## THE SINGERS

SOPRANOS	ALTOS	TENORS
ANYA KLAASSEN	MICHELLE BRUNT	DANIEL LANE
ANISSA LUBBERS	AMANDA FRYE	MYLES MCKNIGHT
KAITLIN MCINERNEY	KEISA KARR	BRYN TANNER
Maggie Sorenson	AMY KUROWSKI-MOEN	KEVIN JOHNSON
WENDY ANDERSON	KELSEY SCHILLER	BRANDON REGER
LINDSEY BUSHNELL	STEPHANIE THIELBAR	MATTHEW SATHER
ANN FARRELL	EMILY UECKER	BASSES
Anna Felland	LATASHA WHITE	TRAVIS LOCH
TJ JACOBS	ALI CARLSON	JAKE MCINERNEY
SOPHIE PIMSLER	LISA DENNINGER	LUKE STURDEVANT
HANNAH RIBGEWELF	OLIVIA DOROW HOVLAND	DANIEL K. MCDERMOTT
WHITNEY RUSSELL	ANNIE FRAZIER	MAX PATTSNER
JACKIE TULLY	HANNA MCLEVISH	JOE SCARPELLINO
	ALYSON WEBER	ROB SCHNEIDER
	BARB YOUNG	

#### **SPECIAL THANKS:**

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE MORRIS PARK PLAYERS BOARD
THE MORRIS PARK PLAYERS COMMUNITY
BECKY SUN, OUR LOVELY ACCOMPANIST
THIS WONDERFUL ENSEMBLE

MY FAMILY AND ESPECIALLY MY KIDS FOR PUTTING UP WITH MY TIME AWAY PLANNING AND REHEARSING

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MARCH 31 & APRIL 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 - 7:00 PM

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# THE MORRIS PARK SINGERS PRESENT:



DIRECTED BY: DANNY DAHLQUIST ACCOMPANIED BY: BECKY SUN

Monday, December 12th - 7:00PM Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

### **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

HOME. WHAT A WORD, HUH? IF I ASKED 100 PEOPLE FOR THE DEFINITION OF THAT WORD, I WOULD HAVE 100 DIFFERENT ANSWERS. MERRIAM WEBSTER HERSELF HAS 16. I FIND THAT BEAUTIFUL! AND, WITH IT BEING THE HOLIDAYS, "HOME" IS A CONCEPT AT THE FRONT OF EVERYONE'S MINDS. FOR SOME, THE CONCEPT OF "HOME" ELICITS VERY POSITIVE EMOTIONS. FOR OTHERS, IT CAN BRING A SENSE OF SADNESS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN BETWEEN. FOR ME, THIS CONCEPT HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF MY MIND IN A LOT OF WAYS, WITH THE CONTINUOUS WORK ON MY "HOME" OVER THE PAST YEAR, WHETHER THAT BE PHYSICAL WORK ON THE HOUSE OR WORKING WITH MY PARTNER AND OUR GROWING FAMILY TO MAKE THAT HOUSE A HOME. I ALSO THINK ABOUT "HOME" WITH THIS GROUP. MANY OF THE SINGERS (AND MYSELF AS WELL) WERE LOOKING FOR A CHORAL MUSIC "HOME" AGAIN. IT HAS BEEN MY ABSOLUTE JOY TO CREATE ANOTHER CHOSEN FAMILY WITH THIS CHOIR.

WITH THIS CONCERT, I WANTED TO CREATE MY OWN MUSICAL ATTEMPT AT RESPECTING THE MANY DEFINITIONS OF, AND THEREFORE THE MANY EMOTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH, THE CONCEPT OF "HOME". SOMETIMES, THE TOPIC IS AS SIMPLE AS CELEBRATING THE HOME AND FAMILY WE CAME FROM. SOMETIMES, IT IS THE REMEMBERING THOSE PARTS OF OUR CORE "HOME" THAT WE HAVE LOST. SOMETIMES, IT IS THE NOTION THAT "HOME" DOESN'T NEED TO BE TIED TO A PHYSICAL PLACE AT ALL. SOMETIMES, IT IS ABOUT THE JOURNEY "HOME", WHEREVER THAT MAY BE. WE ALSO HAVE SONGS INVITING THE LISTENERS GATHER TOGETHER IN SOME FORM. THIS GATHERING OF YOUR PEOPLE ALLUDES TO THE MOST IMPORTANT FORM OF "HOME" TO MANY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE LGTBQ+ COMMUNITY: YOUR CHOSEN FAMILY. I AM VERY LUCKY TO HAVE AN AMAZING BLOOD FAMILY BUT ALSO AN AMAZING CHOSEN FAMILY, ESPECIALLY MY THREE WONDERFULLY SPECTACULAR BONUS CHILDREN. SO, ZANDER, ADDIE, AND MY GIRL, LUNA....THAT LAST SONG IS FOR YOU!

MY HOPE FOR YOU ALL IS THAT SOME PART OF THIS CONCERT CAN GIVE YOU A SENSE OF "HOME", WHATEVER THAT MAY MEAN TO YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR ENSEMBLE. IT MEANS THE WORLD TO EVERY ONE OF US. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

—— DANNY DAHLQUIST



THE MORRIS PARK PLAYERS ORGANIZATION BEGAN AS A MALE CHORAL GROUP IN 1952 – THE FATHER SINGERS! AFTER JOINING FORCES WITH THE MORRIS PARK MOTHER SINGERS, THEY FORMED THE ORIGINAL MORRIS PARK SINGERS IN 1968 TO DIVERSIFY THEIR REPERTOIRE. EVENTUALLY, THEY BEGAN TO PRODUCE MUSICALS, AND IN 1981 BECAME THE MORRIS PARK PLAYERS. NOW WITH MORE THAN 100 PRODUCTIONS TO ITS CREDIT OVER 60 YEARS MORRIS PARK PLAYERS CONTINUES TO PROVIDE QUALITY MUSICAL THEATRE TO THE COMMUNITY. AS WELL AS MANY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO CONTRIBUTE AND DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS. WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE IN THE MIDST OF THE VIBRANT ARTS COMMUNITY IN "NORDEAST."

THE MORRIS PARK SINGERS REFORMED IN JANUARY OF 2022 IN AN EFFORT TO EXPAND MORRIS PARK'S ARTISTIC OUTREACH AND OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE PEOPLE TO EXPAND, EXPLORE, ENCOURAGE, AND CELEBRATE THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS. MORRIS PARK'S MISSION IS FOR AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO FIND AN ARTISTIC "HOME".

### **PROGRAM**

ZION'S WALLSAARON COPLAND
CALEDONIADougie MacLean Soloist: Anya Klaassen; Guitar: Zach Jansen
THE VAGABONDRALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS SOLOIST: MYLES MCKNIGHT
HASTE THEE NYMPHGeorge Frederic Handel
AND SO IT GOES
GOIN' HOMEARR. PAUL LANGFORD  CELLO: NATHAN HERTZ
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