



Robert Dale Chorale

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Robert Dale Chorale Presents *POETS ON LIFE AND LOVE* October 24-25

On Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25, the Robert Dale Chorale will present *POETS ON LIFE AND LOVE*, the first program of their 2009-2010 concert season. Saturday's performance will be held at Elm Park United Methodist Church in Scranton at 7:30 pm, and Sunday's performance will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for seniors and WVIA members, and \$7 for students. **Children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by a parent.**

The program features organist Mark Laubach and baritone soloist Charles Unice, who join the Chorale to perform Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*. "We are lucky to be able to collaborate with two such fine musicians, and on such a lush and beautiful work," said the Chorale's music director, Dr. Steven Thomas. "The rest of the program features the Chorale singing texts by a number of well-known poets, including Robert Bridges, e e cummings, Christina Rossetti, and Thomas Campion. Each poet is represented by at least two musical settings, so we get a chance to hear how different composers approach similar texts in quite different ways." Composers on the program include Gerald Finzi, Gustav Holst, David Dickau, Vincent Persichetti, and William Hawley.

For more information about the Robert Dale Chorale, to reserve tickets, or to order a copy of the Chorale's CD, please contact the Chorale office at (570) 586-3921 or visit www.robertdalechorale.org. Parking information and directions are also available on the website, as is information about the Chorale's upcoming events: the Annual Pasta Dinner on November 7 and *Christmas with the Chorale* on December 5-6.

Founded in 1977, the Robert Dale Chorale serves Northeastern Pennsylvania with public appearances, concerts, and other community functions. The Chorale has received critical acclaim for performances of works ranging from the Renaissance to the present. They have appeared on local television, on WVIA-FM, and on many regional performing arts series. Dr. Steven Thomas has served as Music Director of the ensemble since the 2004-2005 season.