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The BARDAVON CONTINUES

HUDSON VALLEY PHILHARMONIC'S 61st Anniversary season

HANDEL'S *MESSIAH*

Saturday, December 18 at 2pm, at the Bardavon

The most popular choral work of all time in concert

(Poughkeepsie, NY) The Bardavon is proud to continue the Hudson Valley Philharmonic's 61st anniversary season on **Saturday, December 18 at 2pm**, at the Bardavon with a special holiday concert performance of **Handel's *Messiah*** with guest conductor Christine Howlett

Guest vocalists from **Cappella Festiva** will join the HVP to perform George Frideric Handel's most popular choral work, for a total of 100 instrumentalists and singers on the Bardavon stage. A pre-concert talk with Maestro Howlett will take place one hour before the concert for all ticket-holders.

This series is sponsored by Rhinebeck Bank, The Bruderhof, Vassar Brothers Institute and Dr. Edwin Ulrich Trust, as well as through the generous support of WMHT FM 89.1 Schenectady and WRHV FM 88.7 Poughkeepsie.

Canadian conductor and soprano **Christine R. Howlett** is the Director of Choral Activities at Vassar College where she conducts the Vassar College Women's Chorus, and Vassar College Choir, and teaches music theory and voice. Her choruses have sung at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, and have toured in Italy, Turkey, Germany, Spain, and in the United States. The Vassar College Women's Chorus performed at both the National Collegiate Choral Association at Yale University in 2009 and at the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Conference in Philadelphia in 2010. Ms. Howlett is the Artistic Director of Cappella Festiva, an auditioned choral ensemble with a 40-year history of performing in the Hudson Valley. In 2006, she co-founded the Summer Choral Festival at Vassar College and the Cappella Festiva Treble Choir, an auditioned choral ensemble for treble voices ages 10-16.

The featured soloists for Messiah include:

Amy Justman – Soprano

Emily Lipshutz- Mezzo

Morgan Mastrangelo- Tenor

Kenneth Overton- Baritone

Prices for the HVP Handel's *Messiah* start at \$26.

The Bardavon and UPAC box offices are open - Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm at Bardavon 845-473-5288 or UPAC 845-339-6088 or email at BOXOFFICE@BARDAVON.ORG. To purchase tickets online 24 hours a day go to www.ticketmaster.com (fees will apply). **

***** Bardavon Presents has announced that due to the Delta variant and the recent increase in new Covid cases, all audiences at Bardavon and UPAC must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times. Ticket holders must show proof of vaccination and government issued ID on show days. This policy is in effect for the foreseeable future and will be reassessed based on CDC guidelines. MORE INFO AT: www.bardavon.org***