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Dear Friend of Great Choral Music:

First, a huge THANK YOU to all of our patrons and concertgoers as well as the 100+ singers of the Delaware Valley Chorale and members of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra that made this past spring's concert one of our best ever! Under the baton of our music director David Christopher, DVC and the DSO not only made history with the collaboration of these two important Delaware musical institutions, but from the comments we've received, the audience was overwhelmingly moved by Brahms' "Ein Deutsches Requiem" in a way that will be remembered for a long time to come.

So what will DVC do next you may ask? Well first, our artistic director is taking a well-deserved sabbatical to study at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. While he is away, DVC will have the opportunity to work with a shining new star on the Delaware musical scene, conductor Jeffrey Manns. Jeff is not only a sought-after tenor soloist and chorister, having recently performed with the Tucson Chamber Artists, the Santa Fe Desert Chorale and the Princeton Pro Musica, but he is also the new Director of Music Ministries at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wilmington.

Jeff's first concert with the Delaware Valley Chorale will be a HOLIDAY CONCERT featuring music for choir, brass and organ on December 19 and 20 featuring **Gabrielli's *Hodie Christus Natus Est***, **Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*** and **Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols***. This spring, DVC will premiere **Bob Chilcott's *Requiem*** on June 2, a brilliant new choral work never before heard in the region. This will be coupled with one of the group's favorites, the **Durufle *Requiem*** with our own David Christopher at the organ. In addition, DVC will join with the Adult Choir from The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew on February 5 to present an **Old Time Gospel Hour** in celebration of Black History Month! More details about these concerts will be available online soon.

Once again, we ask you to jump on board and help DVC continue its journey as a rising star on our region's musical horizon. As we have said many times, ***WE CAN'T MAKE GREAT MUSIC WITHOUT YOU***, and that's never been truer than now. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us meet our artistic and organizational goals. Enclosed is a Patron Form to send with your tax-deductible contribution. You may also visit our website at www.delawarevalleychorale.org to make a secure online donation.

We are particularly in need of a few "special patrons" who will make a generous donation (\$5,000+ depending on the concert) as CONCERT SPONSORS. Without these special patrons, the cost of orchestral and instrumental accompaniment of the caliber to which we and our audiences have become accustomed would be impossible. If you would be interested in this special kind of sponsorship, please contact me personally at 610-399-1065 or at jannysterrett@verizon.net.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoyment of great choral music in our region!

Janny Sterrett

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