The U.W. Division of Music History and St. James Cathedral present

A MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS performed by the U.W. Collegium Musicum
directed by JoAnn Taricani

Kvela Chaffee, soprano
Elizabeth Dougherty, soprano
Mark Russ, recorder
Laurie Haney Masciandaro, soprano
Virginia Holland Wyland, mezzo-soprano
JoAnn Taricani, recorder, krumhorn, percussion, organ

Cynthia Oeck, soprano
Faith Rosen, recorder
Carolee Shoemaker, soprano
Dean Suess, tenor, countertenor

December 12 & 13, 1986 8:00 P.M. St. James Cathedral

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PROGRAM

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Gabriel: Dean Suess
Mary: Laurie Haney Masciandaro
Elizabeth: Virginia Holland Wyland

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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Amen. Beseech your sweetest Son for us sinners, blessed Mary.

Gabriel: "Ne timeas, Maria"
"Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found grace with the Lord. I tell you, you will conceive in your womb, and you will bear a son, and you will name him: Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Most High. And God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will rule in the house of Jacob forever."

Gabriel: "Audi Maria, virgo Christi"
"Listen, Mary, Christ's virgin, the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. And so, therefore, the holy one who is born of you will be called the son of God. And I tell you that Elisabeth, your relative, has likewise conceived a son, in her old age. And this is the sixth month of her who was called barren, because nothing that can be spoken is impossible with God."

Mary: "Ecce ancilla Domini"
"Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."

Mater Dei, plena gratia, hostis credentium

Mobilis precitatur vaticinio virgo
A virgin was foretold in divine prophecy, whose childbearing would restore freedom. The bond with the enemy of humankind is torn to pieces. 0, such unwavering affection! 0, such boundless joy in the heart! Make music, sing! Because the promise made to Abraham is fulfilled and the human race is brought back from exile!

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Mother of God, full of grace, in the midst of the enemies of our faith you are a pathway for believers; you scatter the counsels of heretics and the endeavors of those who oppose us; the crimson flames did not injure you. Cleanse the fires of our hearts of all evil through your son, who created all things!
Elisabeth: "Salve chara, Deo gratia"
"Greetings, dear cousin, blessed by God, I welcome you; may you be blessed among women; and may the fruit of your womb be blessed! And why do I deserve that the mother of my Lord should come to me? I tell you, when the voice of your greeting reached my ears, the child that is in my womb leaped for joy, and may you be blessed because you believed that those things would in fact occur which were told you by the Lord."

Mary: "Magnificat anima mea Domino"
"My soul glorifies the Lord: And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Because he has looked with favor on his servant, humble as she is: for from now on, behold, all generations will call me blessed. Because He who is holy is his name. And his mercy stretches from ancient to ancient generation to generation to those who fear him."

Shepherd: "Transcandus usque Bethlehem"
"Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see the accomplishment of what we have been told, which the Lord has caused to be revealed to us."

Cleric: "Quem queritis in presepe?"
"Tell me, shepherd, whom are you seeking in the manger?"

Shepherd: "Salvatorum Christum Dominum"
"The Savior, Christ the Lord, a baby wrapped in rags; that's what the angels told us."

Midwife: "Adest hic parvulus cum Maria"
"The child is here, with his mother Mary, concerning whom Isaias the prophet spoke long ago in prophecy:"

Cleric (quoting Isaias): "Ecce virgo concipiet et pariet filium"
""I tell you, a virgin will conceive and bring forth a son. And when you go, proclaim that He has been born."

Shepherds: "Salve, virgo, singularis"
"Hail, unique virgin, though remaining a maidenly virtue, in your purest womb your son enclosed himself, then emerged visible as a humble man."

Cleric: "Puer natus in Bethlehem"
"A Child is born in Bethlehem; therefore rejoice, Jerusalem! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Midwife: "Psallite, cum "Iuia"!
"Sing "alleluia"! Sing "alleluia" vigorously with "Iuia"! Sing "alleluia" to God with all your heart and with "Iuia"! Alleluia!"

Gabriel (to the shepherds): "Nolite timere"
"Don't be afraid; I tell you, I have good news for you about something which will bring great joy to everyone: today the Savior of the world has been born in the city of David. And this is the sign by which you will recognize him: you will find a baby wrapped in rags and placed in a manger."

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FOUR CHORAL SETTIlINGS BY MICHAEL PRAETORIUS (1571-1621)

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In dulci jubilo, nun singet und seid froh
In sweet jubilation, now sing and be joyful; our Lord lies in a manger; the sun also shines on his mother beside him: He is the alpha and the omega!