Franz Joseph Haydn

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Vermeer String Quartet
Shmuel Ashkenasi, violin
Mathias Tacke, violin
Richard Young, viola
Marc Johnson, cello

Speakers:

Dr. Martin E. Marty: University of Chicago
Francis Cardinal George: Catholic Archbishop of Chicago
Rev. Dr. Alison Boden: Princeton University
Pastor T.L. Barrett: Life Center Church of God in Christ
Dr. Jean Bethke Elshtain: University of Chicago Divinity School
Rev. Gregory Dell: Broadway United Methodist Church
Dr. Grover A. Zinn: Oberlin College
Pastor Donald L. Parson: Logos Baptist Church

During their career which began in 1970 at Marlboro, the Vermeer Quartet earned a reputation as one of the world’s great chamber music ensembles. Four years after retiring from the concert stage, they return to Chicago to perform Haydn’s Good Friday Masterpiece, The Seven Last Words of Christ. The Vermeer performed this work countless times all over the world, including annual performances in Chicago from 1988 to 2007. Their Grammy-nominated CD has been broadcast to over 60 million listeners worldwide, thus demonstrating an enduring appeal that reaches far beyond the traditional classical music audience.

This year’s Haydn performance is not intended to be a “comeback.” Rather, it represents this venerable ensemble’s heartfelt desire to share this great music one more time with its loyal Chicago audience, plus millions of radio and internet listeners throughout the world. They are joined by a group of speakers that includes some of the most important religious figures in Chicago and beyond.

Date: April 3, 2012 (Tuesday of Holy Week)
Place: St. James Cathedral (65 E. Huron)
Lecture: 7 p.m. (by the Vermeer’s Richard Young & Marc Johnson)
Performance: 8 p.m.
Live broadcast: WFMT radio (98.7 FM)
Requested donation: $10 adults, $5 children
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