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## News Release

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### Gwinnett Choral Guild Presents a Concert Fit for Royalty

(Duluth, GA) The Gwinnett Choral Guild, a 60+ voice community choir and Artistic Director G. Phillip Shoultz, III, will host an evening of majesty and grandeur entitled, "Music for a Coronation", on Saturday, October 21. The concert will feature works performed for coronations and royal weddings of some well known members of European royalty throughout history. The concert will also include a performance by the Gwinnett Singers, a newly established chamber vocal ensemble.

Included in the evening's program will be Wolfgang A. Mozart's Mass in C Major, also known as the "Coronation Mass," K317, performed for the coronation of King Leopold II in 1791 and George F. Handel's Coronation Anthem #3, "Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened," one of four anthems written by Handel for the Coronation of King George II in 1727. "The Last Words of David" by Randall Thompson is not necessarily a coronation piece. It has been included because, according to Artistic Director, Shoultz, "In this hymn of praise, David speaks clearly of the characteristics of the Messiah who will soon come to earth in keeping with the covenant God shared with his people. Thus, David shares the perfect set of characteristics needed by a leader."

Of particular note is an arrangement by Z. Randall Stroope of Gustav Holst's "Jupiter's Theme" set to the text "Homeland" written by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, a former British Ambassador. This piece was performed for the wedding of HRH Prince Charles and HRH Princess Diana and also for the funeral of Princess Diana.

While the Gwinnett Choral Guild has entertained audiences for nearly 24 years, this will be the debut performance of the Gwinnett Singers. This chamber ensemble of vocalists selected from the larger Guild, is a product of the growth and musical development the entire Choral Guild has experienced during the past six years under the artistic direction of G. Phillip Shoultz, III. The group will perform in many community venues and is an exciting addition to the Guild family. They will perform several pieces including selections sung for the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, among them, S.S. Wesley's "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace" and Ralph Vaughn Williams "O Taste and See".

The performance will be accompanied by Dr. Soo Jin Kim and chamber orchestra.

The concert will be held on Saturday, October 21 at 7pm at Duluth First United Methodist Church, 3208 Duluth Hwy. (Hwy 120), Duluth. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$25 for couples, and \$10 for seniors citizens, students and groups of ten or more. For more information and tickets for this grand event, please call 404-223-9962 or visit our website at [www.gwinnettchoralguild.org](http://www.gwinnettchoralguild.org).

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