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16TH ANNUAL VETERANS CONCERT

NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 2020 | 3PM

FREE VIRTUAL CONCERT

Willamette
Master Chorus

Dr. Paul Klemme Artistic Director & Conductor

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's exciting and scary to present our first full virtual concert using the resources of YouTube, a platform available to almost everyone in the United States and many across the globe. We are an 80-voice, auditioned, unpaid chorus based in Salem, Oregon. We're dedicated to presenting the finest choral masterworks of all musical eras. I welcome established friends as well as newcomers to our audience.

For sixteen years we have started our concert season in November, celebrating Veterans' Day with a dedication to veterans of the US Armed Services. By doing so we both entertain and salute the dedicated women and men who serve the country.

The 2020 worldwide pandemic presents a challenge to all musical performers, and we are striving to meet that challenge by continuing our musical offerings virtually. We look forward to the time we can sing again in our regular concert hall.

Please be alert to our future concerts this season in December, February and May, and expect ongoing communications about sharing music with us as a member of our audience. If you like the music, please help us bridge this unique time with a donation. Now settle back and enjoy the music!

Yours in song,
Scott Reichlin, MD

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM NOTES



Welcome to the sixteenth annual Veterans Concert given by the Willamette Master Chorus. We are beginning our thirty-sixth season in the middle of a pandemic and are thankful for the technology that can bring us together. All the music that you are hearing has been pre-recorded specifically for this concert. The time it takes to build virtual choirs and put together digital concerts is huge.

My thanks to our volunteer virtual team of Andrew Jones, Chris Jones, Abby Kahl, and David Schmidt for their tireless efforts. I am also grateful to the chorus; soloists; and our accompanist, Deb Huddleston, for the extra sessions to bring this concert to our audience.

With this concert we hope to offer a sense of normality with patriotic pieces that we all know and love. We are pleased to offer the *Star Spangled Banner* and our traditional *Veterans Medley* along with *God Bless America* and *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. Pay special attention to the text that Salemite John Wilson provided for David Schmidt's *Heart of*

Freedom. The words are so stirring and significant. Sterling Roberts is featured in a solo version of Gene Scheer's *American Anthem*. Again, the words bring a much-needed feeling of unity and pride! With our country being challenged on so many fronts, the WMC is honored to present Jan Garrett's *I Dreamed of Rain* and Deanna Witkowski's *We Walk in Love*. These compositions call for reconciliation, peace, and harmony in our land. I hope you enjoy them.

This concert is dedicated to our veterans and their families. We know that taking the oath to preserve and protect encompasses commitment and sacrifice. For this, you have a nation that is grateful and aware.

I look forward to seeing you at our Holiday Concert on December 19 and 20, at 3 p.m. We will be collaborating with the Judson Middle School Choir, under the direction of David Loney, and the Trail Band Sextet.

Stay safe friends.
Paul Klemme



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Introduction: Dr. Paul Klemme, WMC Artistic Director and Conductor

Arr. Robert Edgerton (b. 1937)

The Star Spangled Banner

Speaker: Emil Graziani - Marines (Vietnam)

Arr. Greg Gilpin (b. 1964)

Armed Forces - The Pride of America!

Edmund L. Gruber (1879-1941) Army: Caisson Song

Henry C. Davis Marines: Marines' Hymn

Capt. Alfred H. Miles (1883-1956) Navy: Anchors Aweigh

Charles A. Zimmermann (1861-1916)

Capt. Francis Saltus Van Boskerck (1868-1927) Coast Guard: Semper Paratus

Robert Crawford (1899-1961) Air Force: The U.S. Air Force

Speaker: Dr. Scott Reichlin (Willamette Master Chorus Board, President)

Jan Garrett; Arr. Larry Nickel

I Dreamed of Rain

Speaker: Jenine Betschart - Army (Germany, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan)

Gene Scheer (b. 1958)

American Anthem

Soloist: Sterling Roberts

Speaker: Patty and Terry Hurley - Coast Guard (Peace Time)

Arr. Victor Labenske

American Medley from "Higher Ground"

Piano Soloist: Debbie Huddleston

Speaker: Michael Kelley, PharmD LCDR (United States Public Health Service)

Deanna Witkowski (b. 1972)

We Walk in Love

Speaker: Bernard Brown - Army (World War II)

Taps, Trumpet Soloist: Caden Randolph

Speaker: Eden Rose Brown - Air Force (Gulf War)

Irving Berlin (1888)

Arr. Keith Christopher (b. 1957)

God Bless America

Duet: Ryan and Aimée Amend

Speaker: Mike Whalen - Army (Vietnam)

Speaker: Kelly Fitzpatrick - Army (Director, Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs)

David Schmidt (b. 1967); Text by John Wilson

Heart of Freedom

I DREAMED OF RAIN

1) I dreamed of rain, and the rains came, soft and easy, sweet and clear.

I dreamed of rain, and the rains came, and peace spread over the land

2) I dreamed of summer, and the winds changed. And the green was easy, and the rivers ran clear

I dreamed of summer, and the winds changed, and peace spread over the land

And the flowers bloom in the desert, and the air is fresh and clear

I dreamed of rain, and the rains came, and peace spread over the land

3) I dreamed of freedom, and the moon rose, and the way was easy, and the path was clear.

I dreamed of freedom, and the moon rose, and peace spread over the land

And the guardian stars are shining, and the night is bright and clear

I dreamed of freedom, and the moon rose, and peace spread over the land

4) I dreamed of heaven, and the earth sang and the sound was easy, and the song was clear.

I dreamed of heaven, and the earth sang, and peace spread over the land

And the ancient pain is forgotten and the father's debts are clear

I dreamed of heaven, and the earth sang, and peace spread over the land

AMERICAN ANTHEM

All we've been given by those who came before,

The dream of a nation where freedom would endure.

The works and prayers of centuries have brought us to this place.

What shall be our legacy? What will our children say?

Let them say of me, I am one who believes in sharing the blessings I receive.

Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America, I gave my best to you.

Each generation from the plains to distant shore,

With the gifts that they were given, were determined to leave more.

Valiant battles fought together, acts of conscience fought alone,

These are the seeds from which America has grown.

Let them say of me, I am one who believes in sharing the blessings I receive.

Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America, I gave my best to you.

For those who think they have nothing to share,

Who fear in their hearts there is no hero there.

Know that quiet acts of dignity are that which fortifies

The soul of a nation that never dies.

Let them say of me, I am one who believes in sharing the blessings I receive.

Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America, I gave my best to you.

WE WALK IN LOVE

We walk in love united in purpose
We join our hands and lift up one voice
We speak the truth with strength and compassion
resounding with hope, with courage and joy.
We cry for peace and rights for all people
We welcome friends from far and near
We fight for those whose voices are silenced
Resisting in faith until all are free.
We dream a world of justice and kindness
We build a bridge creating new paths
We march with joy as all walk together
Embracing each one, we boldly stand.

HEART OF FREEDOM

There's a sound heard most everywhere, and it rolls across the land.
Like a distant thunder, thrills the heart of every man.
It's the sound of hope and light the night, drives oppression from this place.
And it lives within the heart and mind and shows upon each face.
It's a melody of joy that we hold sacred in our hands, and it rings a bell the evil can't withstand.
This could be the sound of freedom running to the fight.
This could be the sight of liberty standing for what's right.
The hope of every nation, a shining city on a hill, the last sound of reason
but only if you will be the heart of freedom.
There's a sacrifice that's paid by all who serve this might cause with blood and might,
that we may live free of any unjust laws. With right to live and to believe as ever we are led the duty that we all must bear is light upon
our head. So, the very least that we can do is keep a watchful eye as we do our part of keep the song alive.
You and me, we will be the hands and feet, the heart of freedom.
We're the light in the night so all will see the heart of freedom.

2020/21 Season Schedule

All concerts will be on-line until large gatherings are allowed.



Holiday Concert with the Trail Band Sextet

DECEMBER 19 & 20, 2020 | 3PM

A concert of Holiday music including new arrangements of carols that will feature the WMC with our guest performers separately and combined.

*Guest choir: Judson Middle School,
David Loney, Director*

*Guest artists: The Trail Band Sextet
(a popular Oregon based group)*

Winter Concert with the Severin Sisters

FEBRUARY 27 & 28, 2021 | 3PM

The Severin Sisters will play a separate set of music and combine with the WMC for some original bluegrass tunes.

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Jodee Midura
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TENOR II

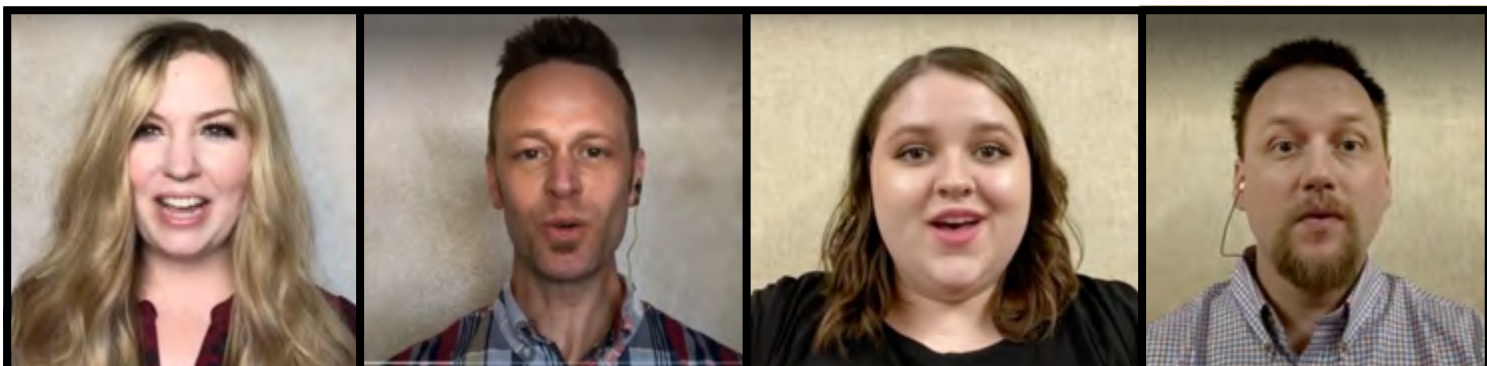
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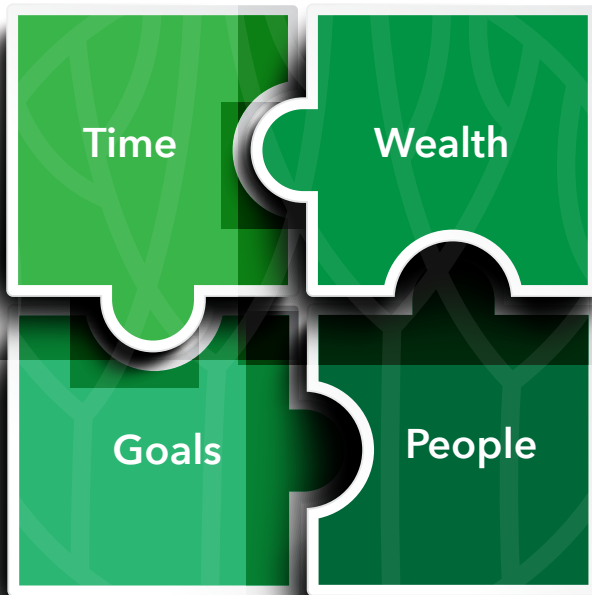


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