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**MADRIGALS AND VOCAL CHAMBER MUSIC FROM FOUR CENTURIES
TO CLOSE ASTON MAGNA'S 2011 SUMMER FESTIVAL**

The final concert of the Aston Magna's 2011 Festival, on July 8 and 9, will include an unusual breadth of madrigal and vocal styles (for Aston Magna). "The Italian Madrigal and its Legacy" will present masterworks from four centuries. Beginning with some of the brilliant vocal works of Carlo Gesualdo, Salamone Rossi, and Claudio Monteverdi, the program will conclude with choice compositions by Johannes Brahms, Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, Glenn Gould, Peter Schickele, and Peter Lutkin. Sopranos Roberta Anderson and Kristin Watson, countertenor Gerrod Pagenkopf, tenors William Hite and Frank Kelley, and bass David Ripley will perform this wide range of music, accompanied by Daniel Stepner, violin; Laura Jeppesen, viola da gamba; and Catherine Liddell, theorbo.

This summer, the Aston Magna Festival is presenting a summer concert series devoted to music spanning from the early 16th to the 20th centuries. This final concert will be performed in the air-conditioned auditorium of the Olin Humanities Building on the Main Campus of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York on July 8 at 8:00 p.m. and at the Daniel Arts Center at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, MA, at 6 p.m. A pre-concert lecture will be featured one hour before each concert.

For information or to order tickets to the concerts at the Olin Auditorium on the Main Campus of Bard College, Annandale on Hudson, NY, please phone 845-758-7425. Tickets to concerts at The Olin Auditorium at Bard College are not available on-line.

Tickets to concerts at the Daniel Arts Center at Bard College at Simon's Rock will be \$35 for general admission, \$25 for senior and \$10 student at the door.

Tickets to concerts at the Daniel Arts Center at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, MA may be ordered by calling 413-528-3595, out of area 800-875-7156; sending a check or money order with a self-addressed, stamped return envelope to Aston Magna, P.O. Box 28, Great Barrington, MA 01230 or online at www.astonmagna.org. For further information, call 413-528-3595, out of area phone 800-875-7156; go to www.astonmagna.org or visit us on Facebook.

This season, Aston Magna continues its program to bring more young people to its concerts. Up to two children, ages 6 to 16, may attend the Great Barrington concerts free with each paid adult ticket.

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