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Soli Deo Gloria announces music director debut and Christmas concert: *Tell Us of the Night*

First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, CO
Saturday, December 11, 2010, 3pm

Soli Deo Gloria (www.solideogloriacs.org) is pleased to announce *Tell Us of the Night*, featuring the debut of its new music director, Ray Killian. The concert, an exploration of contrasts that mirror those of the Nativity, features two works: Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*, which serve as musical bookends to anthems by Victoria, Poulenc, Biebl, Holst, Stravinsky and Robert Convery.

Please bring a non-perishable food item. A free-will offering will be collected (which sustains programming), but the concert is free to all.

Accompanying the concert is the incomparable Charlene Noland, who joined Soli's artistic staff this Fall. The Vivaldi will feature members of the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs. The USAF Heritage Brass, also well-known to the Springs music community, will be accompanying the Pinkham.

Ray Killian, a new Coloradan, performed as soloist with Sir David Willcocks, Robert Shaw, Joseph Flummerfelt and Don V Moses. He has toured and lived in Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, France, and throughout the mid-Atlantic states. His choral groups have been recognized for their "choral felicity" ([Washington Post](http://www.washingtonpost.com)) and recognized by the Smithsonian Institute Folk Life Festival. Killian has studied conducting with Frauke Haasemann, Joseph Flummerfelt, Sir David Willcocks, and Carl Giulini. He is an ensemble recipient of two Grammy awards while singing with the Westminster Choir.

Mr. Killian notes: "Working with this wonderful community choir with a purpose has inspired me greatly. I am so pleased that we can unite music and caring by providing these concerts each year and supplying much-needed food items for Westside CARES." Killian is also the Director of Music and Children's Ministries at First Christian Church (www.firstchristiancos.org).

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