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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A word relevant to modern times is *persistence*: “a firm continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.” I’m gratified to report the persistent efforts of the Willamette Master Chorus and its Board of Directors during this unusually long period of social and health difficulties. Last spring all signs pointed to the anticipated in-person start of the 2021-22 season, but the Delta variant and its effects on our collective health made us reconsider. The chorus will present our first two season concerts virtually, and we have all fingers (and toes) crossed that we will be able to return to Hudson Hall in February.

Can you guess the impact of zero ticket sales? I’m sure you can! We continue to rely on the good will, generosity, and enthusiasm of our audience. With your amazing support we successfully survived an entire season of virtual performances last year, and I hope you’re ready to stay with us. We offer our virtual performance free of charge

to all viewers, and we hope you are moved to take this opportunity to help us maintain our musical position in the Willamette valley. We appreciate your donation, which can be made on our website, willamettemasterchorus.org.

We’re proud of the musical entertainment we provide, elevating YouTube with practiced voices. Please enjoy this traditional November concert honoring veterans of the US armed forces.

Yours in song,

Scott Reichlin, MD

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM NOTES



Welcome to the Willamette Master Chorus’s 2021-22 season entitled “Gratitude and Perseverance.” Our season will dive deeply into the many emotions we have experienced for the past 18 months of the pandemic. Certainly, we have had to navigate through many obstacles. I am proud to say the Willamette Master Chorus has persevered and is thriving in its commitment to bring music to you, our audience. While concerts remain on-line in virtual format, we eagerly anticipate a return to the stage in person. We will keep you posted on any transition.

In rising to meet these difficult and challenging times, all of us have many things for which we can be thankful. Today, we offer thanks and honor to veterans of our armed forces. We acknowledge the sacrifice you and your families have made. For this we are grateful. I would also like to take time in this setting to offer thanks and honor to firefighters who extinguished massive fires in Oregon during September of 2020.

As is our tradition we begin with the United States National Anthem and follow with the *Armed Forces Medley*. Please feel free to stand as you feel is appropriate. Also, our tradition has involved singing the Oregon State Song. As you may know, the Oregon State Legislature passed a resolution in 2021 to officially change the outdated text of *Oregon, My Oregon*. Today we offer this newly revised text arranged by chorus member Chris Jones. Speaking of gratitude, I am thankful for Chris Jones’s gifts of music arranging and composition for the WMC!

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM NOTES

Each November we remember those veterans who have gone before us. Chris has set to music a poem by J. A. Andrews entitled "Remember Them Well." We offer the premier performance of this original composition in memory of those who have served in the armed forces, for those who have lost their lives to the COVID 19 virus, and to those who perished on September 11, 2001.

The pandemic which began in 2020 has taught us a lot. We now rely on one another to get through these hard times. Respecting and loving your neighbor is a truism that is hard to deny. I hope you will enjoy a quintet from the Chorus singing Reg Unterseher's *Love Your Neighbor* set to the amazing digital editing of our video and audio engineer, Andrew Jones.

Chorus member Ryan Amend has arranged a work song, *The Fire Brigade*, which speaks directly to the heroism of Oregon firefighters who fought and controlled the 2020 Labor Day fires. We welcome guests Will Ewing, Laura Harris, and Andrea Martinez from the Idanha Fire Department to our concert. Our gratitude is overflowing to these men and women.

Because of firefighters and veterans, we enjoy peace and prosperity in the land of the free. America is truly beautiful in so many ways. Frank La Rocca has set this Katherine Lee Bates tune in eight parts. Please enjoy a rich a cappella version of *America the Beautiful* sung by the Willamette Master Chorus.

We conclude with Andre Thomas's arrangement of *I Hear America Singing*. This exuberant composition affirms our need to sing and "walk together children" in community. My sincere thanks to our many Veterans program sponsors, our audio and video engineers, producers, staff, board and chorus. An amazing accomplishment. I look forward to being with you on December 19 at 3 P.M. for our annual Holiday Concert.

My best wishes to you all. Be safe.

Paul Klemme

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17TH ANNUAL VETERANS CONCERT

November 14, 2021 | 3 pm

Arr. Robert Edgerton (b. 1937)

The Star Spangled Banner

Arr. Greg Gilpin (b. 1964)

Armed Forces - The Pride of America!

Edmund L. Gruber (1879-1941)

Army: Caisson Song

Henry C. Davis (1857-1931)

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

Speakers: Amy Shapiro and Oregon State Representative Sheri Schouten

Arr. Chris Jones

Oregon, My Oregon

(Revised text in 2021 by Amy Shapiro)

Speaker: Dr. Paul Klemme

Chris Jones

Remember Them Well – Lyrics from *Dragon's Reach* by J. A. Andrews

Taps

Reginald Unterseher

Love Your Neighbor

Sopranos: Caitlin Clark, Aimee Amend, Madison Hall

Tenor: Kent Wilson

Bass: Thomas Carpenter

Ryan Amend

The Fire Brigade

Tenors: Ryan Amend and Gerry Johnson

Baritone: Sterling Roberts

Bass: John Wright

Speaker: Will Ewing - Chief, Idanha, Oregon Fire District

Speaker: Laura Harris - Lieutenant, Idanha, Oregon Fire District

Speaker: Andrea Martinez - Lieutenant Paramedic, Idanha, Oregon Fire District

Arr. Frank J. La Rocca

America, the Beautiful

Speaker: Kent Wilson

André Thomas

I Hear America Singing

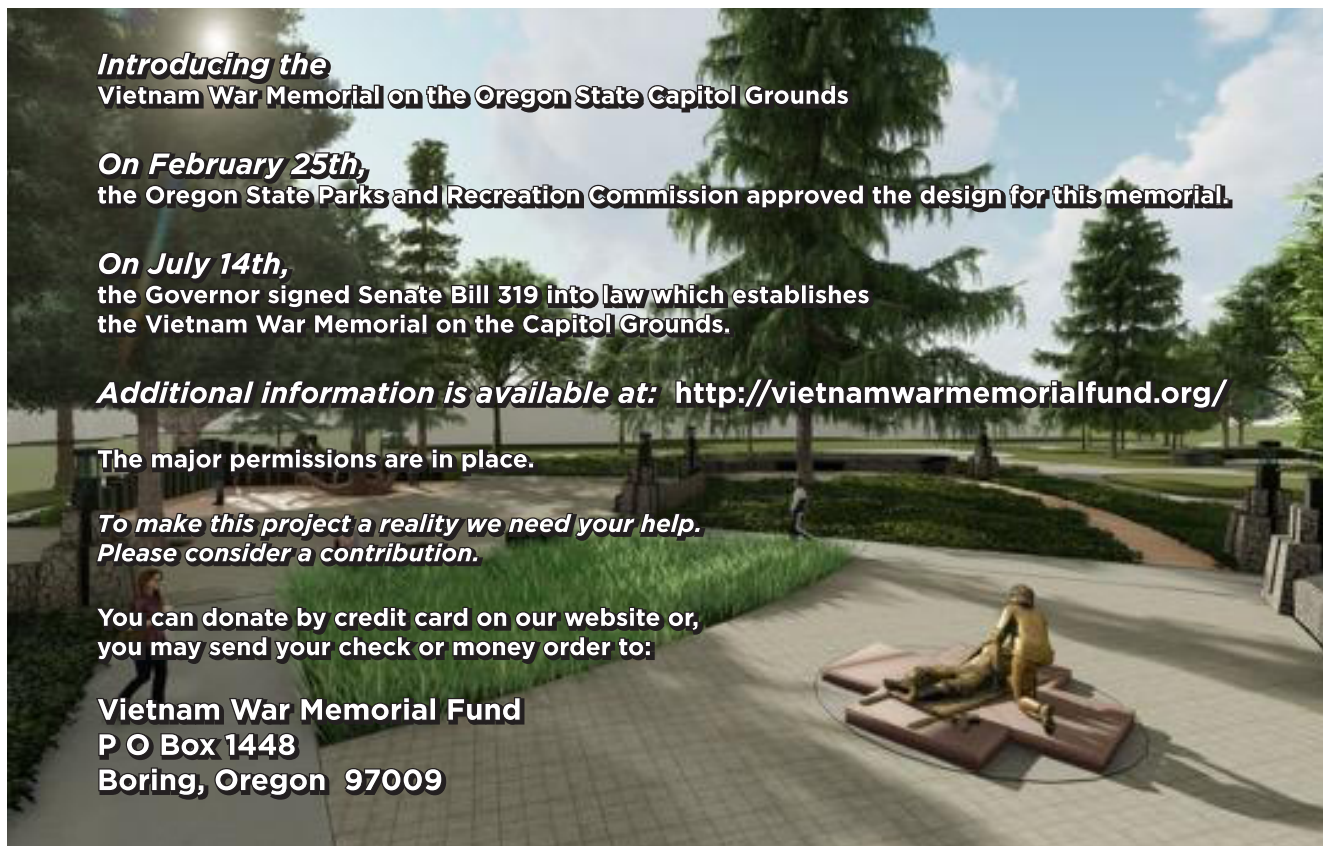
Oregon, My Oregon

Land of majestic mountains, land of the great Northwest;
Forests and rolling rivers, grandest and the best.
Onward and upward ever, forward and on, and on;
Hail to thee, land of heroes, my Oregon.

Land of the rose and sunshine, land of the summer's breeze;
Laden with health and vigor, fresh from the Western seas.
Blessed by the love of freedom, land of the setting sun;
Hail to thee, land of promise, my Oregon.

Remember Them Well

For those who no longer walk with us, but still move within our hearts;
For those whose hands are out of reach, but whose touch we still feel;
For those who can never be untangled from our past, or our hopes, or our souls;
May their names be spoken by our lips and heard in our ears.
Bless us with the strength to carry the loss, and may we remember them well.



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The Fire Brigade

Chorus

And it's go, go, go, they'll time your every breath.
And every time you work that line you might not make it back.
And it's go, go, go, grab your pack and hit that glade.
The first defense in the wilderness is the fearless fire brigade.
So you go...

Verse 1

'Twas early Monday evening and wind was on its way,
To fan the flames from Beachie Creek and the ridge at Lionsgate.
Five hundred feet a second, of how the fire did grow.
It tore down through the canyons to the Santiam below.

Verse 2

The order came to clear the way and return to camp below.
Then suddenly above the trees, the sky was fire and smoke.
The powerlines were falling and a transformer had blown.
And the churn of fire engulfed the town that the people once called home.

Verse 3

Now further up the canyon fallen trees had blocked the road.
The fire arrived on every side with nowhere left to go.
They rounded up the people, more that seventy in tow.
And kept them safe at the edge of the lake while the sky rained ash and coals.



Photos courtesy of Korean Veterans Memorial Wilsonville, OR



America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
'Til selfish gain no longer stain the banner of the free!
America!

I Hear America Singing

I hear America singing of its greatness.
I hear America singing strong.
I hear America singing of its beauty.
I hear America singing today.

Oh, walk together children. Don't you get weary.
Walk together children. Don't you get weary.
Talk together children. Don't you get weary.
There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land.

Sing together children. Don't you get weary.
Sing together children. Don't you get weary.
Shout together children. Don't you get weary.
There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land.

Great camp meeting, America's singing. Sing!
We're going to sing of truth and love.
Walk together hand in hand together in peace.
We're going to sing and never tire.
There's a great camp meeting, and America's singing!
Great camp meeting in the Promised Land!



2021/22 SEASON SCHEDULE

All concerts will be on-line until further notice, please watch for updates on potential live concerts beginning in 2022



Annual Holiday Concert

DECEMBER 19, 2021 | 3PM

The repertoire is all holiday music. Guest Choir is Salem Academy Concert Choir with Kent Wilson, Conductor. The chorus will give appreciation to all medical front-line workers who have and continue to care for those dealing with covid-19.



Winter Concert

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 | 3PM

The WMC will put together a special concert of songs that speak of gratitude and love for one another. The chorus will thank the Wi-Fi and electric line workers who restored the internet and electricity during the February 2021 ice storm.



Spring Concert

MAY 1, 2022 | 3PM

Chorus members will present a special concert of songs that speak of perseverance and honoring cultures and people that have endured hardship throughout history and into the present day. "Jubilant Day" by Judy Rose will be the centerpiece of this concert. The composition speaks about the hope and joy that we will realize when we are inclusive of all people, ideas, cultures, and traditions. The chorus will recognize teachers who have helped young people navigate and continue learning through this challenging time.

WILLAMETTE MASTER CHORUS

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Aimée Amend †
Laurie Barnett
Jenine Betschart
Victoria Boss
Caitlin Clark
Katie Grainey
Abby Grewatz
Karmyn Sindlinger ‡
Katjana Sindlinger
Caitlin Tolleson
Robyn Urbach
Abby Uriate

SOPRANO II

Marlaine Davis
Rebecca Fromherz-Kenneke
Madison Hall
Karen Hansson
Lisa Hylton
Judy Linder
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Judy Quenzel
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Sue Wack
Kathleen Walter

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Patty Hurley ‡
Abby Kahl *
Ashley Lindsay
Jodee Midura
Cynthia Stinson
Stephanie Thompson
Sarah Wahl

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Scott Bean
Alan Hemenway
Michael Kelly
Tim Pederson
Michael Ripp
Mike Whalen ‡
Kent Wilson **

TENOR II

FFr. Teresio Caldwell
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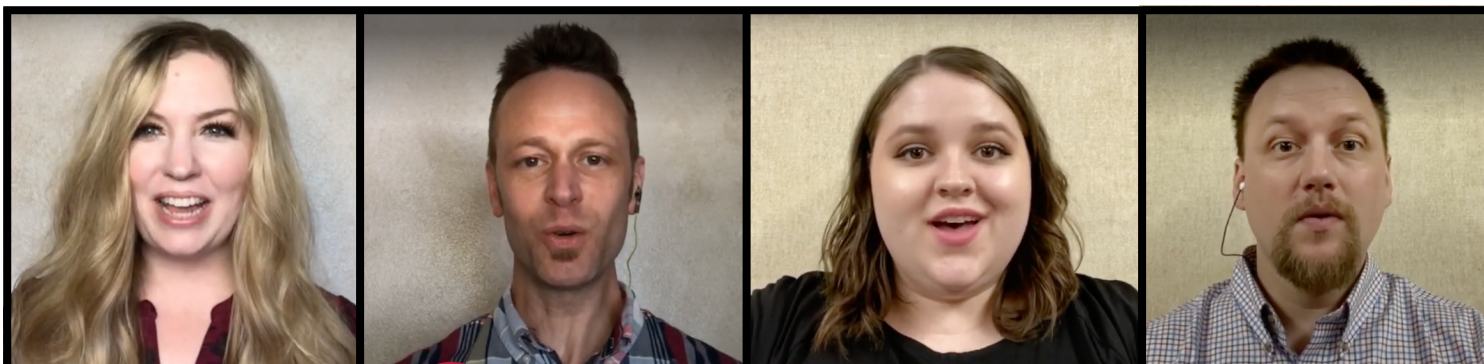
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Robert Geist
Chris Jones †
Mark Lindsey
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Kris Stenson
Jon Walton ‡
Jeff White

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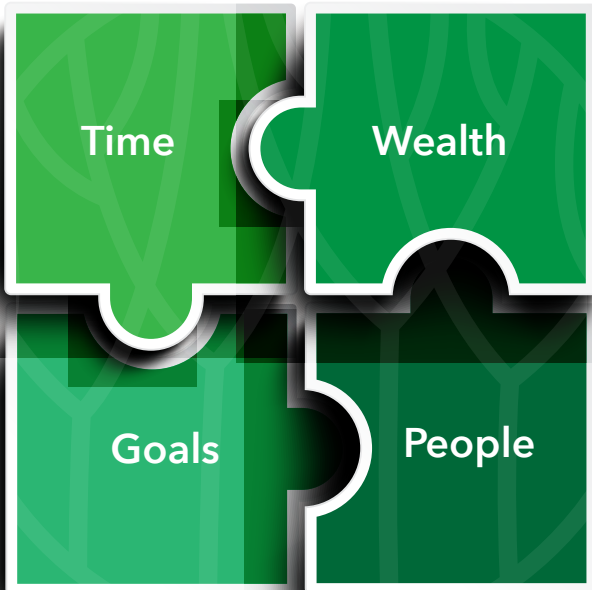
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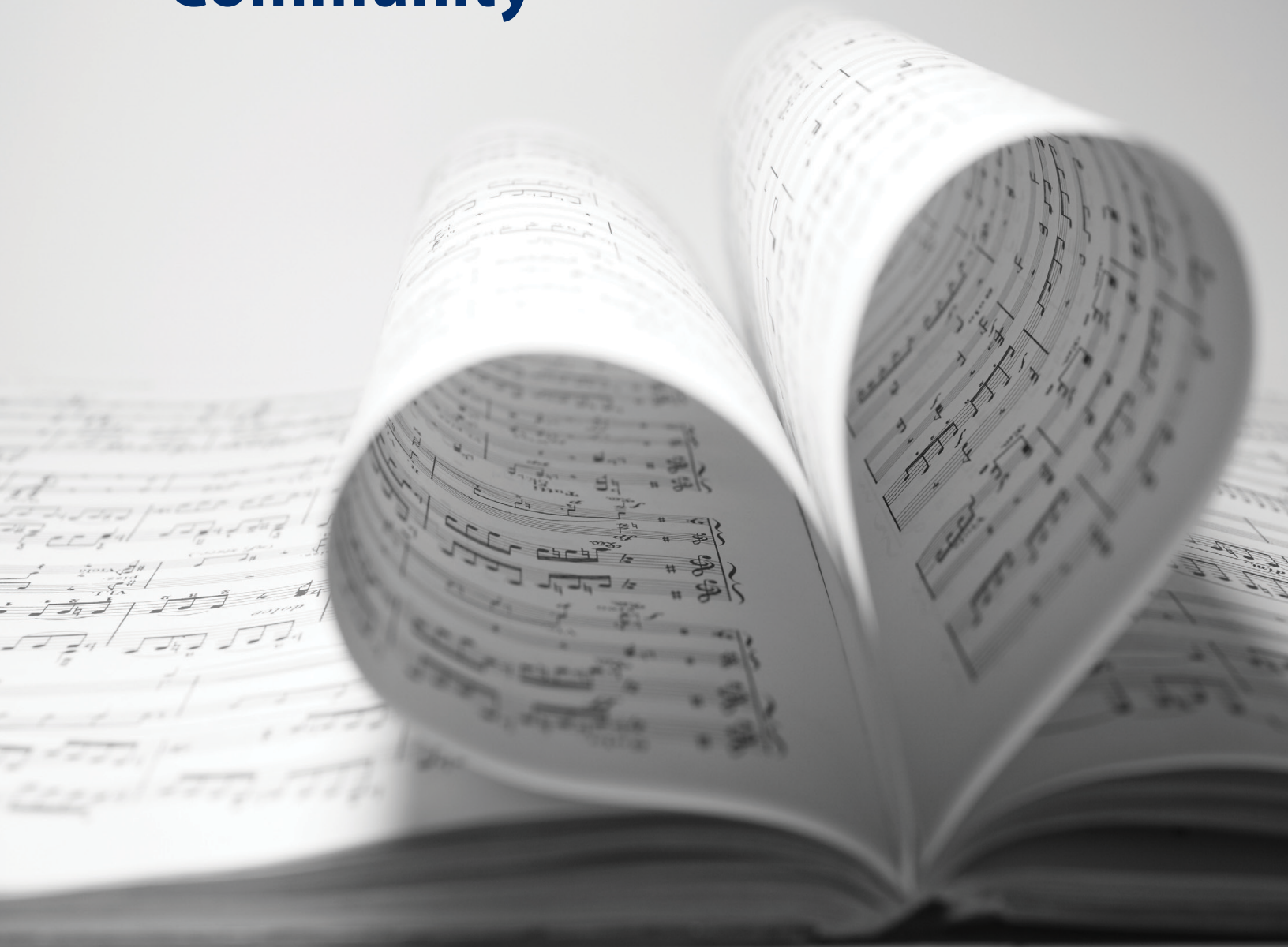
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