# WUSTLMUSIC Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 7:30 P.M. E. Desmond Lee Concert Hall, 560 Music Center

# Concert Choir

"Undivided"

John McDonald, conductor Sandra Geary, collaborative pianist



## Program

Hlohonolofatsa (2016)

South African Greeting Song Arranged by Daniel Jackson (b. 1957)

Kathryn Sarullo-Plano & Max Spinner, soloists Jake Page, djembe

Undivided (2020)

Karen Marrolli (b. 1975)

Holly Lam, violin Eric Liu, cello Sandra Geary, piano

Walk Together, Children (2001)

Traditional Spiritual Arranged by Moses Hogan (1957 - 2003)

As the Tree Stands Tall (2022)

Daniel Schreiner (b.1990)

Jake Page, djembe

Waiting For the Light of Morning (2023)

Steve Parsons (b. 1972)

Jared Berger & Vytautas Staniskis, soloists Adam Kopff, bodhrán

Armistice 1918 (2015)

Craig Carnahan (b. 1951)

Sandra Geary, piano

Verleih' uns Frieden (1831)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

Lillie Kang, Jimin Lee, flute Will Sepesi, Jayden Liu, clarinet Peg Bumb, bassoon Holly Lam, Jasmine Yang, violin Klara Schmidt, viola Eric Liu, Max Silverstein, cello Ben Esther, double bass

### Neha George & Caleb Rhodes, soloists Jake Page, djembe

hope, faith, life, love (2003)

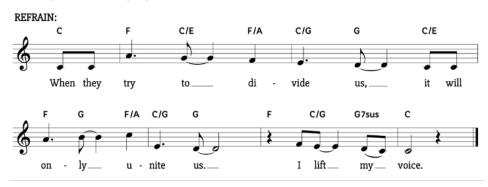
Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

I Lift My Voice (2017)

Andrea Ramsey (b. 1979)

Sandra Geary, piano

Please join us in singing the refrain:



### Selected Texts & Translations

### Undivided - Karen Marrolli

When darkness drops an anchor In the fearful oceans of our minds, And when the world is preaching rancor, I can choose to be kind. And maybe more will find the quiet rivers, Where we'll lift a peaceful melody, And undivided we will stand, Stand together, hand in hand. And when hatred shatters silence, And each one clings to each one's will, And when the world bows down to violence. I can refuse to kill. And maybe more will join in sweet resistance, Singing chords in gentle harmony, And undivided we will stand, Stand together, hand in hand. And when anger breeds division, We can choose to stand side by side, And when the world exalts derision. We can choose to lift each other high. And maybe then we'll join in one big chorus, Singing songs of peace and unity, And undivided we will stand. Stand together, hand in hand.

Waiting for the Light of Morning There is not strength without unity. Don't lose heart. In the shelter of each other, people survive.

### Armistice 1918 - Siegfried Sassoon

Everyone suddenly burst out singing; And I was filled with such delight As prisoned birds must find in freedom, Winging wildly across the white Orchards and dark-green fields; on - on - and out of sight.

Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted; And beauty came like the setting sun: My heart was shaken with tears; and horror Drifted away ... O, but Everyone Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing will never be done.

### Verleih' uns Frieden – Martin Luther

Mercifully grant us peace, Lord God, in our times. For there is no other Who could fight for us But you alone, our God.

### **Concert Choir**

### Members (A-Z):

Elma Ademovic Kevin Ramirez
Kiersten Anderson Lilliana Rey
Selma Becarevic Caleb Rhodes
Eeshani Behara Aloisia Rickert
Jared Berger Kiki Sakano

Melena Braggs Kathryn Sarullo-Plano\* Nicholai Dimov Mariel Scher

Anna Escoto Mitchell Shannon
Katie Furby\*\* Cathy Shi

Neha George John Speas
Zoe Geyman Max Spencer
Elizabeth Girling Veronica Spillman

Deborah Collins Grossman Max Spinner
Michael Hanson Ashwin Srinivasan
Oluwatoni John Vytautas Staniskis\*
Lily Johnson Matthew Sullivan\*
Viktoriia Knyaz Emma Vagelos

Josie Kopff\* Emma Wells
Jaya Kosaraju Ryan Williamson
Conrad Lewis Mac Wolf

Maseo MercerBoo WrinnEugene ParkAlison Zhu

<sup>\*</sup>Section Leader

<sup>\*\*</sup>Choir Manager

### Director



**Dr. John McDonald** is the Director of Choir and Vocal Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, conductor of Cantus, the St. Louis Children's Choirs tenor-bass ensemble, and artistic director and founder of the St. Louis based professional group, Continuum Vocal Ensemble. He is frequently invited as a guest conductor and adjudicator for events across the United States. An active member of the American Choral Directors Association, Dr. McDonald serves on the Education and Communication national standing committee and was selected as one of six

conductors for the 2023 International Conductors Exchange Program with Germany.

Dr. McDonald earned degrees from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, East Carolina University, and Middle Tennessee State University.

### Collaborative Pianist



**Sandra Geary** is a native of County Cork, Ireland and has received piano performance diplomas from the Royal Schools of Music, Trinity College, London; the Cork School of Music, Ireland and a Bachelor of Music degree from the St. Louis Conservatory of Music. Her teachers include John O'Conor, Joseph Kalichstein, and Carole Tafoya.

On the piano faculty of Washington University, Sandra also accompanies the WashU Concert choir. She has been the Bach Society of St. Louis accompanist for the past 25 years and is also the accompanist for Webster University Opera studio. She is a vocal coach for the Opera Theatre of St. Louis Artist-in-Training program and the Union Avenue Opera Crescendo Young Artist program.

She has collaborated in voice masterclasses given by Nathan Gunn, Stanford Olsen, Kevin Short, Erie Mills, Christine Brewer, Mary Ann McCormack, and Jennifer Johnson Cano.

Sandra regularly accompanies recitals, auditions, and competitions in the St. Louis area.

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