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**EMMANUEL MUSIC AND EMMANUEL CHURCH ANNOUNCE
EXTENSION OF INTERIM ARTISTIC LEADERSHIP**

John Harbison and Michael Beattie have agreed to continue in their roles as artistic leadership of Emmanuel Music and Emmanuel Church through the 2009-2010 season. The Search Committee made the announcement expressing gratitude to Harbison and Beattie, who have enabled the two organizations to proceed with a deliberate search process for a permanent Artistic Director/Music Director to be appointed in the spring of 2010. The position was left vacant with the death of Emmanuel Music founder Craig Smith last November. Harbison and Beattie had previously agreed to serve through 2008-09 as Acting Artistic Director of Emmanuel Music and Acting Music Director of Emmanuel Church and Associate Conductor respectively.

Emmanuel Music President, Joan Nordell remarked, "John's and Michael's superb leadership of Emmanuel Music during this critical period following Craig's death has been wonderful in itself but this new development also gives us the time we need to find the best possible permanent director for this distinctive group".

Emmanuel Church Senior Warden, Fred Weber commented, "the Emmanuel Church Vestry is very pleased that John and Michael will be continuing to provide the musical leadership and artistic vision that is an essential element of our worship services."

The Search Committee, comprised of representatives of the governing boards of Emmanuel Music and Emmanuel Church and members of the Emmanuel Music ensemble, has set up the process through which the new music director will be appointed. Interested and qualified prospective candidates are invited to submit letters of inquiry to music@emmanuelmusic.org. Further stages of the search will be by invitation.

Emmanuel Music is the Ensemble-in-Residence at Emmanuel Church.

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