

Bravo! Vancouver: A Brief History

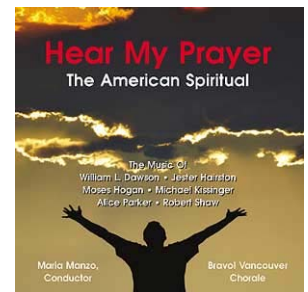
Since its founding in 1993, **Bravo! Vancouver** has become one of the most successful arts organizations in Southwest Washington. Bravo! produces the Bravo! Vancouver Concert Series, currently a series of 6 classical, sacred, jazz and chamber music concerts. Bravo! also produces the annual **Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival**, which is now “...*the largest jazz festival in the Pacific Northwest...*” (ABC affiliate KATU TV Channel 2, Portland, Oregon). More than 15,000 people attend the annual jazz Festival, which features Grammy-winning jazz, blues and pop artists.



In the past 16 seasons, **Bravo! Vancouver** has presented more than 100 concerts to over 40,000 audience members. Bravo! presents music ranging from sacred, jazz, chamber music, classical, contemporary and popular repertoire. We have presented major choral works, including Johannes Brahms' *German Requiem*, J.S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, the *Requiems* of Mozart, Gabriel Fauré, Maurice Duruflé and Giuseppe Verdi, Joseph Haydn's *Te Deum* and *Creation*, and Francis Poulenc's *Gloria* to name just a few. The **Bravo! Vancouver Chorale** has grown to become a 60-member ensemble and has established itself as one of the premiere civic choral groups in the Pacific Northwest. The Chorale prides itself on its ability to perform diverse repertoire, and is equally at home performing jazz and popular music. It has presented concerts of Dave Brubeck's powerful jazz Mass, *To Hope: A Celebration*; as well as songs from Broadway musicals, American folk and patriotic songs, Spirituals and more. In June 2000, the Chorale released its premiere compact disc recording: George Frideric Handel's *Messiah: An Oratorio*, recorded live in concert. In July 2001 the Chorale engaged in its first national tour to Washington D.C. and New York City. Performances included concerts at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Concert Hall and at the 25th Anniversary National Pastoral Musician's National Conference in Washington D.C. The New Washingtonians Jazz Orchestra from the Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts collaborated with the Chorale on the tour. The tour concerts featured a program of American sacred music, including Ellington's *Sacred Concert*.



In 2007 Bravo! released its second CD recording, called *Hear My Prayer: The American Spiritual*, a collection of classic Negro Spirituals and spirituals by contemporary American composers. In October 2008, we produced a 5-city Pacific Northwest concert tour with the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra from Dubrovnik Croatia. Concerts were performed in Portland, Vancouver, Olympia, Edmonds and Seattle. In 2009, the Bravo! Chorale toured throughout Croatia with the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra, performing both American and Croatian folk, patriotic and contemporary repertoire.



Washington Chamber Orchestra & Pacific Jazz Orchestra

The Chamber Orchestra includes 30 professional freelance musicians from Vancouver, & Portland, Oregon. Members of our orchestra have performed with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, New Jersey Philharmonic, Buffalo Philharmonic, Pittsburgh Symphony, Knoxville Symphony, San Francisco Opera Orchestra, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, and others. Many currently perform with professional orchestras including the Portland Opera, Oregon Symphony, Eugene Symphony, Tacoma Symphony, etc. Members of the jazz orchestra have performed with major jazz artists including Wynton Marsallis, Diane Schuur, the Temptations, and others.



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