

MESSIAH by **GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL**

Sunday, December 14, 2008 7:30 pm

Performance at Symphony Hall

Nicholas McGegan, conductor
 Dominique Labelle, soprano
 Daniel Taylor, counter tenor
 John McVeigh, tenor

Philip Cutlip, baritone
 San Diego Master Chorale
 Gary McKercher, music director



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*Program***Part I**

Symphony
 Accompanato: Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people
 Air: Ev'ry valley shall be exalted
 Chorus: And the glory, the glory of the Lord
 Accompanato: Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts
 Air: But who may abide the day of His coming
 Chorus: And He shall purify
 Recitative: Behold, a virgin shall conceive
 Air and Chorus: O thou that tallest good tidings to Zion
 Accompanato: For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth
 Air: The People that walked in darkness
 Chorus: For unto us a child is born
 Recitative: There were shepherds abiding in the field
 Accompanato: And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them
 Recitative: And the angel said unto them
 Accompanato: And suddenly there was with the angel
 Chorus: Glory to God in the highest
 Air: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion
 Recitative: Then shall the eyes of the blind be open
 Duet: He shall feed His flock like a shepherd
 Chorus: His yoke is easy, His burthen is light

Accompanato: All they that see Him, laugh Him to scorn
 Chorus: He trusted in God
 Accompanato: Thy rebuke hath broken His heart
 Arioso: Behold and see if there be any sorrow
 Accompanato: He was cut out of the Land of the living
 Air: But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell
 Chorus: Lift up your heads
 Air: How beautiful are the feet of Him
 Air: Why do the nations so furiously rage together
 Chorus: Let us break their bonds asunder
 Recitative: He that dwelleth in heaven
 Air: Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron
 Chorus: Hallelujah

Part III

Air: I know that my Redeemer liveth
 Chorus: Since by man came death
 Accompanato: Behold, I tell you a mystery
 Air: The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised
 Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain

*Intermission***Part II**

Chorus: Behold the lamb of God
 Air: He was despised: "He gave His back to the smiters"
 Chorus: Surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows
 Chorus: And with His stripes we are healed
 Chorus: All we like sheep, have gone astray

The approximate running time for this program, including intermission, is two hours and fifteen minutes.