

The Gregory Kunde Chorale takes performance Bach to Bach to Bach (December 15 2004)

RAISING THE BAR: CHORALE WITH ORCHESTRA "BACH TO BACH TO BACH"

After twenty-five years of performing and perfecting the bel canto tenor repertoire, Gregory Kunde will be expanding his dramatic range and is currently featured in two new landmark recordings of the music of Berlioz, the great lyric French composer. EMI Classics has just released its CD of Benvenuto Cellini with Mr. Kunde in the title role, collaborating with soprano Patrizia Ciofi and mezzo Joyce DiDonato, and John Nelson conductor. And you may see the tenor's debut in the fearful role of Aeneas in Berlioz' masterpiece Les Troyens opposite mezzo Susan Graham in a breakthrough production created for DVD and Paris' Theatre du Chatelet and conducted by Sir John Eliot Gardner.

The Gregory Kunde Chorale continues to raise the standard of choral performance in the Rochester area. In five short years, Gregory Kunde has built the finest adult choral sound throughout the Rochester and surrounding areas. Kunde's link to the real world of professional music performance brings an added dimension of credibility and experience to his conducting. It is this exposure to the real world of professional music that sets this chamber group apart from the rest.

At 4:00PM on **Sunday, January 2, 2005**, Rochester's premiere chamber choir will present the beautiful *Magnificat* of J. S. Bach along with double-chorus motets by Johann Michael Bach (uncle and father-in-law of J. S.) and carols of P.D.Q. Bach, in a choral program with orchestra entitled "**Bach to Bach to Bach**" at Saint Anne's Church. An added highlight of this most enjoyable program will be the addition of conductor and world renowned tenor Gregory Kunde, interpreting an aria from the *Christmas Oratorio* of J. S. Bach, accompanied by pianist Beryl Garver and orchestra. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Advance tickets for \$15 are available at Parkleigh and by calling 377.7568. Admission for children under 12 is free.