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Genesee Valley Orchestra & Chorus announces its 40th anniversary season, under direction of Christopher Petit.

2015-2016 Season is the Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus' (GVOC) 40th season here in Rochester, and it has something for everyone as we celebrate 40 years of music making here in the Greater Rochester area.

Rochester, N.Y., November 2, 2015 – The Board of Directors of the Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus is excited to announce their 40th season, under the direction of Dr. Christopher Petit.

As we celebrate our 40th season – titled – “Forty & Forward”, we celebrate our roots and past and look to our future as a thriving musical organization.

The Rochester community is in for something special this season with Dr. Petit’s innovative season line-up, starting with a celebration of the Holidays on December 4th. This concert begins the holiday season celebration with Handel’s familiar Messiah, with a twist. GVOC will be performing the Messiah with other select pieces by Handel that will allow the audience to understand the history behind the pieces that are celebrated today, but were almost lost and forgotten because of their adverse beginnings.

The remaining season follows in March with GVOC’S annual dinner concert, “*Rock with GVOC Tonight*”. This concert is some good old fashioned fun with the performance of Rock favorites from the 50s through today. It’s daylight savings

time, so come 'Rock around the Clock Tonight' at the beautiful and historic Harro East Ballroom. Favorites by Huey Lewis, Elvis and Jerry Lee Lewis promise a fun and spirited evening. Dinner, concert and a silent auction will make for a night to remember.

Finally, in June, GVOC caps its 40th season with a concert titled "*Forty & Forward: Program of Timeless Classical & Contemporary Music*". We are thrilled to announce that GVOC's 1st ever commissioned piece, titled "898 Hildegard" will be premiered at our June concerts. With a nod and dedication to our past and founder, GVOC commissioned this piece from female composer – Dr. Jennifer Bellor, PhD. The piece, named after a planetoid in our solar system, will honor GVOC's founder – Sister Virginia Hogan – by quoting verse and melody of Hildegard von Bingen. Also featured in this concert are works by Mahler, Elgar, Tallis, Arvo Pärt and Max Richter.

The music of GVOC's 40th season are sure to impress and make this one of our best seasons ever. Tickets for the 2015/2016 season can be purchased as a package (saving you money!) or as individual events, starting at \$15. They are available online at gvoc.org or by calling (585) 223-9006.

GENESEE VALLEY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

Founded in 1975, Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus is a not-for-profit, community orchestra and chorus dedicated to sharing their musical talents and versatility. GVOC has developed a repertoire ranging from spirituals to show tunes and folk songs to oratorios. The Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus is dedicated to providing opportunities for musical growth for its members and enriching the lives of area residents by presenting high quality musical performances throughout the Genesee Valley. The Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus aspires to be (1) a thriving, diverse organization that reaches out to audiences of all ages, races, religions, cultures, and geographic regions within the Genesee Valley and (2) a model community performing group, committed to the highest standards of performance, collaboration with community partners, and sound organizational management.