



BEL CANTO SINGERS PRESENTS

DEEP *peace*

A CONCERT FOR COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 24, 2021

2 p.m. | Hesston Mennonite Church

Dr. Russell Adrian, conductor
Ken Rodgers, piano

*All performers are fully vaccinated and will perform without masks.
Audience members are required to wear masks.*

Deep Peace

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*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love*

Hope for the World Jacob Narverud
A Little Song of Life Reginald Unterseher
Bend Kyle Pederson
Sing Gently Eric Whitacre
We Are Ysaye Barnwell
Unarmed Adaylia Powers

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace. -Ephesians 4: 2-3*

All the way home Sarah Quartel
Underneath the Stars Kate Rusby
The Gift to Sing Marianne Forma
Psalm 133 Bill Derksen

Offertory

Edelweiss Richard Rodgers
Ginny Miller and Alyssa Nolt
Deep Peace Elaine Hagenberg

Text and Translations

HOPE FOR THE WORLD

Jacob Narvarud (b. 1986)

Text by Robert Bode

We sing of yellow dragonflies and brilliant orange sunsets,
of dappled forests and oceans, dancing with life.

We sing of generations of lined and loving faces,
and eyes, clear in their knowing.

We sing for the hope of the children, of hope for the world,
and the new rooster song, fresh each morning.

We sing of blessed yesterdays and holy tomorrows,
of changing colors: the seasons, shining with light.

Where yellows and oranges, forests and oceans wait for us,
wait to find hope for the world.

A LITTLE SONG OF LIFE

Reginald Unterseher (b. 1956)

Text by Lizette Woodworth Reese

Glad that I live am I; That the sky is blue;
Glad for the country lanes, And the fall of dew.

After the sun the rain, After the rain the sun;
This is the way of life till the work be done.

All that we need to do be we low or high is to see that we grow nearer the sky.

BEND

Kyle Pederson (b. 1971)

Bend, don't break my child when the winds blow wild. Lean in, then rest a while.
Bend, don't break be brave, my child when the gale and wave rush by.

But you will never bend alone.
No one should ever bend alone.

I'm here with you, I'm bending, too.
And when the wind subsides you shall rise.

But for now bend low my child; bend low.

SING GENTLY

Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

May we sing together, Always,
May our voice be soft,
May our singing be music for others,
And may it keep others aloft.

May we stand together, Always,
May our voice be strong,
May we hear the singing, always,
And may we always sing along.

Sing gently, always,
Sing gently as one.

Sing gently, always,
Sing gently as one.

WE ARE

Ysaye Barnwell (b. 1946)

Text by June Jordan

We are the one we been waitin' for.

UNARMED

Adaylia Powers

Anna Banman, Luke Huyard, Jesse Kanagy, Kara Longenecker, and Adaylia Powers, ensemble

Fighting fire with fire, In its finest form
Calling ourselves winners, Leaving someone in a storm
A soldier and a gun, A mother and her son
Had to say goodbye when their time wasn't done

My armor is off, I'm broken and flawed
But I will stand for peace even if their swords are drawn
My armor is off, I'm broken and flawed
But I will stand for peace even if their swords are drawn

You've seen the bullets fly, Children lose their lives
God what do you do when, you hear your people cry
God the fighting's not done, divisions begun
You say that faith moves mountains, could you help us move this one

God the fighting's not done, nobody's won
You say that faith moves mountains, could you help us move this one

ALL THE WAY HOME

Sarah Quartel (b. 1982)

Sing to me comfort, sing to me home, sing to me friendships I have known.
Sing me a place where I belong, joyful, with harmonies sing me.

All the way home with a song in my heart.
All the way home, brighten my path and carry me on, all the way home.

There's a beautiful pow'r in what we bring, there's strength in the glorious song we sing.
Easing all troubles, calming all fears, joyful, with harmonies sing me.

Evening brings a shining star, her ancient anthems from afar.
Silence below, her song in the sky. Joyful with harmonies sing me.

UNDERNEATH THE STARS

Kate Rusby (b. 1973), arr. Jim Clements

Kelly Miller, soprano; Luke Huyard, tenor

Underneath the stars I'll meet you,
Underneath the stars I'll greet you,
And there beneath the stars I'll leave you,
before you go of your own free will; go gently.

Underneath the stars you met me,
Underneath the stars you left me;
I wonder if the stars regret me.
At least you'll go of your own free will; go gently.

Here beneath the stars I'm landing,
And here beneath the stars not ending,
Oh, why on earth am I pretending?
I'm here again, the stars befriending,
They come and go of their own free will; go gently.

THE GIFT TO SING

Marianne Forman
Text by James Weldon Johnson

Sometimes the mist overhangs my path, and blackening clouds about me cling;
But, oh, I have a magic way to turn the gloom to cheerful day, I softly sing.

And if the way grows darker still, shadowed by Sorrows' somber wing,
With glad defiance in my throat, I pierce the darkness with a note, and sing.

I brood not over the broken past, nor dread whatever time may bring,
No nights are dark, no days are long, while in my heart there swells a song, and I can sing.

PSALM 133

Bill Derksen
Paraphrased from Psalm 133

Kelly Miller and Ginny Miller, duet
Anna Banman and Kara Longenecker, duet

O how good and O how pleasant when we live in unity.
It is like the precious oil, precious oil poured on my head,
Running down onto my face to the edges of my robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon gently, gently on Mount Zion.

Where the Lord Himself comes down. Singing alleluia!
Coming down to be the blessing, he came to give us even life for evermore.

DEEP PEACE

Elaine Hagenberg
Text from a Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

Upcoming Performing Arts Events

ALL PERFORMANCES AT HESSTON MENNONITE CHURCH

Oct. 31: Sunflower Performing Arts: Sunflower Soirée, 3 p.m.

Nov. 12: Performing Arts Scholarship Auditions

Nov. 13: Masterworks Concert: Bach, Bixi, Mozart and Handel, 7 p.m.

Nov. 20: Hesston College Keyboard Festival www.hesston.edu/keyboardfest

Dec. 4: Music and Theatre Present: Home for Christmas, 7 p.m.

Dec. 7: Sunflower Performing Arts: Canadian Brass, 7:30 p.m.

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2021-22 BEL CANTO SINGERS

Soprano

Anna Banman, Lenexa, Kan.
Bethany Masters, Mount Eaton, Ohio
Kelly Miller, Archbold, Ohio
Adaylia Powers, Buhler, Kan.
Rachel Teeter, Hesston, Kan.

Tenor

Luke Allison, Freeman, S.D.
Luke Huyard, Harrisonburg, Va.
Jack Shingler, Kidron, Ohio
Isaac Tice, Buhler, Kan.

Alto

Meg Beyer, Harrisonburg, Va.
Alyssa Burkholder, Goessel, Kan.
Kara Longenecker, Harrisonburg, Va.
Ginny Miller, Harrisonburg, Va.
Alyssa Nolt, Dalton, Ohio
Sadie Oesch, Caldwell, Idaho

Bass

Abraham Cadillo Quispe, Yokohama, Japan
Sam Groff, Harrisonburg, Va.
Jesse Kanagy, Lancaster, Pa.
Aidan Swartzendruber, Henderson, Neb.



Russell Adrian, D.M.A., has been a member of the Hesston College music faculty since 2015. He conducts the Bel Canto Singers, teaches music theory and has led two International Chorales on three-week tours of Europe. He holds a doctor of musical arts degree in conducting from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), master of music degree in choral conducting from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated from Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) with degrees in music and mathematics. In addition, Russell serves as the artistic director of The Summer Singers, a chamber vocal ensemble based in Minneapolis, Minn. He resides in rural Goessel with his wife, Camille, and three children, Hannah, Micah and Elijah.



Kenneth Rodgers, M.M., has been on the Hesston College music faculty since 1988. He conducts the Hesston College Global Voices and teaches organ and music appreciation classes. As an organist, Ken has accompanied Hesston College choirs on numerous tours of Europe. He has also given recitals in Germany and throughout the United States. In addition to his teaching, he performs frequently as a collaborative pianist for internationally acclaimed baritone and Hesston College artist in residence Tony Brown and is a member of the Sunflower Trio with violinist Rebecca Schloneger and her husband Matthew, tenor. A native of central Kansas, Ken is a 1985 Hesston College graduate and holds a bachelor's degree from Goshen (Ind.) College and a master's degree in church music from the University of Kansas (Lawrence).