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Bach Choir presents world premiere to the poetry of Madeline L'Engle

On Wednesday, March 24, 2021, the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh will premiere *Shout Joy!*, a new choral composition by Artistic Director Thomas W. Douglas, inspired by the poetry of Madeline L'Engle. The presentation is part of the Bach Choir's 2020-2021 Season of virtual concert experiences available for viewing online.

As the Bach Choir had done for its previous December 2020 presentation of Gustav Holst's *In the Bleak Midwinter*, choir members rehearse and perform from individual locations. Their individual audio and visual recordings are then professionally blended to present a virtual concert experience, streaming digitally.

"L'Engle's poem *Shout Joy!* is a pure exuberance and celebration," said Douglas. "Upon my very first read of it, I was compelled to set it to music. I believe it will be a welcome and refreshing song of hope in our current times."

Madeline L'Engle (1918-2007) was an American poet and author widely known for her young adult novel *A Wrinkle in Time*, first published in 1962, as well as her writings on the themes of Christian faith and modern science. She was the recipient of the 2004 National Humanities Medal and was inducted into the New York Writers Hall of Fame in 2011.

Shout Joy! will premiere via digital broadcast on March 24, 2021 at 7:30pm. Viewers can register for a free virtual ticket at bachchoirpittsburgh.org. Following *Shout Joy!* on April 28 will be *Into the Spotlight*; a virtual concert featuring solo performances from vocalists of the Bach Choir.

About Bach Choir of Pittsburgh

The Bach Choir of Pittsburgh was founded in 1934 to perform works of Johann Sebastian Bach. It soon evolved to embrace the full spectrum of classical choral works and has performed many world and Pittsburgh premieres over its 85-year history. Since 2003, Conductor and Artistic Director Thomas W. Douglas has built a reputation for innovation and excellence, presenting a variety of choral music styles



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from the Renaissance to the present in interesting locations in the Pittsburgh area. The Bach Choir is made up of 80-100 singers of all ages and backgrounds and includes a core of professional singers.

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