



SONGS OF HOPE

AN EVENING OF
CHORAL ARTISTRY

BENEFITING
LYDIA'S LOVE & MID-VALLEY MENTORS

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012 AT 7:00 PM
SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL'S ROSE AUDITORIUM



SONGS OF HOPE

- Featuring -

Cantus Youth Choirs

Directed by Erika McCauley, Keith McCauley and Melody Paskett

McNary High School Concert Choir

Directed by Jim Taylor

South Salem High School Symphonic Choir

Directed by Carol Stenson

Whiteaker Middle School Concert Choir

Directed by Andy Thomas

- Instrumentalists -

Brian Banegas, Trevor Braun, Cole Flanigan, Jesus Gomez, Kate Hill, Michelle Hutchings, Tawna Love, Keith McCauley, Gentry Myler, Hailee Myler, Heather Pinder, Randy Pinder, Adam Robinson, Debra Schrader, Andy Thomas, and Dana Walker

“The curious beauty of African music is that it uplifts even as it tells a sad tale. You may be poor, you may have only a ramshackle house, you may have lost your job, but that song gives you hope.”

Nelson Mandela

Hope for Resolution

Arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory
Combined choirs from Whiteaker Middle School and Cantus Youth Choirs
Directed by Andy Thomas

Zulu translation:

*Hush nation
Do not cry
Our God
Will protect us
Freedom
We will get it
Our God
Will protect us*

Concert Welcome

Janet Carlson, Marion County Commissioner
Dick Withnell, Community & Business Leader

Mbiri Kuna Mwari

Lee Kesselman
Whiteaker Middle School Concert Choir
Directed by Andy Thomas

Shona translation:
*Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.*

A Shona Wedding Song

Unknown
Whiteaker Middle School Concert Choir
Directed by Andy Thomas

It Takes A Village

Joan Szymko
Whiteaker Middle School Concert Choir
Directed by Andy Thomas

Baba Yetu

Christopher Tin
Combined choirs from Whiteaker Middle School and Cantus Youth Choirs
Directed by Melody Paskett
Soloists: Zach Aldrich, Ryan Cowan, Tylor Clark, Austin Hudson, Davis McHugh, Landon Paskett, Robin Sampson, Randy Saturn, Kylee Smullin, Berkley Spencer, Micah Starita, Matthew Stephens, Ashton Thomas and Christiana Warner

Swahili setting of the Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.*

Remarks

Jamie Ralls, co-founder of Lydia's Love

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

Helen Keller

I'm Goin' Up A Yonder

Arr. Martin Sirvatka
Cantus Youth Choirs
Directed by Erika McCauley

Remarks

Sarah Spinks, Executive Director of Mid-Valley Mentors

Cells Planets

Arr. Vince Peterson
Cantus Youth Choirs
Directed by Keith McCauley
Soloists: Kimberly LaZelle

Wade in the Water

Arr. Moses Hogan

Cantus Youth Choirs

Directed by Erika McCauley

Soloists: Kylie Linton and Max Homer

Solo Descant: Kaelan Adcock, Krista Kofoed, Carli Rice, Erin Todd, Sarah Walker

Freedom Train

Rollo Dilworth

Cantus Youth Choirs

Directed by Keith McCauley

Soloist: Sullivan Davis

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

Louisa May Alcott

Come, Soothing Death

J.S. Bach, arr. Edwin London

South Salem High School Symphonic Choir

Directed by Carol Stenson

Wait on the Lord

Rosephanye Powell

South Salem High School Symphonic Choir

Directed by Carol Stenson

Te lucis ante terminum

Gyöngyösi Levente

South Salem High School Symphonic Choir

Directed by Carol Stenson

Latin translation:

To thee before the close of day,

Creator of the world, we pray

That, with thy wonted favour, thou

Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

*From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.
O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.*

Lay a Garland

Robert Pearsall

South Salem High School Symphonic Choir

Directed by Carol Stenson

Pseudo-Yoik

Jaakko Mäntyärvi

South Salem High School Symphonic Choir

Directed by Carol Stenson

"Optimism is the foundation of courage."

Nicholas Murray Butler

Jabula Jesu

Arr. Stephen Hatfield

McNary High School Concert Choir

Directed by Jim Taylor

South African translation:

We say, be joyful with Jesus.

We say, play Solly, have good time.

Hey, Solly, have a good time. Listen!

Achieved is the Glorious Work

FJ Hayden

McNary High School Concert Choir

Directed by Jim Taylor

Bogoroditse Devo

Sergei Rachmaninoff

McNary High School Concert Choir

Directed by Jim Taylor

Church Slavonic translation:

Rejoice, O Virgin God Bearer,

Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,

And blessed is the fruit of your womb,
For you have borne the Savior of our souls.

Shenandoah

Arr. James Erb

McNary High School Concert Choir

Directed by Jim Taylor

My God is a Rock

Arr. Ken Berg

McNary High School Concert Choir

Directed by Jim Taylor

Closing Remarks

Janet Carlson, Marion County Commissioner

He Lives In You

Arr. Dave Metzger

Combined Cantus, McNary, South Salem

and Whiteaker choirs

Directed by Jim Taylor

Soloist and pianist: Jesus Gomez

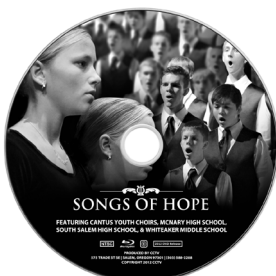
Soloist: Kristina Paddock

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Erika McCauley



Keith McCauley



Melody Paskett



Jim Taylor



Carol Stenson



Andy Thomas

CANTUS YOUTH CHOIRS

Founded in the fall of 2010, Cantus Youth Choirs is a nonprofit community choir program for Idaho's Treasure Valley youth. In its first season, 140 singers in grades 4-9 sang in three Cantus ensembles. All three ensembles competed at a Heritage Festival in Anaheim, California in the spring of 2011, receiving two adjudicator awards, superior ratings for all ensembles (auditioned and non-auditioned) and invitations for all three ensembles to perform in Carnegie Hall. Cantus is now in its second season with over 225 singers and five ensembles, including a brand new high school division with two ensembles. The singers in Cantus are grateful for the opportunity to be able to collaborate with and learn from the outstanding choirs at this concert.

Erika McCauley is founder and artistic director of Cantus Youth Choirs. A product of the Salem-Keizer schools, Mrs. McCauley graduated from Sprague High School. Under the direction of Russ Christensen, she developed a strong passion for choral music. Mrs. McCauley taught in the Salem-Keizer School District from 2001-2003 (Crossler Middle School) and 2005-2007 (Whiteaker Middle School). Her choirs repeatedly earned superior ratings at choral competitions, including 1st place, the Festival Sweepstakes Award, Adjudicators Award, and a Festival of Gold Certificate at a Heritage Festival in 2007, and 1st place at the prestigious Best in the Northwest Choir Competition in 2003 and 2007. Mrs. McCauley earned a Master of Arts with an emphasis in Music Education from Oregon State University in 2005 and a Bachelor of Arts in Music with an emphasis in Vocal Performance from Brigham Young University in 2001.

Keith McCauley is VP and associate director of Cantus Youth Choirs. He earned a BA in Marketing with minors in Music Performance and Japanese from Brigham Young University in 2004. He is currently a VP of a packaging company. Prior to his current employment, McCauley was the art director of seven radio stations in Portland (105.1, 92.3, 94/7, 99.5, 97.1, 1080 and 970), and did projects for the NFL, Toyota, Miller Genuine Draft, Saatchi & Saatchi, Mercedes-Benz, and Vitamin Water. Keith met Erika, singing with BYU Singers, directed by Dr. Ronald Staheli. He spent a week with Eric Whitacre recording the highly acclaimed CD, Eric Whitacre: The Complete A Cappella Works, 1991-2001 with the BYU Singers. McCauley also sang under Rosalind Hall and Mack Wilberg in the BYU Concert Choir and Men's Chorus. McCauley was a founding member of two successful collegiate male a cappella ensembles: Inside Out and Moose Butter. His most recent role was playing Rapunzel's Prince in Music Theater of Idaho's *Into the Woods*.

Melody Paskett is an Associate Director with Cantus Youth Choirs and serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors. She has taught private voice and piano, and is an active supporter of community arts programs, performing in various music, dance, and

theater groups in Oregon, Arizona, Utah, and Idaho. She is active in church music as a choir director and conducting instructor, and has served as administrative director of music and of cultural arts for her church. In her broad range of experiences organizing, performing in, and directing ensembles and events, she has been responsible for large-scale projects requiring great organization, fiscal management and accountability, and communication. She contributes performance, direction, and production expertise to Cantus Youth Choirs. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music, with Choral Education emphasis, and a minor in Japanese from Brigham Young University. She and her husband, Mark, have five children, three of whom sing in Cantus Youth Choirs.

M McNARY HIGH SCHOOL

McNary High School Concert Choir is comprised of 130 students, grades freshman through senior. The ensemble was most recently featured at the Oregon Music Educators State Conference in Eugene this past January in a unique, collaborative performance with Dr. Ethan Sperry and Portland State University. They will soon be debuting a commissioned work by Dan Davison, the noted composer of *Ritmo* and many popular choral works in the Walton catalog. Concert Choir is one of six performance ensembles available to singers, as well as Theory, Piano Class and Jazz History in courses taught by Jim Taylor and assistant director, Andy Wilson.

Jim Taylor is in his fifth year at McNary High School. A graduate of Sprague High School and an active participant in the choral program under Gary Frame, Jim completed his music education degree at Western Oregon State College. After serving as Choral and Drama Director at Seaside High School and Broadway Middle School in the early 1990's he traveled to Tucson, Arizona where he completed his Master's in Choral Conducting at the University of Arizona with Maurice Skones. Jim remained at the UA as an Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies and served as Director of Vocal Jazz and Jazz History. Jim is in his second year with Male Ensemble Northwest as a baritone/tenor. The ensemble is a collaboration of choral directors from Oregon, Washington and Idaho whose principal intent is to engage, encourage and educate young male singers in the vocal arts. MEN is scheduled to perform this March at ACDA Northwest in Seattle.

SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

The South Salem High School Symphonic Choir has long been recognized for its tradition of excellence. Since the inception of the OSAA State Music Championships in 1987, Symphonic Choir has earned eleven State Championships, most recently in 2010. South Salem High School is the only 6A school in Oregon to have had all four of its state qualifying performance ensembles – choir, band, orchestra, and symphony - place in the top five for the past nine consecutive years. The music students and faculty consider themselves fortunate to be partners with a commu-

nity and administration who strongly support music education in the schools.

Carol Stenson is the Director of Choirs at South Salem High School in Salem, Oregon. Her previous choral teaching experience includes many years at both the middle school and elementary school levels. Ms. Stenson's vocal jazz ensembles and concert choirs have consistently been recognized for their outstanding achievements, and have earned several invitations to perform for the Oregon State Music Educators Conference and the Northwest Conference of the American Choral Directors Association. In 2011, The Oregon Symphony Association in Salem recognized Ms. Stenson as "Music Educator of the Year." Ms. Stenson is a certified choral adjudicator in Oregon, and is an active member of MENC and ACDA. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Willamette University, and a Master of Music from the University of Oregon.

WHITEAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Whiteaker Middle School has a long tradition of choral excellence that Andy is proud to continue fostering into the future. The program consists of 240 singers participating in 5 choirs performing a variety of selections from pop/jazz to the classical masters. After school opportunities include piano, voice, and guitar classes. Developing an environment of trust, integrity, and ensemble are the foundations of the program. After that it's time to bring the music to life! Over the past decade the choir has been able to do just that, traveling to New York, L.A., Orlando, Florida, and throughout the Northwest performing at festivals and various venues. The choir was also selected to sing at both OMEA and ACDA conventions in past years. Notable accomplishments include placing first or finalist at Best in the Northwest, Pleasant Hill Jazz Festival, and Clackamas Jazz Festival. Also top honors at festival Disney and Heritage choir festivals. May the music live on!!!

Andy Thomas, the choir director at Whiteaker Middle School, is a graduate of Western Oregon University receiving his Bachelor's in Music Education along with a Master's degree from Portland State University. Before coming to Whiteaker Middle School, he spent six years in Monmouth/Independence teaching sixth through 12th grade choir and drama. While teaching there his high school choral and jazz ensembles were consistently trophy winners at jazz and choral festivals throughout the state. Notable accomplishments include State Choir Winners 3 years at the AAA level. The past 10 years Andy has taught choir, drama, and video production at Stephens Middle School and currently at Whiteaker. Andy also co-leads a worship ministry with his wife at New Hope Foursquare church and is a contemporary keyboard and voice instructor at Corban College. Andy is happily married to Angella Thomas and the proud father of 13-year old Ashton (piano player), 11-year old Kennadi (dancer and singer) and 6-year old Titus (the drummer!). Future musicians in the making!