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“The North Shore Choral Society ... has its own honorable part to play in the cultural life of the metropolitan area. The NSCS concluded its 75th anniversary season with a major undertaking appropriate to that remarkable milestone, J.S. Bach’s Mass in B Minor. ... She [Davids] took care to achieve a choral sound that was full and weighty enough for such fugal sections as the ‘Gratias agimus tibi’ and ‘Cum Sancto Spiritu’ but also could be light on its rhythmic feet, as in the exultant ‘Et resurrexit.’”

— *Chicago Tribune* classical music critic John von Rhein

Dr. Julia Davids enjoys a thriving career as a conductor, educator, soloist, adjudicator, and clinician. She has been Music Director of the North Shore Choral Society since 2009. Julia is The Stephen J. Henrickson Endowed Chair of Choral Activities at North Park University, Chicago, where she teaches music education and conducts the choirs. She is also Director of Music Ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmette and directs the Canadian Chamber Choir in her home country. She resides in Skokie with her husband, baroque violinist Martin Davids and their two children.



“North Shore Choral Society is 75 and getting better every year. It’s true.”  
— Dorothy Andries, Classical Music Writer

Northbrook resident Michael Lefkow said of NSCS’s Bach Mass in B Minor:  
“I was impressed with what a volunteer group could do with an extraordinarily daunting piece.”



Pianist and organist extraordinaire, recitalist and coach, Sharon Rich Peterson, begins her 27<sup>th</sup> year with NSCS. Sharon has been with the Chicago Symphony Chorus since 1978, and has worked with Chicago Symphony Singers, CSC’s resident ensembles, North Park, Northwestern, and Roosevelt universities. Sharon is organist at North Park Theological Seminary and North Park Covenant Church.

Learn about North Shore Choral Society, a 140+ voice volunteer choir, at [www.northshorechoral.org](http://www.northshorechoral.org). For more information, send an email to [info@northshorechoral.org](mailto:info@northshorechoral.org) or call 773-741-NSCS (773-741-6727).

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this season!

A Holiday Celebration  
with the  
Prairie Brass Band

Orff's Carmina Burana

Handel's Israel in Egypt



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2011-2012 ❁ Seventy-sixth Season

The North Shore Choral Society explores, studies, and performs a wide range of choral music for the enrichment and enjoyment of its singers and audiences.

## Songs of Stories Past

This season the North Shore Choral Society moves forward by looking back — to stories told through music — of songs of our cherished winter holidays — of tales and poetry of the Middle Ages — of the drama of Israel’s miraculous freedom from Egypt. Join us for these exciting and inspiring concerts!

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Single tickets at the door of the November, March, and June concerts are: Regular \$25, Senior \$22, Student \$15.

Order tickets online at [www.northshorechoral.org](http://www.northshorechoral.org) or call the NSCS ticket number: 773-956-8400.

Tickets to the December 4th Evanston Symphony Orchestra holiday concert are available through the ESO at [www.evanstonsymphony.org](http://www.evanstonsymphony.org) or 847-864-8804

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Tickets will be mailed in October 2011.  
 Thank you for joining us for the 2011-2012 season.

**Sunday, November 20, 2011 3 PM**

Glenview Community Church  
 1000 Elm Street • Glenview, Illinois 60025

## A Holiday Celebration

Join the North Shore Choral Society once again at the Glenview Community Church for a thrilling performance of holiday music. The NSCS will be joined by the Prairie Brass Band of Arlington Heights, a 35 member traditional brass band conducted by Dallas Niermeyer.



The Prairie Brass Band will also share some of their competition repertoire from the U.S. Open Brass Band Championships.

The choir will perform settings of the Magnificat text or Song of Mary including *Magnificat* by American composer Mark Gresham.

This percussive and compelling piece will be newly arranged to highlight organist and NSCS accompanist Sharon Rich Peterson. Robert Shaw's *Many Moods of Christmas* and other familiar holiday favorites will round out this brass and choral celebration of the season.

**BONUS!**

**Save the Date: October 15, 2011 7:30 PM**

Peter and Kathleen Van De Graaff give a performance of "The Life and Love of Robert and Clara Schumann" as a benefit for the Choral Society, accompanied by our very own Sharon Rich Peterson.

This costumed multi-media presentation covers the Schumanns' courtship, their love, their life together, and their beautiful music.

Peter has been a program host at WFMT-FM radio since 1988. Kathleen is a voice teacher at Lake Forest College. Details are at [www.northshorechoral.org](http://www.northshorechoral.org)

**Sunday, March 4, 2012 3 PM**

The Unitarian Church of Evanston  
 1330 Ridge Avenue • Evanston, Illinois 60201

## Carl Orff's Carmina Burana

The North Shore Choral Society presents one of the most popular cantatas of all time, Carl Orff's thrilling *Carmina Burana*. In 1936 Orff set twenty-four poems and dramatic texts from the 11th – 13th centuries to some of the most exciting and expressive music for choir, children's choir, soloists, and in this version – two pianos and percussion.



The NSCS welcomes the Evanston Children's Choir, directed by Gary Geiger, and an all-Chicago roster of soloists including soprano Rosalind Lee, tenor Peder Reiff, and emerging opera star, baritone Hugh Russell.

Pianist and NSCS accompanist Sharon Rich Peterson will be joined by Music Institute of Chicago's faculty member Fiona Queen and five percussionists.

**BONUS!**

**Sunday, December 4, 2011 3 PM**

Evanston Township High School • Evanston, Illinois

## An Evanston Symphony Christmas

The North Shore Choral Society joins the Evanston Symphony Orchestra for its annual holiday concert.

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**Sunday, June 10, 2012 3 PM**

Temple Beth-El  
 3610 Dundee Road • Northbrook, Illinois 60062

## G.F. Handel's Israel in Egypt



This dramatic biblical oratorio tells the story of the plague-ridden persuasion of Pharaoh to allow the enslaved Israelites to leave Egypt. Handel is at his best in this evocative composition of the exodus written for six soloists and double chorus.

The NSCS will be joined again by a full orchestra of the top instrumentalists in Chicago led by Concert Master Martin Davids. Mezzo soprano Angela Young Smucker and the Donald Chen Young Artist Award winners will be featured in this concert.

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