

Masterworks Singers

conducted by Dr. H. Morris Stevens, Jr.

Accompanied
by
Susan Neff
Mark Stern

Orchestral Strings,
Brass
and
Percussion

Music *The Mosaic Of The Air*

Sunday, March 26, 2023
St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church
9500 Neenah Drive
Austin, Texas

7:30 pm
Free will offering

Beautiful Sacred Choral Music
Featuring the compositions of
Puccini, Argento, Courtney, Gawthorp, Aguiar,
Pfautsch, Trotta, Arneson and Lauridsen

PROGRAM

SALMO 150

ERNANI AGUIAR

TWO PUCCINI PSALMS

GIACOMO PUCCINI

A. DOMINE AD ADJUVANDUM (PSALM 70:1)

B. DIXIT DOMINUS (PSALM 110)

THE INVITATION—MOVEMENT I FROM DIVINE ENCOUNTER

CRAIG COURTNEY

MY FLAME THE SONG

KIM ANDRÉ ARNESEN

SING ME TO HEAVEN

DANIEL GAWTHROP

GLORIA FROM THE MASQUE OF ANGELS

DOMINICK ARGENTO

INTERMISSION

PRELDUE & FUGUE IN G (BWV 557) - FORMERLY ASCRIBED TO BACH (1685-1750)

MARK STERN, ORGANIST

OPEN MY EYES

MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

THE OFFERING—MOVEMENT II FROM DIVINE ENCOUNTER

CRAIG COURTNEY

DIRAIT-ON FROM LES CHANSONS DES ROSES

MORTEN JOHANNES LAURIDSEN

MUSICK'S EMPIRE FROM TRIPTYCH

LLOYD PFAUTSCH

TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

SALMO 150

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laudáte éum in cýmbalis benesonántibus:
Laudáte éum cýmbalis jubilatiónis:

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

Ómnis spiritus láudet Dóminum

Let everything that has breath praise the
Lord!

TWO PUCCINI'S PSALMS

1. Domine Ad Adjuvandum (Psalm 70:1) - Lord, be quick to help me.

2. Dixit Dominus (Psalm 110) The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand until I make your enemies into your footstool. The Lord will send the rod of your power forth from Zion. Rule in the middle of your enemies. The power is your's on the day of your strength, in the splendor of the holy ones. I have given birth to you from the womb before the coming of the light. The Lord has sworn and will not take it back, You are a priest for eternity, according to the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at your right destroys kings on the day of his anger. He will judge the nations, will pile up ruins and scatter heads on many lands.
He will drink from the torrent in his way, he will lift up his head.

DIRAIT-ON

Abandon entouré d'abandon,
tendresse touchant aux tendresses...
C'est ton intérieur qui sans cesse
se caresse, dirait-on;

Abandon surrounding abandon.
tenderness touching tenderness...
Your oneness endlessly
caresses itself, so they say:

se caress en soi-même,
par son proper reflet éclairé.
Ainsi tu inventes le thème
du Narcisse exaucé.

Self-caressing
through its own clear reflection.
Thus you invent the theme
of Narcissus fulfilled.

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.

BIOGRAPHIES

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 gam 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
Ann Benson
Nancy Brady
Tami Cole
Elizabeth Danze
Madeline Flores
Dr. Leonor Frierson-Stroud
Iris Garcia
Marett Hanes
Barb Johnson
McKenna King
Anne Klock
Amanda Koch
Martha Kuhl
Lucja Kwiatkowska
Valerie Maurer
Amber-Nicole McIntire
Elizabeth Naylor
Teresa Nguyen
Molly O'Neal
Dr. AnnMarie Olson
Tracy Perales Chiprut
Robyn Pereira
Camille Pridgen
Sara Radebaugh
Stephanie Rayl
Marni Roberson
Lena Salha
Polly Stevens
Deloise Vasquez
Virginia Volpe
Katie Vukovics
Rose Wiederkehr
Martha Zornes

ALTO

Julie Adams
Micah Barbolla
Emily Burns
Julia Campos
Lydia Coffman
Cynthia DePrang
Pamela Dowd
Donna Gervase
Kathy Gresham
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
Mary Sahs
Kimberly Sandoval
Mary Louise Shack
Joydene Ternus
Colleen Webb

TENOR

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

BASS

Jim Coffman
Michael Davis
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

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Rev. Tom Reitmeyer, J.C.L. - Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Dr. Storm Knien—Director of Music, St. Vincent de Paul

Staff of St. Theresa Catholic Church & School & St. Vincent de Paul

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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defray operation costs and provide scholarships
for our upcoming Tour to NE USA + Canada

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