

University Christian Church to Host Composer Michael John Trotta

Fort Worth, Texas: University Christian Church will present the world premiere of a new choral masterwork, "Gloria" by Michael John Trotta at the 9:00am and 11:00am worship services on December 16, 2018. UCC's Chancel Choir will be accompanied by professional brass quintet, timpani, percussion, and organist Janet Pummill, conducted by Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, Minister of Music. This brand new work was made possible by the support of a consortium of nine choirs across the U.S. in which UCC participated, including: Texas A&M Commerce (Commerce, TX), Northwestern State University (Natchitoches, LA), Sing Omaha Master Chorale (Papillon, NE), St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (Seattle, WA), Larchmont United Methodist Church & Virginia Symphony (Norfolk, VA), First Presbyterian Church (Rome, GA), Davidson United Methodist Church (Davidson, NC), and First Baptist Church (San Antonio, TX).

The composer describes "Gloria" as a three-movement setting using a tapestry of sonorous harmonies that are triumphant, reflective and energetic to encompass both the history and the relevance of one of the oldest texts in the Christian tradition. Gramophone describes Mr. Trotta's music as "tender harmonies and a palette of glowing vocal and instrumental colors...rapturous". Mr. Trotta will attend the premieres and speak between worship services at 10:00am on the subject, "The Anatomy of Creativity: From Inspiration to Publication". Please join us for these exciting Advent events at UCC. All events are free and open to the public.

Michael John Trotta is one of the most "exciting and prominent new composers of choral music," a sought-after conductor, and dynamic clinician. He brings an "intimate knowledge of the human voice," a "rare sensitivity to the capabilities of a choral ensemble," and years of experience as an inspiring educator to thousands of singers each year. His award-winning commissions are frequently performed at Carnegie Hall, at national conventions (ACDA, NAfME, AGO, TMEA), and his recordings are broadcast worldwide. Dr. Trotta lives in New York City with his wife Rachel where he works as a full time composer, conductor, and clinician with choirs throughout the country.

About University Christian Church

[University Christian Church](#) is a Disciples of Christ congregation that has a history closely tied to that of its neighbor, Texas Christian University. Celebrating 101 years since being chartered in September of 1917, UCC's long established service to its local community, TCU and city of Fort Worth continues to live on and stand strong in its mission—living the good news of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts.

The UCC Chancel Choir is a volunteer group of church members totaling 90 which rehearses Thursday evenings throughout the year. Auditions are not held for membership in this remarkable group. The choir sings for two Sunday morning worship services each week and presents major choral works every year. Recent performances include Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Ola Gjeilo's "Sunrise Mass". Additionally, for 42 years they have sung four annual performances of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival during the Epiphany season.

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