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CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Music Concert

A varied programme of sacred music will be presented at 5 pm on Saturday, 24 September, in St Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, by the Christchurch Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Choir and Orchestra, with Cantores Choir from Dunedin. There will be a retiring collection.

Musical styles range from early motets by Arcadelt and Scheidt to Mozart's **Inter Natos** and **Laudate Dominum** and the popular Franck Panis Angelicus, with representative romantic composers Bruckner and Brahms. NZ composers to be heard include Douglas Mews, John Ritchie and Raymond White.

Concluding the programme will be a charming **Mass in C Major** by Schubert. Although the work was regularly sung at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with its resident choir and orchestra in the nineteenth century, copies were destroyed many years ago, and a new set has been purchased to enable a unique revival in this country. Soloists will be Sue Patterson, Michelle de Boer, Wally Enright and Howard Harvey. The orchestra will be led by David Williams, with Ellen Doyle as cello soloist, and organist Grant Bartley. Cantores is directed by Greg Peyroux, and the CBS Choir and Orchestra is directed by Don Whelan.

The CBS musicians returned in January from a month long tour of the Americas, during which they performed concerts and Masses in the cathedrals and major churches of Santiago, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Cuzco, Lima, Washington, New York (St Patrick's Cathedral at Christmas), Toronto and Montreal (Notre Dame Basilica and the Cathedral on New Year's Day). Throughout this fourth world tour undertaken by CBS, they were joined by a number of performers and supporters from the Otago region.

This concert provides an opportunity to present some of that repertoire back in their home areas, and to renew the pleasure of recreating wonderful music in the buildings for which it was written.

Cantores choir is a young choir that travels. It has a busy schedule of both concert and church engagements throughout Australasia. Last year Cantores visited Melbourne and former chorister Jonathan Lemalu was gratefully appointed as the choir's Patron. This year Cantores became affiliated with the Otago University Student Association (OUSA) making it a regular fixture on the university campus. Cantores specifically recruits exchange students filling it with choristers from the US and Canada. As our Alumni list grows, surely, Cantores will emulate CBS on its own tour to the Americas.