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### **Choral Society will sing “Music Fit for a King”**

#### *Season to Open with Music of Handel and Purcell*

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SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE, PA: The adult chorus of The Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania will open their 2018-2019 Season on **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm** in the sanctuary of St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, with a program of English Baroque anthems for chorus, soloists, and chamber orchestra. Under the direction of the Society's artistic director, Dr. Alan Baker, the chorus will perform Handel's Coronation Anthem for George II, “My Heart is Inditing,” and his eleventh anthem for the Duke of Chandos, “Let God Arise.” Purcell selections will include his famous Bell Anthem, “Rejoice in the Lord Always,” as well as “Oh Give Thanks” and “Lord, How Long Wilt Thou Be Angry. Sololists will include Jessica Hitchcock, Karen Ephlin, Rachael Paden, Lisa Cardoni, Jill Padfield, Frank Spencer, Adam Hitchcock, Francis McMullen, and Chris Gallo. General admission for adults is \$15.00 and with ages 18 and under admitted free of charge. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling the Choral Society at (570) 343-6707. A \$2.00 discount will be given for adult students, seniors, and WVIA members.

Formed in 1999 through the merger of the former Singers Guild of Scranton and the Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society, The Choral Society of NEPA serves as “the region's voice

for choral music and education,” sponsoring a series of graded choirs for children age 5-18, as well as large and small ensembles for adults. Choral Society ensembles regularly collaborate with the NEPA Philharmonic; are featured in broadcasts on the region’s public radio affiliate, WVIA-FM; and perform regularly in the region’s finest and most historic venues. Society ensembles and singers have toured internationally; performed by invitation at important state, regional, and national events and honor choirs; and participated in a number of recordings. Additional information on the Choral Society and its offerings is available by calling (570) 343-6707 or visiting the organization’s website at [www.choralsociety.net](http://www.choralsociety.net).

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