Masterworks

Singers

Light Peace

Freedom

Beautiful Choral Music From around the World

Sunday, June 4, 2023 7:00 pm St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Austin, Texas

PROGRAM

Prelude Bless the Lord— Arr. C.J. Menge Inside out Steelband

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO	PAUL HALLEY
AVE MARIA	BILL HEIGEN
EARTH SONG	FRANK TICHELI
MAKE JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD (JUBILATE DEO)	WILLIAM MATHIAS
A LOVING HEART TO THEE	ROBERT YOUNG
ALL THINGS NEW	ELAINE HAGENBERG
SALMO 150	ERNANI AGUIAR
INTERMISSION <i>Come Thou Fount of every Blessng</i> —Arr. C.J. Menge Inside Out SteelBand	
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?	ARR. GWYNETH WALKER
SING ME TO HEAVEN	DANIEL GAWTHROP
GATHER AT THE RIVER	SUSAN LABARR
GIVE ME JESUS	ARR, ROBERT LAU
Solo—Kimberly Sandoval Triptych 1. Musicks Empire	LLOYD PFAUTSCH
Divine Encounter III. The Blessing	CRAIG COURTNEY
My Good Lord's Done Been here	ANDRÉ THOMAS

TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest

AVE MARIA

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

<u>SALMO 150</u>

Laudáte Dóminum in sánctis éjus: Laudáte éum in firmaménto virtútis éjus.

> Laudáte éum in virtútibus éjus: Laudáte éum secúndum Multitúdnem magnitúdinis éjus

Laudáte éum in sóno túbae: Laudáte éum in psaltério et cíthara.

Laudáte éum in týmpano et chóro: Laudáte éum in chórdis et orgáno.

Laudáte éum in cýmbalis benesonántibus: Laudáte éum cýmbalis jubilatiónis:

Ómnis spiritus láudet Dóminum

Praise the Lord in his sacred places, praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet, praise him with the psaltery and the harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and the dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

Praise him with high-sounding cymbals, praise him with cymbals of joy.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

BIOGRAPHIES

DR. H. MORRIS STEVENS JR., CONDUCTOR

Dr. H. Morris Stevens, Jr., is the Director of Music Ministry at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Austin, Texas. In May 2020, he retired from St. Edward's University where he served for 13 years as Head of the Music Department. While at St. Edward's University, he founded the Masterworks Project, which became a leading Community Outreach Music program consisting of a large Chorus and full Orchestra. During those 13 years, the Masterworks toured every two years, and gave concerts in such countries as Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland.

Dr. Stevens is recognized as a clinician/conductor of Honor Choirs in many states and adjudicates choral competitions nationally. Throughout his career he has commissioned many new choral works from outstanding composers. The Masterworks Singers have so far, commissioned four major works with the support of the Edward D. Anderson Fund.

Dr. Stevens is most proud of his wonderful family, his wife Polly, his children, Sarah, Patrick and Rebekah, their wonderful spouses, and his five grandchildren, Ruaridh, Genevieve, Bernadette, Margot and Murray.

STAN MCGILL, GUEST CONDUCTOR

Stan McGill taught thirty-four years in secondary choral music education in Texas and Missouri. Professional positions include Texas Music Educators Association Vocal Chair, and President of both TMEA and Southwest American Choral Directors Association. He is an adjunct professor at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago.

Mr. McGill, along with co-author Dr. Morris Stevens, wrote the "*90 Days Sight Singing Success*", "*18 Lessons to Sight Reading Success*" and "*Sight Reading Success: A Daily Workout for Developing Confident Choirs*".

He has been the choir director at First Christian Church-Garland, TX since 1982.

Mr. McGill has directed all state choirs in Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Kentucky, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee.

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JEAN FARRIS FULLER, ORGANIST

Jean Farris Fuller is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has music degrees from Pittsburg State University, Kansas (B.M.Ed.) and the University of Texas (M.M.) where she studied organ performance with Dr. Frank Speller. She is currently Interim Organist at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Austin. During her 60 years of professional organ playing, she has held positions in Austin at Central Christian Church, St. David's Episcopal Church and recently retired from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, where she was Director of Music and Organist. A well-known organist/keyboardist in Central Texas, she has accompanied major choral organizations (Chorus Austin, Conspirare, Austin Vocal Arts Ensemble, UT Choral Department, community choirs and played in the Austin Symphony Orchestra). Her one and only movie role is Waiting for Guffman which was released in 1997! She has given numerous solo concerts in England, Wales, and Germany and in the United States including First Presbyterian Church. Portland, Oregon and Kilgore, Texas; St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York; The National Cathedral, Washington, D.C. and the UT Great Organ Series, Austin. She is married to George, also retired as a helicopter pilot with the Army National Guard and together they have two girls; Susan who lives in Victor, Idaho and Alli who lives in Stuttgart, Germany. Her two grandsons, Magnus (4 years) and Benno (2 year) live in Germany, too!

SUSAN NEFF, PIANIST

Susan Neff spent 33 years in the music/choral classroom retiring from public school teaching in 2014. Her next three years she accompanied choirs in various school districts and supervised music student teachers at the University of Texas. She returned to the private school classroom for 3 years as the choral/piano teacher at Hyde Park High School. She now continues to accompany and consult for school choir programs. She is also a pianist for the 9am choir at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Austin, Tx. She lives in Pflugerville where she loves spending time with her grown sons David and Mark, daughter in law Lindsey, and special Mimi time with her 7-year-old grandson Dylan.

MARK STERN, ORGANIST

Mark Stern joined the Masterworks Singers group during the Fall 2016 season and has been a tenor in the group ever since. He toured outside the country with the group once to the Scandinavia region as a singer and as the organist for the group. In addition to being the occasional organist for the Masterworks Singers, Mark is an accompanist at St. Theresa Catholic Church, where he joined the music ministry in 2008. During this time in the music ministry, Mark developed an excitement for playing the organ and went on to briefly study organ with Dr. John Schmidt at Texas State University as a music major. Though Mark has a passion for music, he realized that music wasn't the career path for him. Mark graduated with a B.A. in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, with a minor in music and later graduate with a M.A. in Psychological Research from Texas State. Mark is now a full-time lecturer teaching in the Psychology department at Texas Sate.

CHORAL PERSONNEL

SOPRANO

Cheryl Alvarado Annie Benson Nancy Brady Tami Cole Dr. Lenore Frierson-Stroud Iris Garcia **Barb** Johnson Anne Klock Amanda Koch Martha Kuhl Lucia Kwiatkowska Amber-Nicole McIntire **Elizabeth Naylor** Teresa Nguyen Molly O'Neal Dr. AnnMarie Olson **Robyn Pereira Camille Pridgen** Sara Radebaugh Stephanie Rayl Marni Roberson Lena Salha **Polly Stevens** Virgina Volpe **Katie Vukovics** Rose Wiederkehr Martha Zornes

<u>ALTO</u>

Julie Adams Micah Barbolla **Emily Burns** Julia Campos Lydia Coffman Pamela Dowd **Jessica** Flair Donna Gervase Mimi Graser Chacha Guerrero **Jillian Horton** Patricia Jacobs Sue Kemp Dona LeBlanc **Cindy Merryman** Marty Moulthrop Peggy Naylor **Kristy Oliver Jones Toni Powell** Chris Rethlake Dr. Megan Robinson Suzanne Rogers **Kimberly Sandoval** Mary Louise Shack Joydene Ternus Colleen Webb

TENOR

Luke Facker Michael Gianotti Gary Goethe Jose Guerrero Tim Hissam Jorge Ibarra Peter Jacobs Jackson King Jason Kutac Jerome LeBlanc Jordan Naylor Tommy Starnes Mark Stern Dana Taipale Carl Wiseman

BASS

Jim Coffman Michael Davis Robbie Daywood John Diaz Gary Graser Nigel Jacobs Kelan Latimer Everett Lunning James Merryman Philip O'Neill Gary Pyle Michael Saclolo Robert Straiton

ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

Violin I Melissa Ruof

Violin II Deb Weltzer

Viola Dr. Robert Radmer **Cello** John Cox

Trumpet Sam Acosta Matt Swihart **Trombone** Matthew Flores Michael Dorato

Timpani Dr. Daniel Dickinson

INSIDE OUT STEELBAND

Carolyn Torwbridge, Lead

Kahli Holmes, Lead

Maribel Alverson, Double Seconds

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Rev. Larry Covington – Pastor, St. Theresa Catholic Church

Fr. Pat Coakley—Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

Fr. Louis Brusatti−Chaplin of Masterworks Singers & Interim Director of Campus Ministry, St. Edward's University

Eric Carreiro – Director of Music, St. Catherine of Siena

Staff of St. Theresa Catholic Church & School + St. Catherine of Siena

Open Invitation to join Masterworks Singers

The Masterworks Singers organization is a community of individuals who love the best of choral music. Since its beginning, it has never excluded anyone who wished to experience the joy of sharing the exploration of choral music with friends.

We have the mission of peace through the beauty of music. We continually invite all individuals who wish to share in this mission and joy of music making to consider joining.

To be included in the Masterworks Singers mailing list, please email Dr. Morris Stevens at: morris_stevens@masterworkssingers.org

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