

REVIEWS OF *TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN* CD- RELEASED FEBRUARY 2009

Minneapolis StarTribune

February 28, 2009:

"The Minnesota Orchestra's recording of [Stephen Paulus'](#) oratorio *To Be Certain of the Dawn* is a major event. This is a momentous work receiving a stellar performance. It's a disc that lovers of contemporary choral music will want to have in their collection.

"There are too few recordings of the magnificent Minnesota Chorale. With any luck, their dazzling work here will change that. They are ably partnered by the Minnesota Boychoir, the Basilica Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Choristers."

--William Randall Beard

MinnPost

February 20, 2009:

***To Be Certain of the Dawn* is a must-have recording for choral fans:**

"The Minnesota Orchestra has just released its recording of *To Be Certain of the Dawn*, the acclaimed Holocaust memorial oratorio by Stephen Paulus that received its debut at the Basilica of St. Mary in 2005. ... [T]he recording creates a moment that is enveloping and deeply moving — heartbreaking in parts, actually — and there's little doubt that it is among the masterpieces of Paulus' long composing career.

"The recording involved massive resources: The Minnesota Orchestra, Minnesota Chorale, Minnesota Boychoir, the Basilica Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Choristers, four soloists and a cantor. If you're a fan of Minnesota-made choral music, you'll want to have this disc in your collection."

--David Hawley