

ABOUT VANGUARD

Now in its 16th season, Vanguard Voices continues its mission to expand the boundaries of choral music in the metropolitan Detroit area. The 65-voice mixed choir has carved out a unique niche in the community – it regularly elicits and performs new choral works from established and aspiring composers around the world. In the past four years, the Vanguard Premieres Choral Composition Contest has recognized 20 new compositions by composers from four continents. Vanguard Voices has premiered these new works – as well as three specially commissioned pieces – to an enthusiastic audience. Several of the composers have traveled to Dearborn to assist Vanguard Voices with the preparation of these new additions to the choral repertoire for their public debut. In the spirit of further fostering musical interchange in the area, Vanguard Voices will host the first-ever Vanguard Choral Celebration in March, which will bring together top area choirs for an evening of inspired song. At the conclusion of the regular performance season, Vanguard Voices will travel to Wilmington, North Carolina, for a festival performance of Bach's *Mass in B Minor* conducted by Dearborn native Steven Errante.

JOIN VANGUARD

If you are a singer interested in performing with a group that has an exciting repertoire as well as high standards and lively camaraderie, please accept our invitation to join us for two open rehearsals, held at the start of the performance season and after the New Year. You'll have the opportunity to read and sing through our upcoming performance pieces and meet fellow choristers. You'll also have the opportunity to give Artistic Director Kevin Dewey a 'test drive.' Membership in Vanguard Voices is based on audition, where an emphasis on precision and tone are encouraged. The next open rehearsals will occur on January 10 and September 4, 2008. Three-hour rehearsals are held each Thursday during the season. Visit the Vanguard Voices website, www.vanguardvoices.org, or call the Vanguard Voices hotline at (313) 317-6566 for more information.



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ORFF *Carmina Burana*

Dearborn Symphony Orchestra - Kypros Markou, Music Director & Conductor
Combined Choruses of Dearborn - G. Kevin Dewey, Director

Saturday, September 29, 2007, 8:00 p.m.
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Tickets: (313) 565-2424 or www.dearbornsymphony.org

Dearborn Holiday Choral Festival

Dearborn Community Chorus - Steven H. Olsen, Director
Vanguard Voices - G. Kevin Dewey, Director
Dearborn Youth Symphony - Diane Platte, Director

featuring
FAVORITE CHORUSES OF THE SEASON
BY BACH, HANDEL, MENDELSSOHN, VIVALDI

Saturday, December 15, 2007, 8:00 p.m.
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Reserved Tickets: \$15, \$12, \$8 • (313) 943-2354

HFCC President's Collage Concert

Vanguard Voices
Choral and Instrumental Ensembles from Henry Ford Community College

Saturday, March 1, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Reserved Tickets: \$20, \$15 • (313) 943-2354

Vanguard Choral Celebration

Vanguard Voices - G. Kevin Dewey, Director
Detroit Concert Choir - Gordon Nelson, Director
Langford Men's Chorus - Steven SeGraves, Director
InVoice, Macomb Community College - Stuart Scott, Director

Monday, March 31, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Reserved Tickets: \$5 • (313) 943-2354

BACH *Mass in B Minor*

with Dearborn Symphony Chamber Orchestra

Thursday, May 22, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
22124 Garrison, Dearborn
(at Mason, north of Michigan Ave.)
General Admission: \$12 adult, \$8 student • (313) 943-2354

Wilmington & Washington Tour

Wilmington, North Carolina & Washington, D.C.
June 19-26, 2008
featuring a performance of Bach *Mass in B Minor* with
Wilmington Symphony Select - Steven Errante, Conductor

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Artistic Director G. Kevin Dewey is director of choirs at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Michigan, where he conducts Concert Choir, Renaissance Voices and two vocal jazz ensembles, Blue Fusion and Midnight Blue. He brings experience as a professional vocal and instrumental performer, composer and arranger to the podium, where he leads Vanguard Voices with vibrancy, enthusiasm and the joy of performing the world's great music.

Vanguard Voices is one of several cultural organizations sponsored by the City of Dearborn Recreation Department and is choir-in-residence at Henry Ford Community College.

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