

Magnolia Chorale Director's Vision Illuminates Dec 2 and 3 Concerts

By Dr. Jean-Marie Kent, Director, Magnolia Chorale

Breathe, I tell myself when I'm listening to the news. And in that moment of silence I calm myself...And then I take time think about where we have come from...And then I think about where I would like us to be: people who listen first, who feel what others are suffering, who hope for something more.

This is why Karl Jenkins's Mass speaks so deeply to me. Thinking about where we have come from, he begins with a medieval tune that pervaded pubs and churches: "Each man shall arm himself with a coat of armor. He will be feared." From there, Jenkins takes us on a journey. In the end, he turns the tune to the major mode, and we sing with hope in a place where we would like us to be: "Better is peace than always war...Ring in the thousand years of peace."

The Magnolia Chorale invites you to join us on this musical journey that examines our stance on war, inclusion and forgiveness. In a season that reminds us that we are ready to birth new ideas, we sing about our love for family and friends.

We have invited Ballard High School and McClure Middle School to join us on our programs to remind us of the hope that young singers bring. With their beauty and energy, they encourage us to sing a song that unites us.

Saturday, December 2, 2017 - 7:30 pm with McClure Middle School Choir

Sunday, December 3, 2017 - 2:00 pm with Ballard High School Women's Chamber Choir

Magnolia Lutheran Church 2414 – 31st Ave. W. Seattle WA 98199

Magnolia Chorale

Evan Norberg, Assistant Director

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Snow

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Beyond the Rain and Rivers

E. Pola & G. Wyle, arr. J. Rubino

Irving Berlin, arr. M. Brymer

M. Praetorius

D. Wagner

Magnolia Chorale and Guest Choir

Hope for Resolution

P. Caldwell & S. Ivory

This powerful piece juxtaposes two musical thoughts: a European chant melody and an anti-apartheid song. The two pieces exist together, never fully meshing, but finding a harmonic space to fully exist side by side.

"Hush nation, do not cry. Our God will protect us. Freedom we will get it. Our God will protect us."

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Set from Guest Choir TBA

INTERMISSION

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Selected movements from *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* Karl Jenkins

- I. **The Armed Man “L’homme arme”**
The armed man should be feared. Everywhere it has been proclaimed that each man shall arm himself with a coat of iron mail. The armed man should be feared.
- II. **Kyrie**
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.
- III. **Sanctus**
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
- IV. **Agnus Dei**
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*
- V. **Benedictus**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
- VI. **Better is Peace**