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# New choral group to debut

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The Steiner Chorale, conducted by William Steiner, will give its first public performance at the East Lansing Trinity Church, 841 Timberlane, on Mar. 16 at 8:15 p.m. They will perform "Requiem" by Johannes Brahms with Karen Smith, soprano, and Loren Jones, baritone, as soloists. Dorothy Acevedo, pianist, will accompany.

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The group, formed last September by James McMahon, tenor and present business manager, and Mr. Steiner, is composed of 16 professional and semi-professional musicians. Its repertoire ranges through all the major periods of music and its versatility is demonstrated through many choral styles such as madrigal, swing choir, and folk in addition to the traditional chorale sound.

Mr. Steiner, who came to this country at 15 from Tehran, Iran, and later earned a music degree from Wooster College, Ohio, has been choral conductor at

East Lansing High School for the past 18 years. He has been an adjudicator and guest conductor for many music festivals and has served on the board of the Michigan State Vocal Association for the past 6 years. He is presently the state chairman of the American Choral Directors Association.

Locally he is well known for his 6 years as conductor of the Orpheus Male Choir. In a wider area he is known for his textbook on basic musicianship used in schools throughout the country.

Members of the chorale are Joanne Niswander, Karen Smith, Louise Lantz, Jeannette Minkel, sopranos; Amanda Wallner, Sue Thomas, Rita Matthews, Barbara McLeod, altos; Loren Jones, Dean Niswander, Warren Emrich, James McMahon, tenors; Rick Fowler, Dave Lantz, Max Bement, Dan Ludwin, bass.

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