

**International Year of the Organ & Beyond**

# **Get a handle on Handel!**

**Music of George Frideric Handel for  
Chamber string ensemble, organ, and instruments**



**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Westmont College Chamber Ensemble  
Dr. Michael Shasberger, conductor**

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**Members of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
1500 State & Micheltorena Streets  
Santa Barbara**

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*"Get a handle on Handel"* concert features music of George Frideric Handel for chamber string ensemble, organ, harp, and instruments on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. This unique concert is sponsored by the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, as part of the International Year of the Organ & Beyond festivities. Trinity Episcopal Church hosts the concert at 1500 State and Micheltorena Streets in Santa Barbara .

The program features the Westmont College chamber ensemble conducted by Dr. Michael Shasberger with members of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Guild of Organists offering some of Handel's organ concertos, such as the "Cuckoo and the Nightingale," and sonatas for harp and solo instruments.

One of the greatest composers, organists, and improvisers of the late Baroque period, George Frideric Handel was born in Germany, but flourished with his prolific compositions in England. He combined influences of German, French, Italian, and English musical styles in an outpouring of about 40 operas, 20 oratorios, and numerous vocal pieces, instrumental works, and church music.

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