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ORATORIO SOCIETY BEGINS REHEARSALS FOR 2016 – 2017 SEASON SEPTEMBER 6 IN KATONAH

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday evenings in September for the Westchester Oratorio Society's 2016-2017 Season – its tenth under the direction of Benjamin Niemczyk.

The group's fall concert is ***Go for Baroque***, selections by Handel, Bach, Pergolesi, Vivaldi, Purcell and Charpentier, featuring the critically acclaimed organist, James Kennerley, on Saturday evening November 19, at the Bedford Presbyterian Church.

For the spring, the oratorio society is excited to present Bach's ***St. John Passion***, at the South Salem Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, May 7, 2017

WOS's Chamber Chorus offers additional singing opportunities throughout the year, including the Holiday Celebrations at historic Muscoot Farm on December 10 and other local venues old and new.

Competent singers in all voice parts with an ability to read music are welcome to join. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:15 PM at the beautifully renovated, well-lit, and climate-controlled Garden Room at the Katonah Library, which features a Steinway C piano and is just a short walk from the Metro North station.

Rehearsals start on September 6. Prospective members are invited to attend anytime, or to join the group for an Open House Rehearsal on Tuesday, September 20 at 7 PM, to try out the venue, meet the membership, and learn more about singing with the Society.

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. For more information about singing with Westchester Oratorio Society and the Open Rehearsal email westchesteroratorio@gmail.com, call 347-223-9303 or visit the group's website, www.westchesteroratorio.org. Find WOS on Facebook at www.facebook.com/westchesteroratorio and follow on Twitter @westchesterora.