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A Plea for Peace in Our Time

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Biemesderfer Concert Hall

I. Choral Union

Your Voices Tune from *Alexander's Feast*, HWV 75.....G. F. Handel (1685-1759),
Edited and arranged by Matthew Michaels

*Your voices tune, and raise them high, till they echo from the vaulted sky, the blest Cecilia's name;
Music to heaven and earth we owe, the greatest blessing that's below: sound loudly then her fame!
Let's imitate her notes above! And may this evening ever prove sacred to Harmony and Love.*

Xingze Jiang, piano

II. Cantilena Women's Choir

After the Rain.....Sarah Quartel (b. 1982)

*The grass will shed its moisture, the fog will lift from the trees,
A new light will brighten the sky and play in the drops that hang on all things after the rain.
Heed the days when the rain flows freely, in their greyness lies the seed of much thought.
Heed the days when the sky hangs low and paints new colours on the earth.
Your heart will beat out a new gladness, if you let it happen.*

Chief Dan George (1899-1981)
from *Words to a Grandchild*

Hope Is the Thing with Feathers.....Susan LaBarr (b. 1982)

*Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all, and sweetest in the gale is heard; and sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird that kept so many warm.
I've heard it in the chilliest land and on the strangest sea, yet never in extremity it asked a crumb of me.*

Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

III. Chorale

Life.....Jacob Naverud (b. 1986)

*Life has loveliness to sell, all beautiful and splendid things,
Blue waves whitened on a cliff, soaring fire that sways and sings,
And children's faces looking up holding wonder like a cup.
Life has loveliness to sell, music like a curve of gold,
Scent of pine trees in the rain, eyes that love you, arms that hold,
And for your spirit's still delight, holy thoughts that star the night.
Spend all you have for loveliness, but it and never count the cost;
For one white singing hour of peace count many a year of strife well lost,
And for a breath of ecstasy give all you have been, or could be.*

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

We are the music makers.....Reginal Wright

*We are the music makers. We are the dreamers of dreams, wandering by lone sea-breakers; sitting by desolate streams;
World-losers and forsakers on whom the pale moon gleams:*

We are the movers, we are the shakers, we are the music makers, we are the dreamers of dreams.

Arthur O'Shaughnessy (1844-1881)

IV. University Choir

Locus iste.....Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

Shalom.....Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Peace. Shalom. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: Peace. Shalom.

Not as this world gives, I give to you, do not be afraid. Shalom. Peace.

John 14:27

Haley Richard, piano

V. Choral Union

Crossing the Bar.....Jonathan Reid (b. 1991)

Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea.

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home.*

Twilight and evening bell, and after that, the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell when I embark.

For though from out our bourne of Time and Place the flood may bear me far,

I hope to meet my Pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

Xingze Jiang, piano

Deep Peace.....Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ, the light of thge world to you.

A Gaelic Blessing

Nanga Lin, piano

Alleluia.....Elaine Hagenberg

Alleluia. All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see.

We shall see and we shall know. We shall know and we shall love. Behold our end which is not end.

St. Augustine (354-430)

"A Million Dreams"

from *The Greatest Showman*.....Words and Music by Benj Pasek (b. 1979) & Justin Paul (b. 1985)

Arranged by Mac Huff

I close my eyes and I can see a world that's waiting up for me that I call my own.

Through the dark, through the door, through where no one's been before, but it feels like home.

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy. They can say, they can say I've lost my mind.

I don't care, I don't care, so call me crazy. We can live in a world that we design.

'Cause every night I lie in bed the brightest colors fill my head, a million dreams are keeping me awake.

I think of what the world could be, a vision of the one I see, a million dreams is all it's gonna take.

Oh, a million dreams for the world we're gonna make.

There's a house we can build, every room inside is filled with things from far away.

Special things I compile, each one there to make you smile on a rainy day.

However big, however small, let me part of it all, share your dreams with me.

You may be right, you may be wrong, but say that you'll bring me along to would you see.

To the world I close my eyes to see, I close my eyes to see.

Robert Ferry and Madison Kreider, soloists

Xingze Jiang, piano

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