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### ***TRUENORTH PERFORMS SONGS OF NATURE, AUTUMN CONCERT***

***Event on Saturday, October 25 at 7:30 pm at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church***

Avon Lake, OH – The TrueNorth Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Richard Fortney, will present their Autumn Concert, ***Songs of Nature***, on Saturday, October 25th, at 7:30 p.m. at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, 32340 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake, Ohio. The Concert is open to all, there will be a love offering to help offset costs.

OPEN ADMISSION – FREE WILL OFFERING

Featuring the TrueNorth Chorale and Chamber Orchestra  
Rick Fortney, Conductor  
Kathryn Bates, Concertmaster

Narrators Maryann Nagel Violand and Greg Violand will be sharing poetry throughout the evening by poets such as John Clare, Robert Frost, Henry Longfellow, and William Wordsworth, interspersed before each musical number.

The TrueNorth Chorale will be singing Antonin Dvorák's choral song cycle ***Songs of Nature***, op. 63, which reflects Dvorák's deep connection to nature and his artistic mastery. The texts are taken from the poetry collection of the same name by the Czech poet Vítězslav Hálek and focus on the beauty and peace of nature. The Chorale will also be singing pieces by Edward Elgar, Orlando Gibbons, and Charles Villiers Stanford. For a bit of fun, sopranos Jennifer Bertoni and Janine Porter will be featured singing Gioachino Rossini's ***Duetto Buffo Di Due Gatti*** a comic duet for two cats!

The TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra will be featuring Ludwig van Beethoven's ***Pastorale Symphony No. 6, 5th movement***, finale. The finale of Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, "Pastoral," is titled "Shepherd's Song: Happy and Thankful Feelings After the Storm" and portrays feelings of relief and gratitude after the preceding thunderstorm. The movement features a humble, heroic shepherd's song (representing a shepherd's song of thanksgiving, unfolds after the storm) that transitions from a lyrical and serene atmosphere back to a triumphant and jubilant conclusion for the full orchestra. Contrasting with the storm's intensity, the work concludes with a sense of peace, serenity,

and gratitude for nature's return to calm, reminiscent of a prayer. The symphony concludes with a fervent coda, followed by two emphatic F-major chords that provide a sense of finality and fulfillment. In addition to Beethoven, the Chamber Orchestra will be playing works by Aaron Copland and Edvard Grieg. Concert Master, Kathryn Bates, and violist Lauren Swartz will also be featured performing ***Movement I - Autumn, from The Four Seasons*** by Antonio Vivaldi, arranged by K.W. Gemmell for viola and violin duo.

We hope you can join us Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, as these 40+ musicians celebrate the beauty of the change of seasons through this great literature and beautiful music.



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