



# SEATTLE CHORAL COMPANY

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## The Seattle Choral Company presents fourth annual holiday concert: "A Cathedral Christmas"

SEATTLE, WA—The Seattle Choral Company, conducted by Freddie Coleman, will open its 30th concert season in December with three performances of its popular holiday concert, "A Cathedral Christmas." The Seattle Choral Company is the Puget Sound region's leading symphonic chorus, each year presenting a wide variety of historical masterworks and contemporary premieres.



Freddie Coleman

"A Cathedral Christmas" promises to bring together the music, the wonder, and the traditions that we all enjoy during the month of December. This is the fourth season that the SCC will have presented "A Cathedral Christmas" in the superior acoustics of Saint Mark's Cathedral and the Bastyr University Chapel.

**Performance dates:** Saturday, December 3, 2011 + 2:00 p.m. at Bastyr University Chapel, Kenmore  
Friday, December 9, 2011 + 8:00 p.m. at Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle  
Saturday, December 10, 2011 + 8:00 p.m. at Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle

**Locations:** Bastyr University Chapel, 14500 Juanita Drive NE, Kenmore  
Saint Mark's Cathedral, 1245 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Seattle



The Seattle Choral Company

On this year's program, "A Cathedral Christmas" will include two extended choral works: "A Festival of Carols" by Frank Ferko and "Advent Antiphons" by Bob Chilcott.

California resident Frank Ferko composed "A Festival of Carols" for mixed chorus and harp and based it on five Christmas carol texts by 19<sup>th</sup> century American poets and hymn writers. According to Ferko, "This suite, as composed for choir and harp, mirrors the highly successful "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, which put a 20th century twist on Medieval and Renaissance English verses."



Frank Ferko

"You might say that I have put together an American-style "Ceremony of Carols," highlighting America's own Christmas poems, hymns, and literary traditions."

"A Festival of Carols" was commissioned by the Dale Warland Singers and premiered in 2002.

Bob Chilcott sang and composed for twelve years with the famed King's Singers. Now a full-time composer, his works can be heard worldwide. He composed his seven "Advent Antiphons" for the Reykjavik Cathedral Choir Festival in 2004. It is an exquisite concert setting of the Great O Antiphons, which comprise seven brief prayers traditionally chanted or sung between December 17 and 23. They proceed in sequence, charting events from before Creation through the Birth of Christ. Chilcott's masterful writing for double choir contains echoes of plainchant and richly expressive harmonies.

Completing the program will be numerous carols of the season composed or arranged by distinguished American choral composers **Eric William Barnum, Jackson Berkey, Abbie Betinis, Bern Herbolsheimer, and Steven Sametz.**



Appearing as guest artists will be noted Seattle soprano, **Jennifer Ceresa,** and harpist **Bethany Man.**

At all three performances, concert attendees are invited to arrive one hour before the start of the program. Members of the Seattle Choral Company will be on hand to provide information and exhibits about the concert program. Then, one-half hour prior to performance time, Maestro Coleman will lead everyone in a carol sing-along.

This season's program of "A Cathedral Christmas" will be recorded this winter for the Seattle Choral Company's first commercial holiday CD album.

### **Ticket Information**

Advanced purchase:               **\$25** (general), **\$20** (65+), **\$10** (under 25).

Tickets at the door:               **\$27** (general), **\$22** (65+), **\$12** (under 25).

*(All tickets prices are for non-reserved seating.)*

To purchase single tickets to "A Cathedral Christmas," please call **Brown Paper Tickets** at

**(800) 838-3006** or visit [www.seattlechoralcompany.org](http://www.seattlechoralcompany.org).

## Group discounts

Group discounts begin for groups of 8 or more. Groups of 15 or more from nonprofit and educational organizations may receive a discount of 50% off single ticket prices. For details, call the Seattle Choral Company directly at 206-363-1100 or e-mail [tickets@seattlechoralcompany.org](mailto:tickets@seattlechoralcompany.org).



SEATTLE CHORAL COMPANY  
PRESENTS  
**A CATHEDRAL  
CHRISTMAS  
2011**

Don't miss our December program of holiday carols, spacious sounds, and musical memories that will carry you through the season.

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