

Beyond the Five Senses

December 9th, 2024
7:30pm
Mill City Church

Artistic Director
Danny Dahlquist-Johnson

Accompanist
Siri Garnaas



Director's Notes

The human experience is a complicatedly beautiful thing. Each day, we wake up and our senses immediately begin to fire, turning your body into its own documentary machine. But my question to you is, how active is your “documentary crew”? Do they just set up their equipment, press record, go to lunch, and then just come collect everything at the end of the day? While that autopilot can sometimes be a necessary coping mechanism to get through life (I love a good shut down and decompress day just as much as the next person), it restricts you to only using your basic five senses, and not even to their full capacity. If you occasionally take a moment to “stop and smell the roses”, you might experience some really cool stuff.

The past few years of my life has retaught me the importance of experiencing my life from all directions. After all, there are many other ways to fill in the phrase, “sense of ____”, besides the main five. And I might be a little biased, but I believe music, especially choral music, is one of the best ways to engage many senses at once. When you let it, music can be a deeply personal experience.

Through our program this evening, the Morris Park Singers strive to explore, with our audience, the human experience through music. Whether it is tapping into your childlike senses of wonder and imagination again, not being ashamed of your goofy sense of humor, wishing your sense of time allowed us to make more of it, or allowing your sense of longing to remember both good times passed and your wants for the future, I hope that through your sense of hearing, you are able to experience everything the music has to offer. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy a needed extra boost to your senses of relief and peace. I know we have not performed for you yet, but I have already felt such a sense of pride and accomplishment preparing our milestone 5th concert for you all. Please enjoy “Beyond the Five Senses”!

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Program

Sense of Longing

Sicut Cervus.....Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Morris Park Singers Small Ensemble

Sense of Peace

Sunday (from Sunday in the Park with George).....Arr. Mac Huff

Sense of Time

Time.....Jennifer Lucy Cook

Sense of Wonder

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.....Arr. Daniel Elder

Sense of Pride

Mo Ghile Mear.....Arr Desmond Earley
Soloists: Olivia Dorow Hovland, Brandon Reger-Johnson, Laura Anderson
Bodhran: Drew Kelly

Sense of Imagination

Pure Imagination (from Willy Wonka).....Arr. Matthew D. Nielsen

Sense of Humor

Wannabe.....Arr. Nathan Howe (opb The Spice Girls)

Sense of Relief

Fix You.....Arr. George Chung (opb Coldplay)

Sense of Accomplishment

Sure on this Shining Night.....Morten Lauridsen

Sicut Cervus

Latin

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
Ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

English

As the deer thirsts and pants for flowing
fountains of water,
That's how my soul desires, thirsting and panting
for you, Father.

Mo Ghile Mear

Irish Gaelic

Chorus

Sé mo laoch mo Ghile Mear
'Sé mo Shaesar, Gile Mear,
Ní fhuaras féin aon tsuan ná séan,
Ó chuaigh i gcéin mo ghile mear.

Verses

Bímse buan ar buairt gach ló,
Ag caoi go crua is ag tuar na ndeor
Mar scaoileadh uaim an buachaill beo
Is ná ríomhtar tuairisc uaidh, mo bhrón.

Ní haoibhinn cuach ba suairc ar neoin,
Táid fíorchoin uaisle ar uatha spóirt,
Táid saoithe 's suadha i mbuairt 's i mbrón
Ó scaoileadh uainn an buachaill beo.

Is cosúil é le hAonghus Óg,
Le Lughaidh Mac Chéin na mbéimeann mór,
Le Cú Raoi, ardmhac Dáire an óir,
Taoiseach Éireann tréan ar tóir.

Le Conall Cearnach bhearnadh poirt,
Le Fearghas fiúntach fionn Mac Róigh
Le Conchubhar cáidhmhac Náis na nós,
Taoiseach aoibhinn Chraoibhe an cheoil.

English

Chorus

My dashing darling is my hero
My dashing darling is my Caesar
I have had neither sleep nor good fortune
Since my dashing darling went far away.

Verses

I am perpetually worried every day
Wailing heavily and shedding tears
Since my lively boy was released from me
And there is no word of him, alas

The pleasure of the cheerful cuckoo at noon is gone
The affable nobility are not bothered with sport
The learned and the cultured are worried and sad
Since the lively lad was taken from me

He is like Young Aonghus
Like Lughaidh Mac Chéin of the great blows
Like Cú Raoi, great son of Dáire of the gold
Leader of Éire strong in pursuit

Like Conall Cearnach who breached defenses
Like worthy fair haired Feargas Mac Róigh
Like Conchubhar venerable son of Nás of the tradition
The pleasant chieftain of the musical [Fenian] Branch

Choir

Soprano

Maia Davidson
Anya Klaassen#
Elizabeth Lacy
Emily Miller
Salem Weitzenhoffer+#
Kirsten Anderson#
Wendy Anderson
Olivia Curti
Eden Lehr
Laura Anderson#
Karen Barrows
Michelle Brunt
Lisa Denninger
Amy Donovan
Kerry Johnson
Whitney Russell#
Siri Garnaas

Alto

Emma Borkowski
Sarah Campbell
Renee Chizek
Christine Devitt
Abi Janzen
Eliza King#
Amy Kurowski-Moen
Stephanie Mueller
Kelsey Schiller#
Sam Sorenson
Elise Thompson#
Ali Carlson#
Olivia Dorow Hovland
Rachel Godfrey
Keisa Helgerson+
Rachel Martinez
Jocelyn Mickelson
Ellen Nemmers
Rachel Richardson
Alyson Weber
Holly Wykert

Tenor

Jack Bertelsen#
Marco Fields
Brandon Reger-Johnson#
Corey McClain
Colin Sullivan#
Matt Alveshere
Joel Carlson#
Kevin Dahlquist-Johnson
Kevin Lindee
Andrew Walker+

Bass

Mike Anderson
Alex Davies#
Matthew Felland
Q'ori Goerd
Philip Groth#
Travis Loch#
Ethan Hiedeman
Joe Scarpellino+#
Rob Schneider
Ryan Slusher

+ = Section Leader
= Small Ensemble

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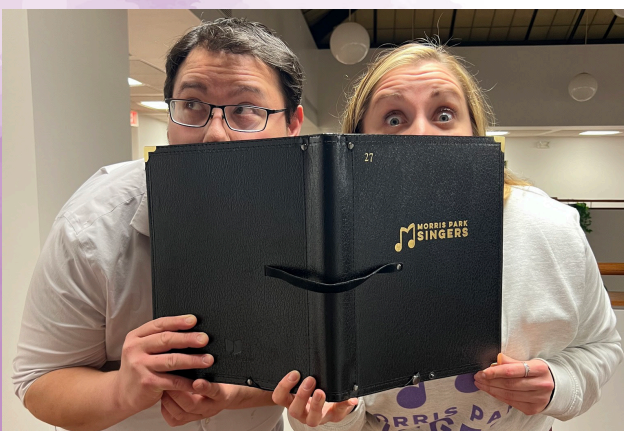
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