The University Musical Society

The University of Michigan

Presents

Messiah

GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

Janice Harsanyi, Soprano Rosalind Hupp, Contralto WALDIE ANDERSON, Tenor ROBERT OLIVER, Bass

University Choral Union

Members of the Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

Mary McCall Stubbins, Organist

Charles Fisher, Harpsichordist

Donald Bryant, Conductor

Sunday Afternoon, December, 7, 1969, at 2:30 Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Michigan

PROGRAM

In order that the continuity of the work be maintained, it is requested that the audience refrain from applause until the end of each part of the program.

OVERTURE

TENOR—Comfort ye, My people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardon'd. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

CHORUS—And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Bass—Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, e'en the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

But who may abide the day of His coming and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

Chorus—And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Contralto—Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel: God with us.

CONTRALTO—O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! Lift up thy voice with strength! Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!

CHORUS—For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.