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You are invited to be with us for an afternoon of pure musical magic when the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra and Apollo Chorus of Chicago, under the baton of their Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop, join forces in one of the most dramatic and moving sacred pieces ever composed. "With the combined power of the Apollo Chorus and the ESO, along with four distinguished soloists from the world of opera, our listeners can expect a performance of utmost passion and musical excellence," notes Maestro Alltop. The chorus and orchestra will be joined by soprano Sarah Gartshore, mezzo-soprano Lauren Decker, tenor Scott Ramsay, and bass-baritone Sam Handley to create an unforgettable afternoon of music-making. The concert, a highlight of the 2017-18 season, takes place on Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 pm at the ESO's home venue, Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church in Elmhurst.

This concert is underwritten by a generous gift from David and Gladys Novotny.

A silent auction to benefit programs of the ESO will be held throughout the afternoon. Featured items include tickets for Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Chicago Opera Theater, and a White Sox game along with spa packages, restaurant certificates and YMCA memberships, just a few among many items of interest.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church is located at [149 W. Brush Hill Rd.](#) in Elmhurst. The church has accessible parking and facilities; parking is free. The concert experience at ECRC is enhanced by the informative and lively concert preview, Behind the Music Stand, led by audience favorite Dr. Ted Hatmaker, which takes place at 1:45 p.m.

Concert tickets, which can be purchased on the ESO web site www.elmhurstsymphony.org or by calling the Box Office at [630-941-0202](tel:630-941-0202), are \$40 for adults, \$37 for seniors, and \$12 for students. Groups of 10 or more are \$30 per person, and family rates (up to two adults and three children) are \$90. For more information please call the Box Office.

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