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THE MESSIAH

G. F. Handel

Sung by

THE BOISE JUNIOR COLLEGE CHOIR

C. Griffith Bratt, Conductor

SOLOISTS

Helen Cain Schloffman, Soprano

Mary Bratt, Contralto

Kenneth Alpert, Tenor

James Anderson, Bass

BJC Auditorium

8:15 P. M.

December 16, 1958

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## PART I - CHRISTMAS PORTION

OVERTURE . . . . .	ORGAN
COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE . . . . .	RECITATIVE FOR TENOR
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE EXALTED . . . . .	AIR FOR TENOR
AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD . . . . .	CHORUS
THUS SAITH THE LORD . . . . .	RECITATIVE FOR BASS
BUT WHO MAY ABIDE THE DAY OF HIS COMING . .	AIR FOR BASS
AND HE SHALL PURIFY . . . . .	CHORUS
BEHOLD A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE . .	RECITATIVE FOR ALTO
O THOU THAT TELLEST GOOD TIDINGS TO ZION .	AIR FOR ALTO
O THOU THAT TELLEST GOOD TIDINGS TO ZION . . . .	CHORUS
FOR BEHOLD, DARKNESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH	RECITATIVE FOR BASS
THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS . . . .	AIR FOR BASS
FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN . . . . .	CHORUS

## Intermission

## PART 2 - CHRISTMAS PORTION

PASTORAL SYMPHONY . . . . .	ORGAN
THERE WERE SHEPHERDS ABIDING IN THE FIELDS	RECITATIVE FOR SOPRANO

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST . . . . . CHORUS  
REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION . . AIR FOR SOPRANO  
THEN SHALL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED  
RECITATIVE FOR ALTO  
HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK . . . . . AIR FOR ALTO  
COME UNTO HIM . . . . . AIR FOR SOPRANO  
HIS YOKE IS EASY, AND HIS BURDEN IS LIGHT . . . . CHORUS  
HALLELUJAH . . . . . CHORUS

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### Program Notes

RECENT SCHOLARSHIP HAS GIVEN RISE TO THE BELIEF THAT HANDEL HAD A SMALL GROUP OF SINGERS IN MIND FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS GREAT MASTERPIECE, THE MESSIAH; PERHAPS AS SMALL AS 20 TO 25 SINGERS. IF THIS IS TRUE, (AND THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS DOWNWARD REVISION OF THE SIZE OF THE MESSIAH CHORUS) WE ARE A BIT ON THE BIG SIZE WITH A CHOIR OF 36 VOICES WHICH IS BEING USED TONIGHT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT IN USING A CHORUS OF THIS SIZE EVEN THOUGH IT MAY SEEM AT FIRST "UNTRADITIONAL", WE ARE ENTERING INTO THE MUSICAL SPIRIT OF THE WORK AS HANDEL CONCEIVED IT. ON THIS, THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH, IT SEEMS AN APPROPRIATE THING TO DO.

## CHOIR PERSONNEL

### SOPRANOS

TEDDIE AKANA  
KRISTIN ARTIS  
LORRAINE ATKINSON  
LINDA COLE  
DEANN DALEY  
BRENDA GRIFFIN  
BEULAH HOLMES  
SUSAN HUFF  
EVELYN KERR  
DONNA LAPRISE  
JUNE SCHMITZ  
SHARON TRAVER

### TENORS

BOB ADKINS  
GEORGE CROWE  
JERRY HALL  
JERRY MADDEN  
SAM STIMPLE

### ALTOS

MARY BILLS  
CAROL BYRAM  
BETTE FULCHER  
MARILYN GASKINS  
DOROTHY HARTSHORNE  
GRETCHEN HOFF  
DONA NEWMAN  
DOROTHY REA  
BETH RODWELL  
ELEANOR SHUEE

### BASSES

JAMES ANDERSON  
JACK BEERS  
RAY BROOMFIELD  
ALLAN CAMERON  
JOHN DAWSON  
JIM FREEMAN  
EUGENE LUTTMAN  
JERRY PIGER  
KENT YAHRES