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Concordia Community Chorus at Carnegie Hall

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The Concordia Community Chorus is headed to Carnegie Hall in New York City. The invitation was extended from Midamerica Productions and from Canadian conductor and UBC Director of Choral Activities Dr. Graeme Langager to join other invited choirs in a performance on Sunday, March 22nd. Thirty-three singers from the Chorus took on the challenge of performing Arvo Pärt's *Berliner Messe*, which will be conducted by Dr. Langager. The other choirs participating include fifteen members of Calgary's Mount Royal Kantorei and two of Dr. Langager's choirs from Vancouver. Dr. Joy Berg, the Chorus's director, states: "I am delighted and proud of the choristers for not only taking on the challenge of singing Arvo Pärt, but taking it on tour and being excellent ambassadors for Concordia University College of Alberta."

The Community Chorus is a 100-voice non-auditioned choral ensemble under the direction of Dr. Joy Berg, open to both Concordia students and members of the community. The repertoire of the choir is varied, including works with orchestra to lighter classics and seasonal favourites. The performance schedule includes annual participation in the Sacred Music Festival (October), a Christmas concert (December), singing at the Legislature (December), and a spring concert (April). This is the Chorus's second tour to New York (2005) with a performance of Haydn's *Paukenmesse* on stage at Carnegie Hall, as well as a tour throughout Austria in the summer of 2009 and Germany in the summer of 2013.

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