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**EMMANUEL MUSIC'S 40th ANNIVERSARY SEASON CONCLUDES
WITH STRAVINSKY'S OPERA "THE RAKE'S PROGRESS"**



DECEMBER 1, 2010 - BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. On April 16, 2011 [Emmanuel Music](#) will close its 40th anniversary season with Igor Stravinsky's opera *The Rake's Progress*. [Artistic Director Ryan Turner](#) explains why the piece was chosen to conclude his inaugural season, "So much of the music we perform at Emmanuel is 18th century and *The Rake's Progress* is styled on 18th century ideals and forms. This morality play of materialism and madness is laced with spiky rhythms, pungent Stravinsky harmonies, unexpected

lyricism and charming comedic turns."

In 1951, Igor Stravinsky announced the culmination of Neoclassicism with the completion of his opera, *The Rake's Progress*. The opera is written in the style of Mozart to a libretto by W.H. Auden and Chester Kallman and based on the eight paintings and engravings of [William Hogarth](#), which Stravinsky had seen in a Chicago exhibition in 1947.

The story concerns the decline and fall of Tom Rakewell, who deserts Anne Trulove for the delights of London in the company of Nick Shadow, who turns out to be the Devil. After several misadventures, all initiated by the devious Shadow, Tom ends up in a psychiatric hospital south of London. The moral of the tale is: "For idle hearts and hands and minds the Devil finds work to do."

The evening will feature the Orchestra and Chorus of Emmanuel Music under the direction of [Ryan Turner](#), and soloists:

- Trulove - [Paul Guttry](#)
- Anne Trulove - [Kristen Watson](#)
- Tom Rakewell - [Charles Blandy](#)
- Nick Shadow - [David Kravitz](#)
- Mother Goose - [Deborah Rentz-Moore](#)
- Baba the Turk - [Mary Westbrook-Geha](#)
- Sellem - [Frank Kelley](#)

All ticket holders are invited to a pre-concert lecture/discussion at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall with composer, conductor, flutist, and teacher [John Heiss](#).

Special Concert and Dinner Package

On every concert date, the neighboring 4-star [TAJ BOSTON](#) will be serving a three-course dinner for \$30 per person for Emmanuel concert ticket holders only. The price excludes tax and gratuity. Dinner reservations start at 5:30pm. For more information, [click here](#).

For tickets and information check out www.emmanuelmusic.org

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