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Stockton Oratorio Society Seeks Singers for Spring Concert

No Experience Needed to Participate in Performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah"

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Galloway Twp., NJ – Singers of all voice parts are needed for the Stockton Oratorio Society's April performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah." Choral singers are invited to attend rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays in the A-wing (Alton) Lecture Hall at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. There are no auditions and no dues or fees. All that's required is a love of classical music.

The concert itself will be at 7:30 p.m. on April 26, 2008 in the Stockton Performing Arts Center and will be under the direction of Dr. Beverly Vaughn, professor of music. There will be a full orchestra and professional soloists.

The Stockton Oratorio Society, now in its 30th year, comprises students at the college and members of the community from Atlantic, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties.

"What I love about Oratorio is that we are diverse in age, race and ethnicity," Vaughn said. "We have members from all over the region who range in age from 8 to 85. We work as one to make beautiful music together. It's all about the music."

Vaughn said she is particularly seeking former or current members of high school or college choirs and church choirs who may have stopped singing because they're too busy. "Music brings such peace and beauty to your life. It energizes you and is worth the effort to come to rehearsals," Vaughn said.

Last spring Stockton's Oratorio Society performed selections from "Elijah," which is taken from the New Testament, and is Mendelssohn's greatest work according to Vaughn. The concert was so successful, she decided to repeat the work but perform the entire oratorio.

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