

Masterworks Singers

Sing The Darkness To Light

Beautiful Choral Music
With Intention of Peace

Sunday, November 12, 2023

7:00 pm

St. Theresa Catholic Church

Austin, Texas

PROGRAM

SILENCE THE STONES

CRAIG COURTNEY

MISSA BREVIS IN F, K. 192

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

IV. SANCTUS ET OSANNA

V. BENEDICTUS ET OSANNA

VI. AGNUS DEI

SEMI-CHORUS

SOPRANO: AUDREY, ELIZABETH, AMBER-NICOLE, & STEPHANIE

ALTO: KRISTY, MEGAN, KIMBERLY, & KATIE

TENOR: JACKSON, JORDAN, MARK, & SHANE

BASS: JOHN, TREVOR, KELAN, & VINCENT

POEM OF PRAISE

FLORENCE B. PRICE

LET THE PEOPLE PRAISE THEE, O GOD

WILLIAM MATHIAS

INTERMISSION

NUN KOMM' DER HEIDEN HEILAND (BWV 599) J.S. BACH

"ANDANTE TRANQUILLO" FROM SONATA IN A MAJOR (OP. 65, NO. 3) FELIX MENDELSSOHN

MARK STERN, ORGANIST

THROUGH LOVE TO LIGHT

ELAINE HAGENBERG

CAN WE SING THE DARKNESS TO LIGHT?

KYLE PEDERSON

WE LIFT UP OUR VOICES

KAREN MARROLI

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

ARR. MACK WILBERG

TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

MISSA BREVIS—SANCTUS

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua: Osanna in excelsis.	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Hosanna in the highest.
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MISSA BREVIS—BENEDICTUS

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
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MISSA BREVIS—AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.

JEAN FULLER, ORGANIST

Jean Farris Fuller, 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. During her 60 years of professional organ playing, she has held positions in Austin at Central Christian Church, St. David's Episcopal Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and most recently Interim Organist at St. Theresa Catholic Church. 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 (5 years) and Benno (3 years) live in Germany, too!

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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 9 year-old grandson Dylan.

MARK STERN, ORGANIST

Mark Stern is a native Austinite and has lived in Central Texas his whole life. He joined the Masterworks Singers in the Fall of 2016 and has been a tenor in the group ever since. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with a minor in Music, and a Master of Arts in Psychological Research in which his thesis investigated the possibility of a musical working memory system. During his undergraduate education, Mark studied organ with Dr. John Schmidt and is currently studying organ privately with Dr. Eun Joo Fierro. Mark is a Lecturer in the Department of Psychology at Texas State University and teaches a variety of classes, particularly in the cognitive psychology field. In addition to his work at Texas State, Mark is the Associate Organist at St. Theresa Catholic Church where he has been part of the music ministry since 2008.

CHORAL PERSONNEL

SOPRANO

Audrey Ballish
Ann Benson
Nancy Brady
Dr. Leonore Frierson-Stroud
Iris Garcia
Marett Hanes
Tori Hansen
Anne Klock
Lucja Kwiatkowska
Valerie Maurer
Amber-Nicole McIntire
Elizabeth Naylor
Teresa Nguyen
Dr. AnnMarie Olson
Molly O'Neal
Camille Pridgen
Sara Radebaugh
Stephanie Rayl
Dr. Lena Salha
Polly Stevens
Katie Vukovics
Rose Wiederkehr
Martha Zornes

ALTO

Julie Adams
Brigitte Benage
Emily Burns
Judith Butler
Lesvia Cantu
Colleen Cawthon
Lydia Coffman
Barbara Colicchio
Lauren Coltharp
Donna Gervase
Mimi Graser
Chacha Guerrero
Cindy Hager
atricia Jacobs
Sue Kemp
Dona LeBlanc
Cindy Merryman
Marty Moulthrop
Peggy Naylor
Kristy Oliver Jones
Marni Roberson
Dr. Megan Robinson
Suzanne Rogers
Kimberly Sandoval
Mary Louise Shack
Joydene Ternus
Virgina Volpe
Colleen Webb

TENOR

Noe M. Cisneros
Michael Gianotti
Gary Goethe
Jose Guerrero
Tim Hissam
Peter Jacobs
Jackson King
Jason Kutac
Jerome LeBlanc
Jordan Naylor
Mark Stern
Dana Taipale
Shane Walden

BASS

Jim Coffman
Michael Davis
Robbie Daywood
John Diaz
Gary Graser
Kevin Healy
Trevor Heim
Nigel Jacobs
Robert Krier
Kelan Latimer
James Merryman
Philip O'Neill
Vincent Pham
Gary Pyle

ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

Violin I

Melissa Ruof

Cello

John Cox

Trombone

Matthew Flores

Violin II

Deb Weltzer

Trumpet I

Matt Hernandez

Bass Trombone

Michael Dorato

Viola

Dr. Robert Radmer

Trumpet II

Ken Ken Gorder

Timpani

Dr. Daniel Dickinson

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Rev. Larry Covington — Pastor, St. Theresa Catholic Church & School

Staff of St. Theresa Catholic Church & School

Rehearsal Accompanists

Jean Fuller, Susan Neff, Vincent Pham & Mark Stern

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
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