BRUCKNERATHON PLAYLIST 2012

f-minor (36'12") Skrowaczewski/Saarland (Oehms OC 208) (2001)

Stanislaw Skrowaczewski is approaching his 90th birthday and he is still standing up to conduct the Bruckner 8th from memory. We celebrate his birthday and his recent Bruckner Medal of Honor with this performance

No. 1 (47'00") Haselböck/Vienna Chamber Ens (original instruments) (Capriccio 71063) (2004)

An under-promoted and under-appreciated recording using original instruments.

d-minor (44'00") Mario Venzago / Tapiola Sinfonietta (CPO 777 617-2) (2010)

Venzago is on his way to recording a complete cycle for CPO. What is interesting is his use of different ensembles that best fit his concept of sound and instrumentation. In this case, he is working for a distinctly lighter texture.

No. 2 (59'23") Hans Zender / SWR Symphony Orchestra (Amati CD SRR 9002/1) (1990))

Last year, everyone was captivated by Zender's performance of the Symphony No.3. This year, we'll listen to a little known recording where he conducts the same forces in the Symphony No. 2.

No. 3 (70'24") Schaller/Ebrach Festival (Profil 12022) (2011)

Will Carragan will present a discussion highlighting the differences in this premiere performance of the 1874 variant.

No. 4 (68'10") Böhm/Vienna PO (Decca 466 374) (1973)

When first released, this recording was heralded as one of the best recorded and best performed Bruckner Symphony releases. How does it stand up in 2012?

"Symphony for Strings" in F, after the Quintet (During lunch)

(48'15") Schneidt/Deutsche Musicschulorchester (Ars Musica AM 1309-2) (2001)

A break in the listening session, we will offer the string orchestra arrangement of the String Quintet – sometimes referred to in garb as the "Symphony for Strings."

No. 7 (66'36") Barenboim / Berlin Staatskapelle (DGG 479 0320) (2010)

Barenboim has taken up the Bruckner symphonies with a vengeance. He is performing semi-cycles all over Europe and has done a complete cycle in Vienna. DGG is toying with the idea of more performances, but this is the only release so far.

No. 9 (60'10") Blomstedt / Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra (London 458 964) (1995)

Another Bruckner medal recipient and a conductor who has just celebrated his 85th birthday. We will celebrate along with him for our final performance of the day.

(22'41") Rattle / Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (EMI SACD TOGE-11092) (2012)

No. 6 (64'09") Celibidache / Munich Philharmonic (Sony DVD 88691952709) (1991)

Sony has finally re-released their Celididache / Munich Philharmonic recordings on DVD. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth, we will play the Symphony # 6, the only performance that will let us get home at a reasonable hour!

No. 8 (83'00") Graf/Houston (Private: John Proffitt)

A 24/96 5-channel "stage/conductor's" perspective high-resolution surround-sound recording.

No. 5 (74'34") Abbado/Lucerne (Accentus Blu Ray ACC 12043) (2011)

This performance received rave reviews this year and here is an opportunity to watch (and hear) it in its Blu-ray format.