society, Benjamin Niemczyk, Artistic Director, will present Bach's "St. John Passion" at the South Salem Presbyterian Church. The concert begins at 3 pm and will be followed by a reception in the Church's Community Hall.

Leading an outstanding group of soloists is bass Brian Montgomery who made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 1992, and with 15 years on the international stage he has been heard with the major opera companies of the world. Up and comer Stephanie Jabre will be singing soprano. A recent graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, she was most recently a young artist with the St. Petersburg Opera Company in Florida. Singing the alto role will be the society's own assistant artistic director Mun-Tzung Wong, an accomplished accompanist and singer, and a sought after vocal coach in NYC. The demanding tenor role will be performed by Michael Anderson, also a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, who will be appearing this summer with Opera Sarasota. Previously he was a Studio Artist at Central City Opera, and sang with Wolf Trap Opera in 2015 and 2014.

Westchester Oratorio Society is known for its performances of early music, traditional choral masterworks and contemporary pieces before local audiences with professional soloists and instrumentalists, 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. Tickets are \$25 General, \$30 Door, \$15 Students (\$40/\$50 Preferred), and available online or by phone (914) 763-9389, [www.westchesteroratorio.org](http://www.westchesteroratorio.org)