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PLANO CIVIC CHORUS presents

Plano Chamber Chorus

LUMINESCENCE

Ralph Stannard, Artistic Director | Terry Metzger, Collaborative Pianist
Serenade String Quartet

May 8, 2021, 7:30pm, Christ United Methodist Church

PROGRAM

Kyrie, Heilig | Felix Mendelssohn MWV B 57

Double Chorus A Cappella

O Schone Nacht, Abendlied | Johannes Brahms *Vier Quartette*, Op. 92

Mixed Chorus; Terry Metzger, Piano

O Bone Jesu, Adoramus Te | Johannes Brahms *Drei Gesittliche Chore*, Op. 37

Women's Chorus A Cappella

Die Nacht | Franz Schubert Op.17, No. 4

Men's Chorus A Cappella

Jake Runestad | *The Hope of Loving*

Amanda Bright, Peter Tiggelaar, Max Bitner Soloists

Serenade String Quartet

Ola Gjeilo | *Dark Night of the Soul* and *Luminous Night of the Soul*

Amanda Bright, Soloist

Serenade String Quartet; Terry Metzger, Piano

Z. Randall Stroope | *I Am Not Yours*

Billy Joel | *Lullabye*

Arr. Philip Lawson

Try to Remember from *The Fantasticks*

Words by Tom Jones | Music by Harvey Schmidt

Joseph Martin | *The Awakening*

Plano Chamber Chorus

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Terry Metzger, Collaborative Pianist

Debra Scroggins, Composer in Residence

Soprano One

Amanda Bright

Jessica Kozlowski

Mandie McMurdie

Alto One

Sandra Greenman

Mollie McCollough

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Tenor One

David Hays

Les Niemi

Peter Tiggelaar

Bass One

Bruce Boyle

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Soprano Two

Melanie Altman

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Lisa Tuggy

Alto Two

Jenny Holcomb

Jenny James

Debra Scroggins

Tenor Two

Fred Carriker

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Bass Two

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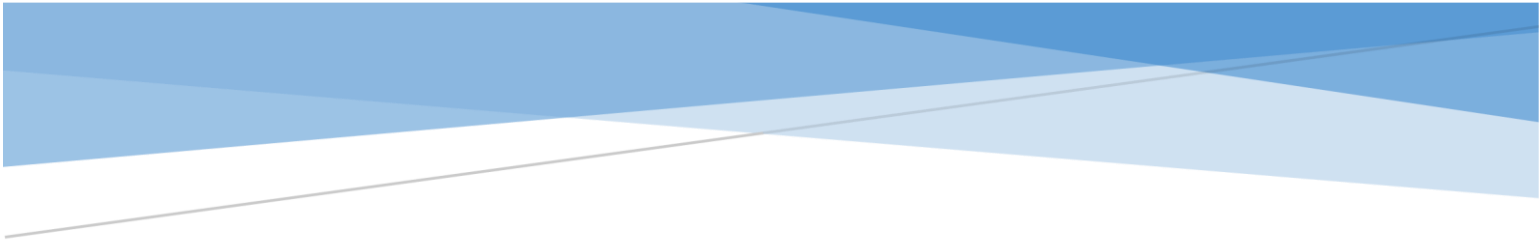
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LUMINESCENCE
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TRANSLATIONS

Felix Mendelsohn | *Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy

Felix Mendelssohn | *Heilig*

Holy, holy, holy is God, the Lord Sabaoth!
Every nation proclaims his glorious praise.

Sing Hosanna in the heights.
O blest is he that comes in God's holy name.
Sing Hosanna in the heights.

Johannes Brahms | *O Schöne Nacht*

Oh beautiful night!
The moon is fabulously shining in its complete splendor in the sky;
around it, sweet company of little stars.

Oh beautiful night!
The dew is shimmering brightly on the green blades of grass;
the nightingale sings ardently in the lilac bush,
and the boy steals softly to his lover.
Oh beautiful night!

Johannes Brahms | *Abendlied*

Night and day are engaged in peaceful struggle
as if they are able to dampen or to dissolve.
Are you asleep, Grief, who depressed me?
What was it then, my heart, that made me happy?
Both joy and sorrow, I feel, did melt away
but gently they introduced the slumber.
And, while evermore floating upward,
life itself appears to me like a lullaby.

Johannes Brahms | *O Bone Jesu*

O good Jesus, have mercy upon us, for thou hast created us,
thou hast redeemed us by thy most precious blood.

Johannes Brahms | *Adoramus Te*

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.
O Lord, who suffered for us, have mercy on us.

Franz Schubert | *Die Nacht*

How fair are you, friendly stillness, heavenly peace!
See how the bright stars take their course through the meadows of heaven
and gaze down upon us, silently, silently from the blue yonder.

How fair are you, friendly stillness, heavenly peace!
Silently Spring's warmth draws near to the earth's soft bosom,
garlands the silver spring with moss and the fields with flowers.

Jake Runestad | *The Hope of Loving*

Text adapted from
Love Poems from God: Twelve Sacred Voices from the East and West
by Daniel Ladinsky

I.

Yield to Love (Rabia)

I know about love the way the fields know about light,
the way the forest shelters us.
We are vulnerable like an infant.
We need each other's care or we will suffer.
How will, you ever find peace,
unless you yield to love?

II.

Wild Forces (St. Francis of Assisi)

There are beautiful wild forces within us.
Let then turn millstones inside
filling bushels that reach to the sky.

III.

Wondrous Creatures (Hafiz)

O wondrous creatures
by what strange miracle
do you so often not smile?

IV.

In the Heart's Veil (String Quartet)

V.

My Soul is a Candle (St. John of the Cross)

My soul is a candle that burned away the veil;
only the glorious duties of light I now have.
The soul is a candle that will burn away the darkness:
Only the glorious duties of love we will have.
Tenderly, I now touch all things,
knowing one day we will part.

VI.

The Hope of Loving (Meister Eckhart)

What keeps us alive, what allows us to endure?
It is the hope of loving, of being loved.
We weep when light does not reach our hearts.
We wither like fields when someone close
does not rain their kindness upon us.
My soul has a purpose,
it is to love.

Ola Gjeilo | *Dark Night of the Soul* (St. John of the Cross)

One dark night
fired with love's urgent longings
–ah, the sheer grace!–
I went out unseen,
my house being now all stilled.

In darkness, and secure,
by the secret ladder, disguised,
–ah, the sheer grace!–
in darkness and concealment,
my house being now all stilled.

On that glad night,
in secret, for no one saw me,
nor did I look at anything,
with no other light or guide
than the one that burned in my heart.

Ola Gjeilo | *Luminous Night of the Soul* (Charles Anthony Silvestri)

Long before music was sung by a choir,
Long before silver was shaped in the fire,
Long before poets inspired the heart,
You were the spirit of all that is art.

You give the potter the feel of the clay;
You give the actor the right part to play;
You give the author a story to tell;
You are the prayer in the sound of the bell.

Praise to all lovers who feel your desire!
Praise to all music which soars to inspire!
Praise to the wonders of Thy artistry,
Our Divine Spirit, all glory to Thee.

(St. John of the Cross)
O guiding night!
O night more lovely than the dawn!
O night that has united
the lover with his beloved,
transforming the beloved in her Lover.

Z. Randall Stroope | *I Am Not Yours* (Sara Teasdale)

I am not yours, not lost in you,
Not lost, although I long to be
Lost as a candle lit at noon,
Lost as a snowflake in the sea.

You love me, and I find you still
A spirit beautiful and bright,
Yet I am I, who long to be
Lost as a light is lost in light.

Oh plunge me deep in love—put out
My senses, leave me deaf and blind,
Swept by the tempest of your love,
A taper in a rushing wind.

Billy Joel | *Lullabye*

Goodnight, my angel, time to close your eyes,
and save these questions for another day.
I think I know what you've been asking me.
I think you know what I've been trying to say.
I promised I would never leave you,
and you should always know,
wherever you may go, no matter where you are,
I never will be very far away.

Goodnight, my angel, now it's time to sleep,
and still so many things I want to say.
Remember all the songs you sang for me,
when we went sailing on an emerald bay.
And like a boat out on the ocean,
I'm rocking you to sleep.
The water's dark and deep inside this ancient heart
you'll always be a part of me.

Goodnight, my angel, now it's time to dream,
and dream how wonderful your like will be.
Someday your child may cry, and if you sing this lullabye,
then in your heart there will always be a part of me.
Someday we'll all be gone but lullabies go on and on.
They never die, that's how you and I will be.

Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt | *Try to Remember* (The Fantastics)

Try to remember the kind of September
When life was slow and oh, so mellow
Try to remember the kind of September
When grass was green and grain was yellow
Try to remember the kind of September
When you were a tender and callow fellow
Try to remember and if you remember
Then follow, follow...

Try to remember when life was so tender
That no one wept except the willow
Try to remember the time of September
When love was an ember about to billow
Try to remember and if you remember
Then follow, follow...

Deep in December It's nice to remember
Although you know the snow will follow
Deep in December It's nice to remember
The fire of September that made us mellow
Deep in December our hearts should remember
And follow, follow, follow...

Joseph M. Martin | *The Awakening*

I dreamed a dream, a silent dream, of a land not far away.
Where no birds sang, no steeples rang, and teardrops fell like rain.
I dreamed a dream, a silent dream of a land so filled with pride
that every song, both weak and strong, withered and died.
I dreamed a dream.
No alleluia, not one hosanna, no song of love, no lullaby.
And no choir sang to change the world.
No pipers played; no dancers twirled.
I dreamed a dream, a silent dream. Silent. Silent....
Awake! Awake!
Soli Deo Gloria! Awake! Awake!
Awake! Awake, my soul, and sing!
The time for praise has come.
The silence of the night has passed;
a new day has begun.
Let music never die in me! Forever let my spirit sing!
Wherever emptiness is found, let there be joy and glorious sound.
Let music never die in me! Forever let my spirit sing!
Let all our voices join as one to praise the Giver of the song!
Awake! Awake! Let music live!
Let music live!