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### Beethoven's Masterpiece

(*Brevard, NC*) – Beethoven Symphony No. 9, “Choral” will be featured at the Brevard Music Center this Sunday, August 2 at 3 pm. Grant Llewellyn of the North Carolina Symphony will lead the Brevard Music Center Orchestra and the Brevard Festival Chorus.

A native of Wales, Llewellyn is the Music Director of the North Carolina Symphony and the Principal Conductor of the Handel and Haydn Society. He has conducted many North American symphonies, most notably Boston, Houston, Montreal, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Calgary and Toronto. Llewellyn has held positions in European orchestras, and has conducted the BBC Philharmonic, BBC Symphony, the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Helsinki Philharmonic. In the summer of 2008, Grant Llewellyn made his BMC debut conducting Mahler's Symphony No. 5 with the Brevard Music Center Orchestra.

Soloists for the Beethoven are Barbara Shirvis, soprano; Liliana Piazza, mezzo-soprano; Richard Clement, tenor; and Stephen Powell, baritone. The Brevard Festival Chorus consists of BMC students and other local vocalists who auditioned for this performance earlier this summer. Also on Sunday's program is Aaron Copland's final orchestral composition, *Inscape*, premiered by Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic in 1967.

Other events this weekend include the Soloists of Tomorrow concert on Friday, July 31. Winners of the Jan and Beattie Wood Concerto Competition will solo with the Brevard Music Center Orchestra. On Saturday, August 1, the Brevard Sinfonia, an ensemble of talented college and post-college students, will present Edward Elgar's well-known orchestral work the “Enigma” Variations, a theme and 14 variations Elgar dedicated to “my friends pictured within” portraying with music the endearing qualities of people closest to him. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30. Lawn tickets (\$15) are available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and **Picnics, Presto!** are also available all weekend. Pre-orders are suggested (but not required) and more information can be found at [brevardmusic.org](http://brevardmusic.org) or by calling 828-862-2105.

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