

ORATORIO SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

881 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019

Dear Friend of the Oratorio Society:

We will be hosting a wonderful event this spring: our Annual Service Auction on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at Christ Church, 520 Park Avenue at the corner of 60th Street.

The Oratorio Society of New York has been an essential part of the cultural fabric of New York City since 1873. The Society's annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* has been taking place in Carnegie Hall since its opening in 1891. In a review on December 20, 2006, the New York Times said, "the sense of drama and pure choral heft that has always yielded thrilling performances remains intact". On its 100th Anniversary, the Society was presented with the Handel Medallion, New York City's highest cultural award, for its contributions to the musical life of the City. The 200 members of the Society come from all walks of life and volunteer their time for the joy of making music together.

This event will provide funds to supplement the Operating Budget. If you cannot be with us on May 29th, please join us in celebrating the history and future of one of the most treasured institutions of our City's musical life by making a donation or placing an ad in the Journal. Your support will help continue and build on the rich tradition of the Society. In return, the 200 members of the Society as well as those attending our Auction will see your ad. The Journal will also be viewable on our Website, **www.oratoriosocietyofny.org**.

Thank you for supporting our organization. We hope to see you at a future concert or event.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Flaherty
Auction Chair