

# 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

*Sing My Child* (2017)

Sarah Quartel (b. 1982)

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:

**REFRAIN:**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff contains the first seven measures of the refrain, with lyrics: "When they try to di - vide us, it will". The second staff contains the final three measures, with lyrics: "on - ly u - nite us. I lift my voice." Above the notes are chord symbols: C, F, C/E, F/A, C/G, G, C/E in the first staff; F, G, F/A, C/G, G, F, C/G, G7sus, C in the second staff.

**Undivided – Karen Marroli**

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  
Kiersten Anderson  
Selma Becarevic  
Eeshani Behara  
Jared Berger  
Melena Braggs  
Nicholai Dimov  
Anna Escoto  
Katie Furby\*\*  
Neha George  
Zoe Geyman  
Elizabeth Girling  
Deborah Collins Grossman  
Michael Hanson  
Oluwatoni John  
Lily Johnson  
Viktoriai Knyaz  
Josie Kopff\*  
Jaya Kosaraju  
Conrad Lewis  
Maseo Mercer  
Eugene Park

Kevin Ramirez  
Lilliana Rey  
Caleb Rhodes  
Aloisia Rickert  
Kiki Sakano  
Kathryn Sarullo-Plano\*  
Mariel Scher  
Mitchell Shannon  
Cathy Shi  
John Speas  
Max Spencer  
Veronica Spillman  
Max Spinner  
Ashwin Srinivasan  
Vytautas Staniskis\*  
Matthew Sullivan\*  
Emma Vagelos  
Emma Wells  
Ryan Williamson  
Mac Wolf  
Boo Wrinn  
Alison Zhu

\*Section Leader

\*\*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'Connor, 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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