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## **Lehman College and Community Chorus to Present Free “Winter Concert” on December 3**

*Over 120 singers to be accompanied by the Lehman Symphony Orchestra*

**BRONX, N.Y.**—The Lehman College and Community Chorus, joined by the Lehman Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Diana Mittler-Battipaglia, will present “A Winter Concert” on Sunday, December 3 at the Lehman College Center for the Performing Arts. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. and admission is free (a donation is suggested). Tickets can be picked up at Center for the Performing Arts box office, beginning at 1 p.m. on the day of the concert. Reservations are available by phone at (718) 960-8247 and email at [music.department@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:music.department@lehman.cuny.edu).

One of the semi-annual gala events presented by the Lehman College and Community Chorus, the upcoming “A Winter Concert” will feature the 120-member chorus performing three compositions by Mozart—“Regina Coeli”; “Ave Verum Corpus”; and “Vesperae Solennes de Confessore”—as well as shorter works by Antonio Vivaldi and Johannes Brahms. With the winter holidays on the way, also on the program are the spiritual “Mary Had a Baby” and the Hannukah song “Al Hanissim.” For those ready to share their voices at the event, there will be a holiday sing-along with some season favorites and the traditional finale, the “Hallelujah Chorus” from George Frideric Handel’s *Messiah*.

Founded in 1986, the Lehman College and Community Chorus is comprised of Lehman alumni, faculty, staff, and students along with residents from many communities in the Bronx and across the New York metro region. Since its inception, the chorus has presented more than 60 major concerts accompanied by the Bronx Symphony and Lehman Symphony Orchestra. Members of the community are encouraged to participate: there is no fee required to join, and instruction in music reading and vocal technique are provided during rehearsals. Interested individuals can call (718) 960-7795.

Soloists at “A Winter Concert” will include lyric coloratura Osceola Davis, a member of the voice faculty at Lehman College who has performed at the Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall; mezzo-soprano Grace Cho, a faculty member of the Long Island Conservatory of Music who recently performed with Seoul Symphony Orchestra at Merkin Hall; tenor Aram Tchobanian, the president of the not-for-profit organization Joy in Singing, who has sung in 27 different languages in performances throughout North America and Europe; and Blane Shaw, an

alumnus of Lehman's graduate degree program in music, who has performed with the Bronx Opera and the Michigan Opera Theatre.

A renowned pianist and choral conductor, Diana Mittler-Battipaglia has been professor of music and choral director at Lehman College since 1986. She has received many awards and recognitions throughout her career, including the College's Distinguished Service Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Assembly.

**Who:** The Lehman College and Community Chorus with the Lehman Symphony Orchestra  
**What:** "A Winter Concert" featuring works by Mozart, Vivaldi and Brahms plus seasonal favorites  
**When:** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 at 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Lehman Center for the Performing Arts  
Lehman College  
250 Bedford Park Boulevard West  
Bronx, NY 10468

*Note: For directions and an up-to-date view of the Lehman campus, here is a [link to a map](#).*

