



THE MORRIS PARK SINGERS
PRESENT

Soar

May 13, 7:30pm
Mill City Church

Artistic Director
Danny Dahlquist

Accompanist
Becky Sun



Director's Notes

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?" It is not by accident that one of the most popular answers to this question, by kids or adults, is being able to fly. There is a sense of freedom in being able to just zoom through the air. Last time I checked, I do not have wings but I did face my fears and go skydiving a few years ago and that feeling of flying through the air is certainly exhilarating.

But, in all seriousness, I have learned in the past few years of my life that sometimes you need to just stop for a second, center your mind, take a deep breath, and take that leap of faith, even when your path to the ground isn't set yet. This is something that I certainly had to do when I started this choir, and I could not be happier that I did. I am so blessed and lucky to have such a level of talent and commitment and creativity in this choir for our first four seasons. We have enjoyed such growth and success and I look forward to continuing that into our very exciting future.

Please enjoy our selection of music tonight that celebrates what happens when you (literally and figuratively) let go and spread your wings!! Thank you all so much for your continued support of the Morris Park Singers!!

**Music Director,
Danny Dahlquist**



Program

Be Like the Bird.....Abbie Betinis

Soloist: Ann Farrell

Over the Rainbow.....arr. Teena Chinn

Performed by MPS Small Ensemble

Soloist: Travis Loch

I'll Fly Away.....Albert E. Brumley

Performed by: Philip Groth, Kerry Johnson

Guitar: Brian Turnquist, Jeff Alford

A Soft Place to Land from 'Waitress'.....Sara Bareilles

Performed by: Ali Carlson, Olivia Curti, Alyson Weber

Guitar: Dan Smieja

Angel from Montgomery.....John Prine (opb Bonnie Raitt)

Performed by: Emma Borkowski

Walk Out On The Water.....arr. Geung Krocke-Lee

Percussion: Eric Wigham, Joe Scarpellino

Wings.....Danny Dahlquist

Defying Gravity from 'Wicked'.....arr. Roger Emerson

Soloist: Kaitlin McInerney

Go, Tuneful Bird.....John Wall Callcott

Ad Astra.....Jacob Narverud

Rise Up.....arr. Lonnie Delisle

Soloists: Keisa Helgerson, Anya Klaassen, Olivia Curti

Blackbird.....arr. Jonathan Wikeley

Measure Me. Sky!.....Elaine Hagenberg

Soloists' Notes

Be Like the Bird

This text has inspired me during difficult times in my life... when I've felt the branch begin to break beneath me without warning, causing me to question myself, the paths I have chosen, and even my self-worth. With the help of music and friends who helped me find opportunities to sing, I began to recall my former optimism, hope, and joy. When I first heard this song performed live, it brought me to tears. It describes ME, striving to be like that little bird. Knowing she hath wings. I also love that Abbie is a local female composer and an advocate for accessible arts and music education, like me.

-Ann Farrell

I'll Fly Away

This song always brings me peace and I find myself singing it at random times during the day and over the years in my life.

-Philip Groth

This song reminds me of those who are suffering, finding peace and I've always loved singing it as I fell in love with Allison Krause's music!

-Kerry Johnson

A Soft Place to Land

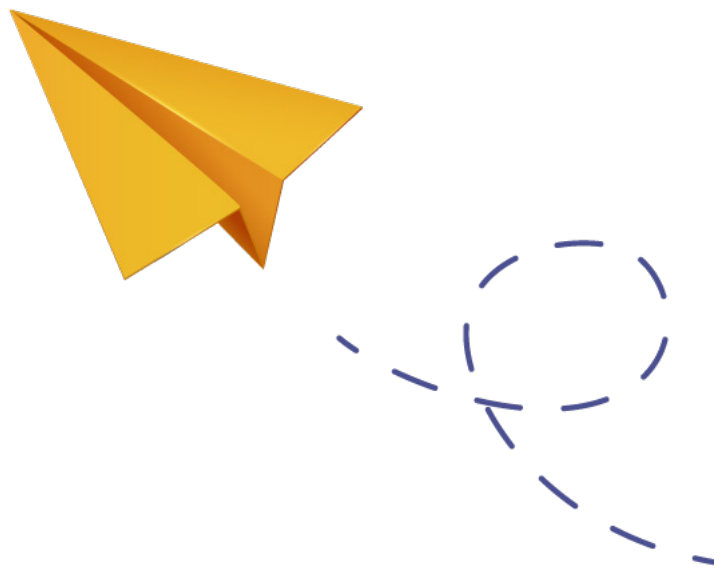
This song connected with us because it speaks to growing up and realizing that even though your dreams aren't necessarily realistic, it's important to hold onto them. If you feel like you're falling, the hope that comes from a dream can help you fly again.

-Olivia Curti, Ali Carlson, Alyson Weber

Angel From Montgomery

A John Prine original, "Angel from Montgomery", encapsulates the theme of 'Soar' through its folky, melodic storytelling. Themes of sweet daydreaming and contemplative longing culminate in the chorus; Make me an angel that flies from Montgomery. Greatly popularized by Bonnie Raitt, this song has entertained audiences for over 50 years

-Emma Borkowski



Choir

Soprano

Kirsten Anderson
Wendy Anderson
Olivia Curti
Maia Davidson
Ann Farrell
#Allie Gasiorowski
Kacy Grauberger
#Kerry Johnson
@Anya Klaassen
Anissa Lubbers
Kaitlin McInerney
#Whitney Russell
#Barbara Saunders
#Jackie Tully

Tenor

John Beale
Jack Bertelson
#Joel Carlson
Philip Groth
Jerry Housh
#Daniel Lane
#Brandon Reger-Johnson
@Andrew Walker

Alto

Laura Anderson
Morgan Bartlett
#Emma Borkowski
Ali Carlson
Sam Fondurulia
@#Keisa Helgersen
#Eliza King
Karen Kraco
Amy Kurowski-Moen
Jocelyn Mickelson
Ellen Nemmers
#Kelsey Schiller
Emily Uecker
#Alyson Weber

Bass

Mike Anderson
Michael Grauberger
Zach Holloway
#Travis Loch
Joe Lundy
#Devin Nelson
@#Joe Scarpellino
#Joe Schifsky
Ryan Slusher



@ = Section Leader
= Small Ensemble

Choir Manager

Brandon Reger-Johnson

Committee

Ali Carlson
Anya Klaassen
Alyson Weber

Special Thanks

Mill City Church, for continuing to being so welcoming and providing us with great space

Becky Sun, for being my talented and reliable collaborator since day one

Brandon Reger-Johnson, for keeping me sane and keeping the choir running smoothly

Ali, Alyson, & Anya (our committee), for bringing your creative ideas to the choir and helping us continue to grow and succeed

Michael Graubeger, for building me a conducting platform for our rehearsal space

All of our program ad purchasers (make sure to check them out)

All of our volunteers to helping our concert run smoothly

My amazing fiancé, Kevin, and all of my kids (Luna, Zander, Addie) for being my rock.

And all of you for your continued support of the Morris Park Singers!



Donors

A big thank you to our Season 4 donors!*

As a small non-profit, the Morris Park Singers relies heavily on the generous donations of our patrons.

Please consider supporting us by going to morrisparksingers.org/support and making a tax-deductible donation to our choir.

It helps us with the costs of space rental, all of our sheet music, choir folders, and the various fees associated with website domains, storage space, insurance, etc. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

If you would be interested in sponsoring a future season of the choir, feel free to reach out to info@morrisparksingers.org.

**As of April 30th, 2024*

Linda Anderson
Bridget Bender
Kathleen Curti
Mark and Lori Dahlquist
Ellen Gasiorowski
Karen Hall
Yannick Hurry
Laura King
Theresa Tostengard



SCAN ME TO DONATE

SATURDAY SPRITZ

AT SURDYK'S

FREE TASTINGS

Every Saturday in April & May
10am-12pm

Enjoy a morning of sipping spritz & tasty snacks

2 different spritz each week!
Tasty bites from Surdyk's Cheese Shop!
FREE Give-a-Ways!

www.surdyks.com

303 E. Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414



Join Chorus Polaris on a journey exploring the human need for connection, for community, and to celebrate homecoming with songs from Broadway!

3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 19, 2024

First Lutheran Church
1555 40th Ave. NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

For tickets, visit 'www.choruspolaris.org'

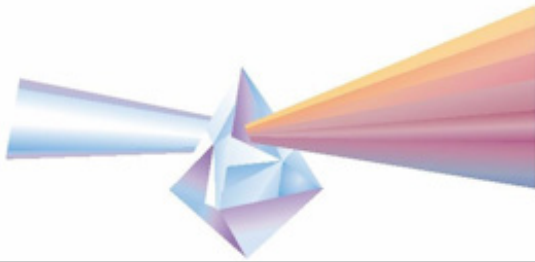


Kaitlin McInerney

REALTOR®



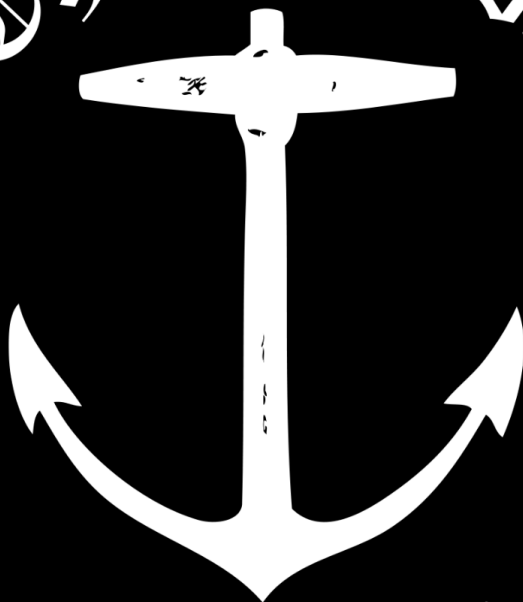
m: 605.254.8886
o: 612.223.6319
e: kmcinerneyrealtor@gmail.com
w: www.kaitlinmcinerney.com



Dr. Nancy Anne Schrauth DC, RCST®
Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy
651 964 9048, dr.nancy.schrauth@gmail.com
www.lightstreamschiropractic.com



The Anchor



Fish & Chips

The Real Deal.

302 13th Ave NE

Tues - Thur: 4-9:30

Fri: 4-10:30

Sat: Noon-10:30

Sun: Noon-9:30

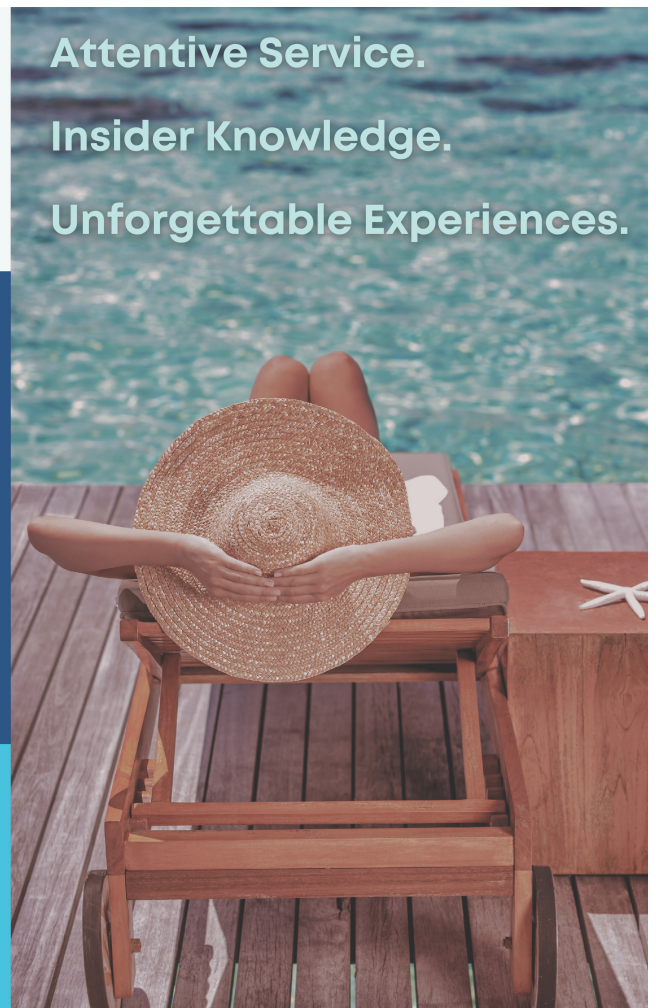
Online orders for pickup
theanchorfishandchips.com



Attentive Service.
Insider Knowledge.
Unforgettable Experiences.

Since 1992, we have been helping travelers just like you see the world. We are able to offer so much more than just booking a trip. We help make travel planning a fun, exciting, and stress-free process as we work together to create an elevated travel experience designed specifically for you.

Plan Your Next Adventure | Contact Us At
651-600-6273 | AscentTravelDesign.com



TRACY PRINTING

A FULL SERVICE PRINT PROVIDER SERVING BUSINESSES, CHURCHES,
SCHOOLS, AND GOVERNMENTS, FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

PRODUCTS

MANUALS
BULLETINS
DIRECT MAIL
SIGNS
BANNERS
POSTCARDS
NEWSLETTERS
BROCHURES
BOOKLETS
ENVELOPES
BUSINESS CARDS
FLYERS

SERVICES

DIGITAL
PRINT-ON-DEMAND
VARIABLE DATA PRINTING

WE CAN HELP WITH YOUR PROJECT!

GET A **FREE** ESTIMATE AT
WWW.TRACYPRINTING.COM



Join Us!

Are you interested in joining the Morris Park Singers for our upcoming milestone 5th season this fall? Go to morrisparksingers.org/join for more information! And feel free to email info@morrisparksingers.org with any questions.

