



EMERGENT UNIVERSE ORATORIO

The Emerging Cosmos, Humanity, A Flourishing Earth

On June 30, 2017 Cleveland's Milton and Tamar Maltz Performing Arts Center at The Temple - Tifereth Israel will host the world premiere of the composer Sam Guarnaccia's ***Emergent Universe Oratorio***. The *Oratorio* will be performed by the Cleveland Chamber Choir and the BlueWater Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Scott MacPherson.

Inspired by Brian Swimme's and Mary Evelyn Tucker's epic, Emmy Award winning film, *Journey of the Universe (2011)*, the *Oratorio* weaves together chorus, vocal soloists, and orchestra with an original libretto that tells the story of our planet's 13.8 billion year evolution, from the "big bang" to the present day. At its heart the *Oratorio* pays homage to paleontologist and philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's belief that the fate of the Earth depends upon the evolution of a "global human consciousness" that recognizes the need to protect and nurture our planet.

Video of a 2013 performance of the *Oratorio* conducted in Shelburne, Vermont can be viewed online using by pasting this link (<http://bit.ly/2nBPHIP>) into your browser.

The ***Emergent Universe Oratorio*** offers Clevelanders the unique opportunity to share an emotional experience that only a live musical performance can deliver with the aim of raising consciousness of humanity's responsibility to protect and preserve our Earth home. This project will bring together an intergenerational audience with members from many cultural, scientific, and educational communities and through professional audio and video recordings, will extend its outreach far beyond Cleveland.

Tickets may be purchased by visiting the Maltz Performing Arts Center website at <https://case.edu/maltzcenter/>. If you are unable to attend the performance in person, you may still be able to see it - the concert will be streamed live over the internet.

Support for the ***Emergent Universe Oratorio*** has attracted support from a wide range of foundations, organizations and individual contributors. However, we need other partners to help support this project, and its future impact in bringing about a sustainable human presence within the Earth community. We invite you to join us in presenting this important event. To learn how you can help, contact: Marian Patterson (mbp3@case.edu, Phone: 216-409-8264) or Paula Guarnaccia (pguarnac@gmail.com, Phone: 802-734-0279).