

ROCK SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH APPOINTS PREDRAG GOSTA AS ITS NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

*New appointment confirms Presbyterians as among the leaders
in professional church music in Atlanta*

(Atlanta, May 26, 2005) – Rock Spring Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA, announced the appointment of Predrag Gosta, one of Atlanta's most well known conductors, as its new Director of Music Ministries. The appointment comes after an extensive search for a new leader of its music ministry.

Predrag Gosta (33) has been known in the Atlanta community for his leadership role in early music, especially for his artistic leadership of the period instrument ensemble and orchestra, New Trinity Baroque. He is a triple Master of Music graduate of Georgia State University, as well as a graduate of Trinity College of Music in London (England), where he was awarded two degrees. The Serbian-born conductor, baritone, harpsichordist and organist will oversee the music program at Rock Spring, and will act as the organist and director of its main choral ensemble, the Chancel Choir.

Gosta's appointment confirms that Atlanta's Presbyterians are becoming the leaders in the professional church music community in the city. Alongside Norman Mackenzie, the director of Atlanta Symphony Chorus and the music minister at Trinity Presbyterian, and Walter Huff, the director of Atlanta Opera Chorus and music minister at Morningside Presbyterian, Predrag Gosta joins as another heralded and highly acclaimed professional musician in Atlanta who has been given an appointment as a Presbyterian congregation's music director.

"We are delighted to have Predrag Gosta lead our Music Ministry" - said the Reverend Lindsay Armstrong, who has been leading the Rock Spring congregation since 2001. "His energy and enthusiasm are a good match for us. We look forward to his leadership as our music director and hope that Rock Spring will quickly become a musical leader in the community."

Predrag Gosta already started the work at the church, working on plans for 2005-06 liturgical year that could include a number of guest musicians and concerts. His official installation is scheduled for Sunday, June 5th at 11 a.m. worship service at Rock Spring.

Located on Piedmont Avenue in midtown, Rock Spring Presbyterian Church was established in 1870. It is the first post-civil-war church built in Atlanta and was placed in the National Registry of Historic Buildings in 1989. Recently, Rock Spring completed a three-year, two-million-dollar renovation of its premises, including restoration of its historical Anglican nave. The church has two semi-grand pianos and a Moller pipe organ. It is interested in expanding its instrumentarium and its music activities to include an orchestra, another choir, hand bell ensemble and much more. The church is also very keen to establish a concert series which would offer high quality music to the community, featuring high-caliber artists.

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