

Choral Union
A Voice from Heaven

Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 8pm
Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

Pacific Lutheran University
School of Arts and Communication and the Department of Music present

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Richard Nance, *Conductor*

with

Lauren Wessels and Cassie Turner, *harp*
Brian Wharton, *cello*
Paul Tegels, *organ*

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Welcome to Lagerquist Concert Hall.
Please disable the audible signal on all watches and cellular phones for the duration of the performance.
Use of cameras, recording equipment and all digital devices is not permitted in the concert hall.

Program

Phoenix.....Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

Awake my soul, awake lute and harp
I will awake the dawn.

As the Phoenix wings from the woodland tree
swift of pinion, soars to the sky,
so will I rise and give thanks to you, O Lord;
for your kindness towers to the heavens;
your faithfulness to the skies.

O rising Sun, most radiant angel,
God of God, true Son of the Father,
ever Lord of celestial light, send the bright sun;
illumine those in darkness, in eternal night.

O Saviour Lord,
help us put down the prince of death.
Let thy handiwork mount up on high
as that blessed bird,
when a thousand winters have waxed and waned

and life ends, the balefire burns
that blessed bird, rises again out of the ashes
transformed, restored.

Saviour of souls, speak;
with the sounding trumpet awake
Thy bitter passion by the Father's grace
was given new life.
As the Phoenix with youth refashioned
out of the ashes wakes again,
To the life of life by God's grace
(the body's death).

Our eager flight, our hymns, our songs rise,
rise to praise the Lord in his glorious Kingdom
that lovely city
world without end.
Awake my soul, awake lute and harp
I will awake the dawn.

Text adapted from an ancient Christian poem, translated by Charles Kennedy

RequiemHerbert Howells (1892-1983)

I. Salvator mundi

O Saviour of the world,
Who by thy Cross and thy precious Blood
hast redeemed us,

help us, save us,
we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

II. Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea though I walk in the valley
of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil:

thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Though shalt prepare a table before me
against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

III. Requiem aeternam (1)

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

IV. Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heav'n and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:

he is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out,
and thy coming in:
from this time forth and forever more.

V. Requiem aeternam (2)

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

VI. I heard a voice from heaven

I heard a voice from heav'n,
saying unto me, Write,
From henceforth blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord,

Even so saith the Spirit,
From henceforth blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord:
For they rest from their labours.

Light from Above.....Richard Nance (b. 1955)

Perhaps they are not the stars,
but rather openings in heaven,
where the love of our lost ones
pours through and shines,
the love of our lost ones
pours through and shines down upon us

to let us know they are happy.
The love of those in heaven
pours down on us like light from above.
Joy, the light of joy.
Alleluia!

Text: Eskimo Legend, with additional text by Caroline Varner Coburn.
Commissioned in memory of Lauren and Emily Failla.

Miserere **Rudi Tas (b. 1957)**

Have mercy on us, Lord of all.
Hear us, our God!

Among Angels..... **Will Todd (b. 1970)**

I. Fear not

Fear not,
fear not you the dark
We carry you on soft wide wings.
Fear not you, we carry you.

II. Find Only Joy in the Golden Heavens

Find only joy in the golden heavens
and the shining earth.

III. Seek Out Light

Seek out light,
and bind it to your own light,
fear not the dark,
We carry you on soft wide wings.

Text by Ben Dunwell

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Soprano

Molly Barnes
Stephanie Bivins
Katie Brizuela
Sue Byrd
Marissa Castello
Katie Coddington
Melissa Dier
Jennifer Gorham
Christina Nelson
Allison Saager
Richelle Scanlan
Diann Spicer
Jackie Velasco

Alto

Debbie Dion
Nicole Fife
Karen Fulmer
Debbie Hushagen
Kamila Komschiles
Jamie Lindberg
Cindy Luebke
Patti Nance
Faith Ockwell
Becky Purser
Hannah Rausch
Alison Shane
Jane Sparks
Anne Urlie
Jennifer Woodard

Tenor

Neil Asay
Tom Cameron
Sam Eagle
Eric Faris
John McGilliard
John Ockwell
Rich Ockwell
Nicholas Pharris
Roland Robinson
Randy Saager
Nate Sears
Bassione Van Soest

Bass

Alan Aplin
James D. Bales, Jr.
Chris Berntsen
Jason Brinker
Mike Byrd
Kevin Davis
Greg Golliet
Franklin M. Hiden
Jim Hushagen
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