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"Hymn Festival Scheduled for March 22"

On Sunday afternoon, March 22, at 4:00 p.m., a Hymn Festival under the direction of internationally-known composer and conductor Michael Burkhardt, will feature a 125-voice choir of adults, youth and children, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill. The event is co-sponsored by Trinity Lutheran and the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). The Festival, entitled "O Day Full of Grace," will also include a brass ensemble led by Dr. William Stowman of Messiah College, handbells, timpani and percussion.

Trinity's singing choirs and bell choirs, in addition to singers from various area churches, will constitute the Festival Choir, with Timothy Koch, host musician, as coordinator.



The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in the Hymn Festival, with a Reception following. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Call 737-8635 or www.trinitycamphill.org for information. <http://www.trinitycamphill.org>

Dr. Burkhardt is in frequent demand for his creative work with children's choirs, as a choral clinician, organ recitalist and hymn festival leader. For the past six years, Burkhardt has served on the faculty of Carthage College in Wisconsin, as director of choral activities, college organist, and artist-in-residence. Prior to his appointment at Carthage, he was a faculty associate in organ at Arizona State University. In addition, he has served Christ College, Irvine, CA, as college organist and head of studies in church music and music education, as well as Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and Trinity Seminary, Columbus, OH, as guest lecturer in their Master of Sacred Music programs.

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(Photo: Michael Burkhardt)

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