

The Ember Ensemble Continues the Joyous Tradition of its Holiday Concert in Montclair, NJ

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: *November 18, 2019, Montclair, NJ*.....The [Ember](#) Ensemble will present its 8th annual *Ember December* holiday concert, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Montclair, NJ, on Sunday, December 8, at 5 PM. Joining the Ember Ensemble in concert will be several members of the *Phoenix Singers*, the high school branch of the Schola Choral Arts organization.

This popular and child-friendly event is designed to bring both joy and healing—as each heart requires. Under the artistic leadership of conductor [Deborah Simpkin King, Ph.D.](#), the concert will feature a variety of choral repertoire and traditional holiday favorites that capture the warmth and wonder of the holiday season. There will be bells, flute and heartwarming readings, and children in the audience will have the opportunity to gather in the front with Ember and the Phoenix Singers in singing a special arrangement of Silent Night.

“Ember’s annual holiday concert is a wonderful way for the whole family to enjoy a calm moment in the midst of the busyness of the season, and share a time of joy and togetherness through song,” says Dr. King. “In addition to familiar carols that we’ll all sing together, there will be a mixture of traditional choral favorites and several beautiful works that are new to Ember and probably to our audience.”

Among the concert’s beloved holiday songs and carols to sing are: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire*, and *In Dulci Jubilo*.

Other choral selections include: *Cradle Hymn* by David Von Kampen, *Carol of the Stanger* by Abbie Betinis, *Pat-a-pan* by David Conte, and *’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* by Timothy Takich.

There will be a reception immediately following the concert where all can share holiday goodies and interact with Ember and Phoenix artists.

Ember December will take place on Sunday, December 8th, at 5 PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 94 Pine Street, Montclair, NJ.

[Tickets](#) can be purchased in advance online for \$20, or the day of at the door for \$25. Children 18 and under are free of charge. Seniors and students: \$15. For more information visit www.emberensemble.org or call 888-407-6002 Ext.5.

About Ember

Ember is the performing ensemble of [Schola Cantorum on Hudson](#), founded in 1995 by Deborah Simpkin King, Ph.D., as an independent nonprofit organization. Ember rehearses in Midtown NYC, and performs its entire concert season in Manhattan and in Northern New Jersey. Its unique programming features new music (largely by living composers) with a socially pertinent message.

The internationally recognized new music initiative, [PROJECT : ENCORE™](#), was founded through Schola; and the Phoenix Singers (high school branch, rehearsing in the Powerhouse Arts District of Jersey City)

is the public face of Schola's multi-pronged education programs. Ember draws singers from eleven counties throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Schola is supported by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Marjorie Bunnell Foundation, and many other generous individuals, foundations and business partners.
