

October, 2010

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Thirty-Fourth season of Chamber Music Rochester! In one of our most lavish seasons in recent memory, an impressive roster of some of Rochester's finest musicians will perform with several international guest artists in three of Rochester's premier venues: the Memorial Art Gallery, the Hochstein School Performance Hall, and St. Mary's Church. In the coming months, we will celebrate the birthdays of two musical giants in **Robert Schumann and Samuel Barber: A Double Birthday Party**. Our guest of honor for this commemoration will be the distinguished bass-baritone, Jan Opalach. We will welcome back our friend and colleague, former RPO Concertmaster Andrzej Grabiec, for **A TRIO NOVA Concert**. **An Evening with Jon Nakamatsu** will bring the world-renowned concert pianist to our stage for the fourth time. Our grand finale will feature Christopher Seaman at the harpsichord in one of his last appearances before leaving his post as Music Director of the RPO in **Christopher Seaman Plays and Conducts Bach**.

Our opening concert on October 17 is truly extraordinary. Renowned organist Stephen Kennedy and eight premier brass players from the RPO will join forces for **A Brass and Organ "Prism Concert" at St. Mary's Church**. The historic church on Washington Square in the heart of downtown Rochester, with its gorgeous interior and sumptuous acoustics, is the perfect venue for this type of concert. In a "prism" concert, music of contrasting styles and instrumentation flows with little interruption from various locations throughout the concert hall. Music of Gabrieli, Hidas, Buxtehude, Ives, Duruflé, and others will permeate the church, interspersed with Stephen Kennedy's mind-boggling improvisations. Our all-star brass group consists of Doug Prosser, Wesley Nance, and Herbert Smith, trumpets; W. Peter Kurau and David Angus, horns; Mark Kellogg and Lisa Albrecht, trombones; and Craig Sutherland, tuba.

This year you will notice a new feature on your tickets. It is a small logo marked "RAE," which stands for Rochester Arts Exchange. RAE can make your ticket more valuable! Each participating arts organization will provide a special discount on a single ticket purchase when you present a used ticket or stub displaying the logo. Look for more details in our first concert's program notes.

As always, the pre-concert chat will begin at 7:00 PM and will feature appearances by some of the evening's distinguished performers. Parking for St. Mary's Church is in the lot on the corner of St. Mary's Place and Woodbury Blvd. right next to St. Mary's and GEVA. The Washington Square Garage on the corner of Clinton Avenue and Woodbury Boulevard. The Court Street Garage is across Washington Square from GEVA. Please see the notice with the Dashboard Parking Notice. We look forward to seeing you on October 17 for this exciting opening concert!

Sincerely,  
Stefan Reuss and Joseph Werner, Co-Artistic Directors.