

The Morris Park Singers

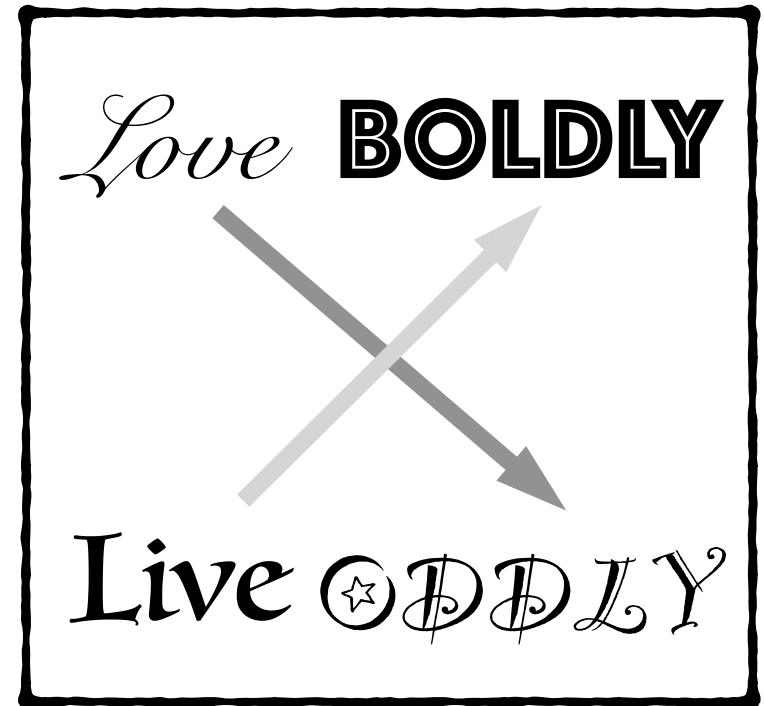
Lilly Beyer	John Naumann
Lindsey Bushnell	Max Pattsner
Ann Farrell	Sophie Pimsler
TJ Jacobs	Brandon Reger
Luke Jirik	Jenny Reiersen-Naumann
Travis Loch	Matthew Sather
Martti Maunula	Rob Schneider
Jake McInerney	Maggie Sorenson
Kaitlin McInerney	Latashia White
Hanna McLevish	Barb Young

Morris Park Players began as the Morris Park Father Singers in spring 1952. Over the years, the group transformed and expanded its repertoire, first changing in 1968 to the Morris Park Singers, and again in 1981 to its present name, Morris Park Players. With more than 100 productions to its credit over 60 years, Morris Park Players provides impactful, quality musical theatre to the community and a plethora of opportunities for individuals to contribute and develop their talents. We are very excited about our partnership with Minneapolis Public Schools, and to be in the midst of the vibrant arts community in "Nordeast."



If you would like more information about the Morris Park Singers, please contact the director at danny.dahlquist.13@gmail.com.

The Morris Park Singers Present:



Directed by Danny Dahlquist
Accompanied by Becky Sun

Monday, May 9th - 7:30 PM
Grace Lutheran Church

Director's Note

I, like many of you, was forced to do quite a bit of inward thinking over the past couple of years. While that is often an uncomfortable task (and it was), I was fortunate enough to come out of quarantine with a much needed refreshed outlook on my life. The nine songs of this program tell a story of a "protagonist's" similar journey. It starts with them inviting us into their lives. As we are let in, we watch as they learn to navigate the complexities of being loved and being hurt. It is their hope that, when their life's journey is near its end, they can look back at the trials and tribulations of life and see light.

Perhaps some of you may view many of these songs as messages to another; however, I invite you to do the uncomfortable task and take an introspective view. While reassessing the love in our lives, we often miss that our relationship with ourselves needs the most reflection and effort. My wish for all of you is that the struggles of self-discovery eventually lead you to an increased level of self-celebration and appreciation. Additionally, I hope you can do that type of exhale where you expel more than just air. I will always remember when my grandfather told me in sixth grade during a family trip to Florida, and my weird self was getting made fun of for doing an algebra workbook instead of enjoying the beach, "All you need to be is you." If being you brings you a little left of center, celebrate it. "Normal" is way overrated anyway. Now, to my fellow quirky people of the world, go out there and love boldly (including yourself) and make sure to live oddly.

It has been my absolute honor to make and celebrate music with these fine people and to be able to share their talents with you all. Please enjoy the inaugural performance of the brand new Morris Park Singers!

Proudly & weirdly yours,
Danny Dahlquist

Program

- The Pasture.....Z. Randall Stroope
O occhi manza mia.....Orlando di Lasso
Creep.....arr. Matthew J. Olson
Amazing Grace.....arr. Keith McCutchen
Soloist: Matthew Sather
Grace Kelly.....arr. Jetse Bremer
Sequel.....Robert H. Young
from Two Love Songs
Pinball Wizard.....arr. Andy Beck
from Tommy
Sure on this Shining Night.....Morten Lauridsen
I'll Cover You (Reprise).....arr. Mac Huff
from Rent

Soloist: Sophie Pimsler
Small Group: Travis Loch, Jake McInerney, Brandon Reger