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## 2015-2016 – A Celebration of the Montgomery Philharmonic’s 10th Anniversary Season Concert 5– May 15 2016

### A Second Concert with the Central Maryland Chorale

Veni Sancte Spiritu | Luebst du um Schönheit | The Lake Isle of Innisfree | Three Madrigals |  
To Sit and Dream | I Believe This is Jesus | The Dreamers of Dreams | Mass in A-flat

#### ***Veni Sancte Spiritu* – Hildegard von Bingen (1098–1179)**

##### **About – Hildegard von Bingen**

Von Bingen’s exact date of birth is unknown, but from historical records we know that she was born in around 1098 to Mechtild of Merxheim-Nahet and Hildebert of Bermersheim. Her parents were of lower nobility in the service of Count Meginhard of Sponheim, a county originally in the Holy Roman Empire, but now in the Rhineland of Germany.

Hildegard, as she is commonly referred to, was a Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, Christian mystic, visionary, and polymath and is considered to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany. She founded monasteries in Rupertsberg (1150) and Eibingen (1165). Hildegard composed not only works for singers, but also liturgical dramas (morality plays). As a writer, she wrote theological, botanical, and medicinal texts as well as letters and poems.

Hildegard von Bingen has been recognized as a saint by branches of the Roman Catholic Church for centuries and on October 7, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI named her a Doctor of the Church.

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