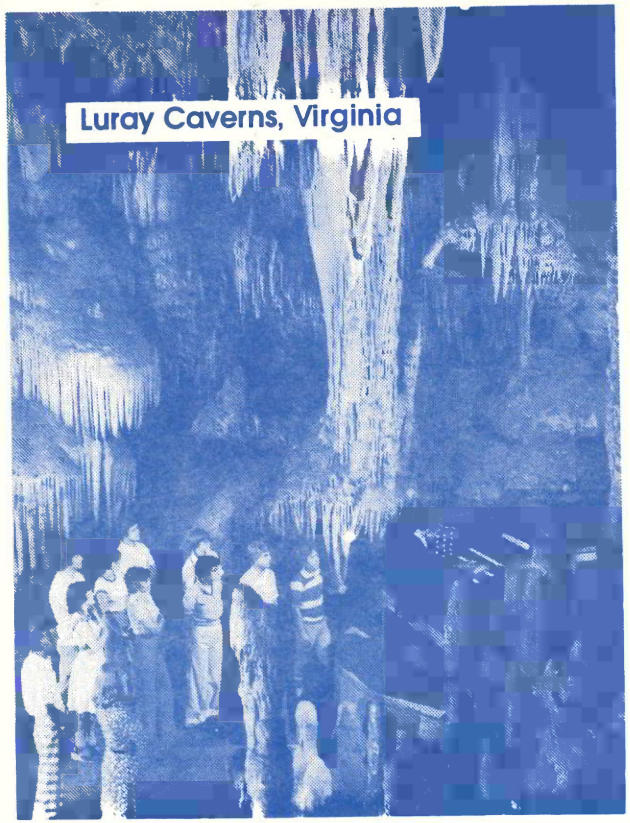


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O Sing Unto the Lord — Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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Alto: Susan Gutshall
Tenor: Curtis Nolley (Harrisonburg performances)
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Bass: Dwight Miller

Three Motets, Opus 2 — Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
(Sung in Latin)
Soprano: Elaine Suderman

Ave Verum Corpus

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born,
On the Cross Thy sacred Body For us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water Streaming from Thy pierced side;
Feed us with Thy Body broken, Now and in death's agony!
O gracious, blessed, loving Jesus, Son of Mary.

Ave Maria

Mary, we hail you who are so favored; may the Lord be with you!
You above all other women are ever blest;
Also blest is your son and our Redeemer, Jesus.
Mary, most holy Mother of God, pray for us your suppliants,
conscious that we stand in sin;
Pray for us now and at our passing. Amen.

Ave Maris Stella

Hail, blest queen of heaven, Shining star of evening,
With a radiance pointing To the life eternal.
Gabriel gave his message With a hope of freedom
From the chains of bondage Laid by sin on humankind.
Of the eternal goodness Let us see the brightness;
Take away the shadows That obscure our vision.
May our prayers reach Him Who loved you, His mother,
And, Who loving all men, Called Himself their servant.
Lady of all virtue, Tender is your nature;
Help us as we wrestle With the powers of darkness.
In the faith we journey Through our earthly passage,
Till we find a haven in the calm of paradise.
Praise to God the Father, Honored be the Son,
And the Holy Spirit, One in Three, and Three in One. Amen.

A Song of Thanksgiving — Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Soprano: Joyce Wead
Narrator: David Hatmaker

Intermission

Madrigals of the Romantic Era

This Pleasant Month of May — William Beale (1784-1854)

Sing We and Chant It — R. L. de Pearsall (1795-1856)

Folksongs of the British Isles — Arr. Donald Cashmore

The Lark In The Clear Air (Traditional Irish)

O Waly, Waly (Somerset Folksong)

Soprano: Chris Dunbar

My Love Is Like A Red Red Rose (Scottish Song)

Jerusalem (And did those feet in ancient time) — C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Land of Hope and Glory — Edward Elgar

(Audience is invited to join in singing the last refrain)

Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free,
How shall we extol thee, who are born of thee?
Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set;
God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet,
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The hymn *Jerusalem* was used as the theme of the recent movie "Chariots of Fire" and *Land of Hope and Glory* will be familiar to many from graduation processionals and the recent movie of the same title.

ABOUT OUR SOLOIST:

Joyce Wead was in the Choral Society's 1986 production of Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." She graduated from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, with a degree in voice. While in Illinois, she received a Master's degree in voice from Northwestern University and was soloist in many choral concerts and operas, and was a professional member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus. Her post-graduate work was at the University of Texas in Austin where she performed many roles in operas and oratorios. She is now a voice instructor at Bridgewater College and lives in Harrisonburg.

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