



**Master Chorale of Tampa Bay & The IBEX Company:
Expanding the Arts with Premier Cinematic Performance**
*New Musical Production Firm to create a new professional Chamber Orchestra
for Grand Multimedia Concert-Film Series with Tampa's Premier Chorus*

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The IBEX Company (IBEX), a full-service artistic production company based in Tampa, Florida, has recently contracted to create the new **Bay Area Chamber Orchestra** for **The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay (MCTB)**. The new Bay Area Chamber Orchestra, composed of professional and many world-renowned musicians from across the region, will combine musical forces with MCTB to create a live soundtrack to the Florida Premier of Carl Dreyer's film *Passion de Jeanne d'Arc* (Passion of Joan of Arc). The chamber ensemble will join over 175 accomplished MCTB vocalists, accompanying a large screen showing of one of the 20th century's pinnacle achievements from the era of silent film. This much-anticipated multimedia event, which combines IBEX's artistic consulting team with one the Southeast's most highly respected Arts organizations, is scheduled to take place during the first week of May 2007.

Composed in 1993 by Richard Einhorn, the film's once silent soundtrack entitled *Voices of Light* is scored for vocal soloists, full chorus, and chamber orchestra, *Voices of Light* is a journey through the mind and visions of Joan of Arc during her legendary trial. It pairs live soundtrack-style music with a revival showing of the award-winning 1928 French silent film, *The Passion of Joan of Arc*. The live film score incorporates haunting medieval music that is filtered through Einhorn's modern approach to orchestration and soundtrack production. It is a multi-dimensional marriage of music and film that casts the orchestra and singers as characters in one of the most dramatic stories ever played out on the real-world stage.

Since its debut in 1995, *Voices of Light* has been an international phenomenon with performances throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, and even South Africa. IBEX Company founder Eric Nordstrom says, "We are excited and enthusiastic about helping to bring this important project to the Bay Area. This represents the starting point for what we see as a very strong relationship between our two organizations within the Tampa Bay Arts Community. It gives us pause to note that the story of Joan of Arc captivates and inspires us like very few historical chapters can. Regardless of our personal or religious background, many of us are fascinated and drawn in by the visions and convictions of this woman who was willing to go to torture and death, rather than recant her beliefs."

Performances of *Voices of Light* featuring **The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay** and the new **Bay Area Chamber Orchestra** will be conducted by Richard Zielinski, premiering at the Mahaffey Theater Progress Energy Center in St. Petersburg on Friday, May 4, 2007 at 8:00pm and Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 2:00 pm. A third performance will take place on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 4:00pm at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center's Carol Morsani Hall in Tampa.

Since 2005, **The IBEX Company** has been a full-service artistic production company based in Tampa, Florida. With extensive knowledge of the musical, television & recording, entertainment, and production industries, IBEX's team of industry professionals create sophisticated additions to enhance concert productions, corporate presentations and special events across the State of Florida. Honored by the Tampa Bay Business Journal as a finalist for the 2005 "Rookie Business of the Year" recognition, IBEX seeks to bring the Arts into all areas of the community in a way that enriches lives and heightens the artistic awareness of those in the Tampa Bay Area.

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