

The University Musical Society

of
The University of Michigan

Presents

Messiah

GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

ELIZABETH HUMES, *Soprano* JOHN McCOLLUM, *Tenor*
BARBARA WINDHAM, *Contralto* MICHAEL DEVLIN, *Bass*
DONALD BRYANT, *Conductor*

UNIVERSITY CHORAL UNION
MEMBERS OF THE INTERLOCHEN ARTS ACADEMY ORCHESTRA
ROBERT CLARK, *Organist*
MARILYN MASON, *Harpsichordist*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 8, 1974, AT 2:30
HILL AUDITORIUM, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

PROGRAM

In order that the continuity of the work be maintained, it is requested that the audience refrain from applause until the end of each part of the program.

SINFONIA

TENOR—Comfort ye, My people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardon'd. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

CHORUS—And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

BASS—Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, e'en the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

But who may abide the day of His coming

and who shall stand when He appeareth—For He is like a refiner's fire.

CHORUS—And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

CONTRALTO AND CHORUS—Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name EMMANUEL: God with us. O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! Lift up thy voice with strength! Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!

BASS—For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to Thy light, and kings to the brightness of Thy rising.

The people that walked in the darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.