



CURT LIECHTY, M.D.
July 14, 1941 – April 14, 2016

Tonight's spring concert is dedicated to the memory of Curt Liechty, a most valued member of the Arts Chorale's tenor section since 2010. We are saddened by his sudden loss and will remember him with great affection and appreciation for his many contributions to the Chorale.

ARTS
CHORALE
OF GREATER LANSING

Spring Concert

May 3, 2016

His Yoke is Easy, His Burthen is Light (From "Messiah")

George Fredric Handel

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

From Les Chansons des Roses

Morten Lauridsen
Poetry by Rainer Maria Rilke

Contre Qui, Rose

Against whom, rose, have you assumed these thorns?
Is it your too fragile joy that forced you to become this armed thing?
But from whom does it protect you, this exaggerated defense?
How many enemies have I lifted from you who did not fear it at all?
On the contrary, from summer to autumn
You wound the affection that is given you.

Dirait-on

Abandon surrounding abandon, tenderness touching tenderness...
Your oneness endlessly caresses itself, so they say;
Self-caressing through its own clear reflection.
Thus you invent the theme of Narcissus fulfilled.

The Fiddler on the Roof

Music by Jerry Bock
Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

Tradition

Tevye Narration: Michael Guthrie

Matchmaker

Sunrise, Sunset

Bass: Monty Bieber

Soprano: Carolyn McQuillan

Tenor: Michael Sullivan

Alto: Lois Brennan

If I Were a Rich Man

Bass: Nick Kreider

C'est Moi (from "Camelot")

Music by Frederick Loewe
Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner

Tenor: Aaron Petrovich

Anything You Can Do (from "Annie Get Your Gun")

Irving Berlin

Soprano: Alina Tamborini Tenor: Aaron Petrovich

Feel the Spirit

arr. by John Rutter

Steal Away

I Got a Robe

Soprano: Carole Marvin

Tonight, Eternity Alone

Rene Clausen
Poetry by Thomas S. Jones, Jr.

Tonight eternity alone is near:

The thought of you is like the dusk at sea

The sea, the sunset, and the darkening blue;

Space and wide freedom and old shores left far,

Within their shelter is no space for fear,

The shelter of a lone immensity

Only the wonder that such things are true.

Sealed by the sunset and evening star.

Soprano Soloists: Amy Rittenhouse & Meghan Constantinou

Lullaby

Daniel Elder

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

Moses Hogan

"I do sing, because I must . . ."

Program Notes

Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjeilo

Ola Gjeilo (pronounced Yay-lo) was born in Norway in 1978. He began studying jazz, classical piano and composition at the age of seven. After attending the Norwegian Academy of Music in Oslo and the Royal College of Music in London, he completed his Master's Degree in composition at The Juilliard School of Music in 2006. Based in New York City, his music has been performed and recorded in more than 25 countries worldwide in venues such as New York's Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall, Miami's Knight Concert Hall and Jackie Gleason Theatre, and the National Galleries in London and Washington D.C.

Gjeilo has written music for several short films and for television and his music has been featured on PBS in America, on the Swedish and Danish Broadcast Corporations and on all the major Norwegian TV channels as well as several radio stations. His choral music, also, has been performed by elite choirs such as the Kansas City Chorale, Conspirare, World Youth Choir, VocalEssence, BYU Singers, and the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation's Radiokören.

"Ubi caritas" is a hymn of the Western Church, long used as one of the antiphons for the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. The Gregorian melody was composed sometime between the fourth and tenth centuries, though some scholars believe the text dates from early Christian gatherings before the formalization of the Mass. As with Maurice Durufle's beautiful Ubi Caritas from 1960, this setting also draws inspiration from the Gregorian tradition. Though reflective of the chant style, tonight's composition is original and not based on existing chants.

Les Chansons des Roses by Morten Lauridsen, (1943-)

Les Chansons des Roses is a set of five songs set to poems of Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926) who is considered one of Germany's greatest 20th century poets, yet he wrote nearly 400 poems in French! Lauridsen, one of our foremost composers of choral music said of these Rilke texts: "His poems on roses struck me as especially charming, filled with gorgeous lyricism, deftly crafted and elegant in their imagery. These exquisite poems are primarily light, joyous and playful and the musical settings are designed to enhance these characteristics and capture their delicate beauty and seriousness."

Feel the Spirit arranged by John Rutter (1945-)

Feel the Spirit is a cycle of seven spirituals arranged for chorus, mezzo-soprano soloist and orchestra. Rutter conceived the idea after hearing Melanie Marshall's solo interpretations of spirituals in her recitals. Rutter thought that her artistry in this area of song would be just as effective in the fuller context of choir and orchestra. Together they chose seven of their favorite spirituals. They include "Joshua Fit the Battle," "Steal Away," "I Got a Robe," "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," "Everytime I Feel the Spirit," "Deep River," and a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In." The Chorale has selected two numbers from this collection, "Steal Away" and "I've Got a Robe" for tonight's performance. Feel the Spirit was first performed at Carnegie Hall in June 2001.

My Soul's Been Anchored by Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Moses George Hogan was an American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of African-American spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor and arranger of international renown. His works are celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs today. His most famous work today is *The Oxford Book of Spirituals* created in 2002. He died at the age of 45 of a brain tumor.

Hogan was awarded a full scholarship to the Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he studied piano and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Music degree. Immediately after graduation, he began graduate studies at Juilliard School of Music, and later went to study classical music in Vienna, Austria. During his piano performance years, Hogan won several competitions including first place at the 28th Annual Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition in New York.

“My Soul’s Been Anchored” is an example of Hogan’s penchant for creating lively and spirited arrangements of African-American spirituals. His arrangements often contain syncopated rhythms and dynamic contrasts that demand excellence in performance to fully express his music.

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Diane Singletary
**Alina Tamborini
Kristie Wiggert

Altos

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Jenny Sullivan

Tenors

Savvas Constantinou
Steve Findley
Kermit Johnson
Jan Krehbiel
Curt Liechty
Will Mahoney
Ralph Putnam
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Michael Sullivan

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