

GMCHORALE

Durufié's Requiem Press Release

Sunday, November 13, 2016, at 5:00 PM
New Britain's South Congregational Church

GMChorale to Open 40th Concert Season with Durufié's Requiem

GMChorale invites you to join them on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at 4 pm for their performance of Durufié's *Requiem* and motets at New Britain's South Congregational Church. Under the baton of Artistic Director Joseph D'Eugenio, the Chorale will be accompanied by guest organist, Larry Allen.

The GMChorale opens its 40th season with a concert devoted to commemorating the 30th anniversary of composer Maurice Durufié's death by performing his most noted choral works. Durufié's *Requiem* will be the featured work sung by the entire GMChorale, accompanied by organ, timpani and cello. Durufié's *a cappella* motets will be sung by the GMChorale Chamber Singers.

In celebration of the GMChorale's 40th anniversary season, the Chorale has invited former Music Director from 1980 - 1992, Larry Allen, to accompany the *Requiem* and play Durufié's acclaimed virtuosic *Toccata* from his Suite for Organ, Op. 5. A celebrated concert organist, Allen brings special insights into Durufié's music. He received the Premier Prix when he studied with famed organist and master teacher, Marie-Claire Alain, a former student of Durufié at the Paris Conservatory.

This concert will be the GMChorale's debut performance at South Congregational Church in New Britain, one of the most renowned spaces and venues for great music in central Connecticut, and home of the distinguished "Music Series at South Church."

GMChorale (Greater Middletown Chorale) is an 80-member auditioned symphonic chorus committed to excellence in performing outstanding music for all generations of listeners, with 30 CT towns represented in their membership. Visit <http://www.gmchorale.org> for further information.

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