



The Morris Park Singers present:



December 4th & 5th, 2023 - 7:30pm

Mill City Church

Directed by: Danny Dahlquist

Accompanied by: Becky Sun

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Peace. Probably one of the most sought-after commodities in the world. We've all heard the running jokes about pageant queens asking for "world peace" in their question-and-answer session or heard numerous hymns and Christmas songs mention peace. One of the most utilized Latin phrases in choral music (which you will hear in two of our songs) is "dona nobis pacem", meaning "grant us peace". The word "peace" even has its own worldly recognized symbol! I could go on and on; however, peace is one of those tricky concepts which means something unique to each person. So, I ask you: What does peace look like? What does peace feel like? Some of you may not know how to answer either of those questions. With the absence of peace all around us in recent years, I am sure I can speak for some when I say that we may not even remember what our original definitions of "peace" even were. Regardless of what "peace" is or means, we often find ourselves wishing it for others. Even with "dona nobis pacem", you are asking for peace for the collective. Lately, I know that I have found myself looking for a personal peace, an inner peace, if you will. We all face our own challenges in the world and underestimate the need for a simple moment where you can just stop and simply be. I challenge you all to allow peace to flow through you and fill you this season. When I originally chose this season's concert theme, I couldn't have even imagined how apt of a theme it would be for the current stages of my life: moving into a new home, planning a wedding, growing the choir, navigating the exciting future of the Morris Park Players, and everything in between. Having the extreme honor of directing this choir, while it comes with its own tasks, to-dos, and challenges, assists with leading me to a peace in my hectic life. Regardless of whether you need a small reset or your life is like the game of tug-of-war being sung about in "Hela Rotan", my hope, through our repertoire this evening, is that you feel a growing and present peace. Thank you all so much for coming out tonight to support The Morris Park Singers. And now, may you enjoy "Grant Me Peace"!

MORRIS PARK SINGERS LEADERSHIP

Danny Dahlquist - Artistic Director

Brandon Reger-Johnson - Choir Manager

Ali Carlson - Committee Member At Large

Emily Uecker - Committee Member At Large

Alyson Weber - Committee Member At Large

THE PROGRAM

The Sound of Silence

arr. Ludovico “Dodo” Version & Viola Fillippini

Small Ensemble: Wendy Anderson, Morgan Bartlett, Ali Carlson, Olivia Curti, Keisa Karr, Travis Loch, Anissa Lubbers, Gideon Lubbers, Daniel McDermott, Devin Nelson, Sophie Pimsler, Brandon Reger-Johnson, Whitney Russell, Joe Scarpellino, Joe Schifsky, Kelsey Schiller, Rob Schneider, Jackie Tully

****WITHOUT PAUSE****

The Ground

Ola Gjeilo

Big Yellow Taxi

arr. Matt & Adam Podd

Hela Rotan

arr. Ken Steven

Peace

Adam Paltrowitz

Wake Me Up

arr. Jetse Bremer

I Will Arise and Go

Shawn Kirchner

Soloist: Whitney Russell

Anyone

arr. Katherine Bodor

Soloists: Maggie Sorenson, Olivia Curti, Mary Palazzolo

Light, from Next to Normal

arr. Mac Huff

Soloists: Allie Gasiorowski, Brandon Reger-Johnson

Pacem

Lee Dengler

Orchestra: Laura Bidgood, Ryan Connoy, Roxanne Cornell, Joe Einertson, Nancy Hagfors, Beth Henningsen, Nathan Hertz, Andrea Holsten, Nathanael Holsten, Russell Holsten, Chris Kaner, Barb Ling, Lorine Menzhuber, Madilynn Nelson, Rayna Nisswandt, Betsy Preston, Gavin Schaeferle, Matt Schlukebier, Meg Schlukebier, Becky Sun, Eric Wigham

THE MORRIS PARK SINGERS

SOPRANO

Wendy Anderson
Lindsey Bushnell
Olivia Curti
Anna Felland
Allie Gasiorowski
Jeanna Gillespie
**Anya Klaasen
Anissa Lubbers
Kaitlin McInerney
Emily Miller
Mary Palazzolo
Sophie Pimsler
Hannah Ridgewell
Whitney Russell
Maggie Sorenson
Jackie Tully

** = Section Leader

ALTO

Morgan Bartlett
Lilly Beyer
Michelle Brunt
Ali Carlson
Olivia Dorow Hovland
Amanda Frye
Emily Jakus
**Keisa Karr
Amy Kurowski-Moen
Hanna McLevish
Ellen Nemmers
Kelsey Schiller
Madelyn Smerillo
Emily Uecker
Alyson Weber
Latasha White

TENOR

Jerry Housh
Daniel Lane
Gideon Lubbers
Tony Peterson
**Brandon Reger-Johnson

Bryn Tanner

BASS

Mike Anderson
Sam DeGeest
Edward Jones
Travis Loch
Daniel McDermott
Devin Nelson
**Joe Scarpellino
Joe Schifsky
Rob Schneider
Ryan Slusher
Morgan Thomas

SPECIAL THANKS

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Becky Sun, for being an amazing accompanist for the past three seasons
Our choir manager, Brandon, for helping me keep things running
Our committee, for continuing to bring new and creative ideas to the group.
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The Morris Park Players Board, for continuing to support this new endeavor
My fiancé, Kevin, for letting me see out one of my dreams
My kids, Luna, Zander, and Addie, for keeping me motivated
And all of you, for taking the time to come and support our choir