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The presentation of the famous oratorio, "Elijah," by the Musical Arts Workshop marks a continuation of a series of successful productions by the Las Vegas choral group.

"Elijah" is the third annual Christmas concert produced by the Workshop. It will be presented at the Flamingo Hotel, December 19, under the auspices of Southwest Gas Corporation.

The Musical Arts Workshop is a non-profit, educational and charitable organization formed in 1963 by local singers and musi-

cians. Its purpose is to promote and foster choral music in Southern Nevada.

In the past three years they have presented two full-length musical comedies, "pops" concerts and several secular and sacred musical concerts. The response by Las Vegas residents has been highly favorable, resulting in sold-out performances in many of their productions.

This year's Christmas concert is a dramatic and exciting oratorio based on the life of the great Hebrew prophet, Elijah. Written by Felix Mendelssohn in 1846, it will be presented in English by the full choral group of 80 singers and 40 professional musicians.

Tickets may be purchased from Southwest Gas Corporation, Southern Nevada Music Company, or any First Western Savings and Loan office. Reserved seats are \$2.00, general admission is \$1.00.

Christmas concerts of the past two seasons were Gian-Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and Handel's "The Messiah". One reviewer stated the Workshop's performance of Messiah has "stamped itself as a serious organization of topmost quality."

When they presented "Oklahoma" another reviewer said "the best show in town in is going on miles from the Strip. It is sung and acted, staged and costumed with a thoroughly professional flair -- a delight to see and hear."

Other past productions include "The Peacable Kingdom", conducted by Professor David Glissman of UCLA; "Carousel"; Schubert's, "Mass in G"; and Henegger's, "King David".

This year's "Elijah" will be conducted by Edward Braha Soloists are Anthony Thomas, Maxine Deacon, Phyllis Doye, Richard Dennis, Marjorie Dickinson and Jean McCune.

According to Ruth Julian, president of the Musical Arts Workshop, "Elijah" is the most ambitious production the group has undertaken. The inspiring presentation combines solo arias with the 80-voice chorus and full concert orchestra.

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