The Messiah

By George Frideric Handel

Christmas Portion

Presented by Combined Choruses Under the Auspices of
Greater Portland Community Chorus
Portland Women's Chorus
Portland Men's Singing Club

MARSHALL F. BRYANT, Director

Soloists

Eunice Soule de Sánchez, Soprano
Ellen Knight, Contralto
Philip Stuart, Tenor
John H. McDonough, Bass
John Fay, Organist
Dorothy Doe Hicks, Pianist

Orchestra

PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Norman C. Balabas
Concertmaster

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1954

8.15 P.M.

Portland City Hall Auditorium
PROGRAM

OVERTURE

Recitative for Tenor  "Comfort Ye My People"
Air for Tenor       "Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted"
Chorus              "And the Glory of the Lord"
Recitative for Bass  "Thus Saith the Lord of Hosts"
Air for Bass        "But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming"
Recitative for Alto  "Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive and Bear a Son"
Air for Alto        "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings"
and Chorus          "For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth"
Recitative for Bass  "The People That Walked in Darkness"
Air for Bass        "For Unto Us a Child is Born"
Chorus              "For Unto Us a Child is Born"

PASTORAL SYMPHONY

Recitatives for Soprano  "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field"
                        "And lo! The Angel of the Lord"
                        "And The Angel Said Unto Them"
                        "And Suddenly There Was With the Angel"
Chorus                   "Glory to God in the Highest"
Air for Soprano           "Rejoice Greatly"
Recitative for Alto       "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind Be Opened"
Air for Alto               "He Shall Feed His Flock"
Air for Soprano           "Come unto Him, All Ye that Labour"
Chorus                     "His Yoke is Easy"
Chorus                    "Hallelujah"
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This performance of The Messiah is dedicated to the memory of Kenneth C. M. Sills, one of Maine's most beloved citizens.

Participating Choruses

Bowdoin College Glee Club - - - - Prof. Frederic E. T. Tillotson, Director
Brunswick Choral Society - - - - Robert Beckwith, Director
Colby College Choir (Members of) - - John Philbrook, Director
Greater Portland Community Chorus - - Marshall F. Bryant, Director
Portland Men's Singing Club - - - - Howard R. Stevens, Director
Portland Women's Chorus - - - - Marshall F. Bryant, Director
Portsmouth, N. H., Community Chorus - - Norman Leavitt, Director
Westbrook Junior College Glee Club - - Marshall F. Bryant, Director

Sponsoring Organization

Maine Federation of Music Clubs

(The audience is requested not to applaud until the end of the program)