



600 voices premier John Luther Adams', "In the Name of the Earth"

### **JAMIE ENGELS PERFORMS IN A WORLD PREMIER AT ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

With over 600 vocal musicians crowding into the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, the world premier of *In the Name of the Earth* brought the audience and the critics to their feet with applause. According to one critic, "I like the earth as much as anybody else, but for a Pulitzer-winning composer of Adams's caliber, the contained environment of the cathedral was much more favorable to his ethereal, meticulously honed sounds. And *In the Name of the Earth* may stand among his best pieces." (The original Central Park venue was rained out.)

For NBCS Vocal teacher, Jamie Engels it was a rare opportunity to participate in this unique and moving experience. The music was "spur of the moment, very expressive and mercurial," commented Engels who concluded, it was an "excellent opportunity, a worthwhile experience but very hard work".