

OCTOBER 20–21, 2007 | THE ROSE ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

SLAVIC WONDERS *Feasts & Saints in Ancient Moscow, Krakow & Prague*

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St. Paul, Minn.—The Rose Ensemble will present *Slavic Wonders*, a concert of Russian choral music mingled with tales of folk heroes and saints, kicking off the group's third European tour with two local performances. The first U.S. choir in over ten years to receive an invitation to the prestigious Tolosa International Choral Competition, The Rose Ensemble will present six performances of *Slavic Wonders* in a major tour of Spain this November. Twin Cities concerts will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis and on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption in St. Paul. Tickets are \$35, \$25 & \$17 and are available at the door or in advance through The Rose Ensemble. Both evenings feature a special post-concert reception.

With powerful harmonies, soaring sopranos and deep, sonorous textures, this concert unearths the haunting and atmospheric music that resonated through these ancient Eastern European cities. The program features 12-part motets from the Russian Orthodox tradition, magnificent double-choir works from the Polish Renaissance and the mysterious chant of medieval Bohemia. Hailed by critics as “ethereal and captivating” with a “supernatural” vocal range and blend, *Slavic Wonders* has been presented to capacity crowds both internationally and across the United States. The companion recordings “Slavic Holiday” and “Fire of the Soul” are available on CD at www.RoseEnsemble.org and at select Minnesota retail outlets.

Saturday, October 20, 2007, 8:00^{PM} (*pre-concert presentation, 7:00^{PM}*)

Basilica of Saint Mary
88 North 17th Street, Minneapolis

Sunday, October 21, 2007, 4:00^{PM} (*pre-concert presentation, 3:00^{PM}*)

Church of the Assumption
51 7th Street West, St. Paul

ABOUT THE ROSE ENSEMBLE

Called “the Twin Cities’ most daring and imaginative vocal ensemble” by the St. Paul *Pioneer Press*, The Rose Ensemble brings research from the world’s manuscript libraries to American audiences, illuminating rarely-performed vocal repertoire and recreating ancient melodies with period instruments. The Ensemble tours both nationally and internationally with concerts, master classes and interactive workshops for school-age students. Now entering its twelfth performance season, The Rose Ensemble has produced seven full-length recordings and is the recipient of the 2005 Chorus America Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence.

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TICKETS/INFORMATION:

\$35, \$25, \$17 (reserved sections)

Available through www.RoseEnsemble.org or by calling 651.225.4340

SPECIAL TICKET OFFERS

- *Student Rush Tickets:* Unsold tickets will be released five minutes prior to each show for \$8, subject to availability. Valid ID required. Cash or check only.
- *Bring-A-Friend Special Offer:* Buy 2 or more tickets to the Oct. 20 performance at the Basilica of Saint Mary, and receive one additional ticket FREE.

PHOTOS:

High-resolution press photos on request. Contact rosalyn@roseensemble.org



LISTEN ONLINE:

MP3 clips of "Slavic Wonders" at www.RoseEnsemble.org

2007-08 PERFORMANCE SEASON *[details at www.RoseEnsemble.org]*

HAWAI'I REVEALED *Music from the Soul of the Hawaiian Saga* | Sept. 21-23, 2007

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AND GLORY SHONE AROUND *An Early American Christmas* | December 20-23, 2007

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT *The Secret Society of Notre Dame de Paris* | February 22-23, 2008

PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS *Abraham in Judaism, Christianity & Islam* | April 12-13, 2008

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