

Genesee CHORALE

THE GENESSEE CHORALE PRESENTS

Ric Jones, Director

Doug Hanson, Accompanist

Voices of the Earth

Friday, April 5, 2019

7:00 PM

Pavilion High School

Pavilion, NY

Sunday, April 7, 2019

4:00 PM

St. James Episcopal Church

Batavia, NY

Featuring the recycled art of students from GO Art! Creative Arts Camp

Program

A Celebration of Earth

Look at the World **John Rutter**

The Peace of Wild Things **Joan Szymko**

Amanda Konopa, soloist

Whispering Waters **Keith Christopher**

Fran Woodworth, flute

Linden Lea **Ralph Vaughan Williams**

Voices of Earth **David C. Dickau**

For the Beauty of the Earth **Philip Stopford**

Intermission

All Things Bright and Beautiful **Philip Stopford**

The Cloud **Erik Esenvalds**

Little Birds **Eric Whitacre**

The Pasture **Z. Randall Stroepe**

There Will Come Soft Rains **Kevin Memley**

Fran Woodworth, flute

Gently (Walk on the Earth) **Brian Tate**

Bob Holley, drums

Program Notes

The Peace of Wild Things

Composer Joan Szymko dedicates this song to the welfare of all beings. Shed the stress and despair of everyday life, and "come into the peace of wild things" with Wendell Berry's poem set to music.

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds,
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

Voices of Earth

The lyrics of this song come from Canadian poet Archibald Lampman. Listen to the sounds of nature, Earth's secret soul, and let it awaken your heart.

*We have not heard the music of the spheres,
The song of star to star, but there are sounds
More deep than human joy and human tears,
That Nature uses in her common rounds;
The fall of streams, the cry of winds that strain
The oak, the roaring of the sea's surge, might
Of thunder breaking afar off, or rain
That falls by minutes in the summer night.
These are the voices of earth's secret soul,
Uttering the mystery from which she came,
To him who hears them grief beyond control,
Or joy inscrutable without a name,
Wakes in his heart thoughts bedded there, imperaled,
Before the birth and making of the world.*

Little Birds Eric Whitacre (1970 -)

Whitacre's creativity shines in this musical rendition of Octavio Paz's poem.

Meliodía

*La luz no parpadea,
El tiempo se vacía de minutos,
Se ha detenido un pájaro en el aire*

Noon

*Light unblinking,
time empty of minutes,
a bird stopped short in air.*

Mas tarde

*Se despena la luz,
Despiertan las columnas
Y, sin moverse, bailan.*

Later

*Light flung down,
the pillars awake
And, without moving, dance*

Pleno sol

*La hora es transparente:
Vemos, si es invisible el pájaro,
El color de su canto*

Full sun

*The time is transparent:
even if the bird is invisible,
let us see the color of his song.*

There Will Come Soft Rains

Poet Sara Teasdale describes the absence of humanity due to war. Although she lived during WWI, this song offers a haunting image to contemplate today.

*There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground
And swallows circling with their shimmering sound;*

*And frogs in the pools singing at night,
And wild plum trees in tremulous white,*

*And robins will wear their feathery fire
Whistling their whims on a low fence wire;*

*And not one will know of the war, not one
will care at last when it's done.*

*Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree
if mankind perished utterly;*

*And spring herself, when she woke at dawn,
would scarcely know that we were gone.*

With Gratitude

Ric Jones

For all you do to create thoughtful programs, and for your skillful and patient leadership. Thank you for making us better performers.

Doug Hanson

For all your efforts and assistance to prepare for this season's performances.

Go ART!

For your continual support of The Genesee Chorale and all culture in Genesee and Orleans counties. Without your support our 48 years of bringing choral music to Batavia and surrounding communities would not be possible.

St. James Episcopal Church

We are proud to call St. James Episcopal Church our home. Thank you for your generosity, patience, and hospitality.

Pavilion High School

For generously allowing us to perform on your beautiful stage.

The Genesee Chorale Board Members

For their time commitments and incredible dedication to our organization.

Our Riser Crew

Joe Nugent and Noah Pencille

Reduce, Reuse...Create!

At the Sunday concert at St. James Episcopal Church, the Genesee Chorale is proud to display a number of art pieces created by students attending Go Art! Creative Arts Camp.

When conductor Ric Jones first proposed the Earth Day theme for this concert, we knew we wanted to add an extra element to reinforce a greater awareness of man's impact on the Earth. Heather Lovelace, Chorale board president, contacted Go Art! and they enthusiastically embraced the idea of incorporating a recycled art project into their Creative Arts Camp.

In February, members of the Chorale brought in dozens of bags filled with recyclable materials for the students to use. George Graham, who sings bass, and alto Nancy Hoag helped students as they cut, glued, and stapled their imaginative creations into giraffes, picture frames, and other amazing creations.

We thank these artists for participating:

Joseph Barone
Rihanna Blackshear
Carly Brokaw
Natalie Clarke
Lillian Clarke
Leigha Cook
Bathory Duda
Liam Durawa
Rivers Fanara

Shea Finn
Wesley Fisher
Kendra Hawley
Emersyn Mager
Dakota Metz
Zyon Muhammad
Vy Nguyen
Zacary Pendleton
Cattaleya Rojo-Hallock
Natalie Schmitt



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The Genesee Chorale

Ric Jones, Music Director

Doug Hanson, Accompanist

Soprano

Jessica Brandt
Jocelyn Cobern
Marsha Coy*
Syd Dziewa
Joan Ellison
Janine Fagnan*
Barb Galliford
Rachael Guarino
Wilma Hively
Merry Lou Holley+
Janus Mary Jones
Joanne Kachelmeyer
Sharon Larsen*
Heather Lovelace *
Veronica Michels
Lois Nicholson
Dialne Ohlson
Pamm Seifert
Sharon Stanley
Monica Stocum
Peggy Thomas*
Caryn Wood

Tenor

Alan Barcomb+*
Beth Boyce
Lunn Lomanto
Anne Ortwein
Anne Stevens
Eric Wood
Norm Woodworth
Eric Zwieg

Bass

Mark Christensen+*
Ronald DeFazio
Jim Ellison*
Charles Gould
George Graham
Chuck Herman
Richard Heye
Robert Holley
Harold Long
Darrel Oakes
Francis Thomas
Dan Warner

Alto

Justine Ames
Marie Barcomb
Patti Bartz
Jessica Beal
Holly Castleman
Jane Chirstensen
Odiha Coffta
Deborah Davis
Patty Drew+
Lindsay Edwards
Linda Fry
Larura Fuller
Cindy Furman*
Pat Fussell
Marianne Garigen
Julie Graham
Nancy Hoag*
Karen Jones
Elizabeth Kerwin
Amanda Konopa
Vicki Long
Bonnie Madden
Gina Marker
Jackie McDaniel
Kathy Meloon
Jennifer Neroni-Trupo
Amy Perl*
Cathryn Preston
Samantha Schafer
Ginny Tiede
Lilo Townsend

+ Section leader

*Genesee Chorale Board Member

Walk Gently

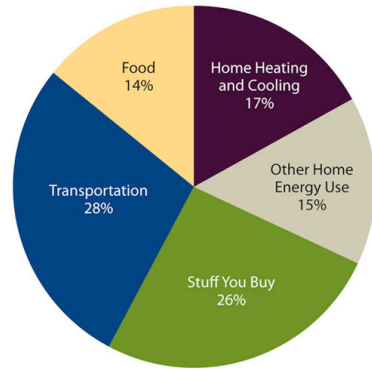
We hope you take this time to reflect on the impact you have on our environment.

As Americans, we make up less than 5% of the Earth's population, yet we consume more than 30% of its resources.

We all can do better.

Here are a few simple things from Globalstewards.org that you can do to walk more gently upon this Earth.

Where the Average American's Carbon Emissions Come From



1. Calculate your own carbon footprint at <https://coolclimate.org/calculator>
2. Recycle responsibly; know what you can recycle, and buy products with recycle-able/minimal packaging. Search online for ways to recycle hard-to recycle items in your local community.
3. Minimize driving by setting concrete reduction goals and walking, biking, carpooling and using public transit as much as possible. Set a goal of walking or biking anywhere within 2 miles of home.
4. Compost your food waste.
5. Reduce water use (buy low flow shower and faucet heads, water efficient toilets/washing machines/dishwashers, check for leaks, buy native drought-tolerant plants, install rain barrels).
6. Buy locally sourced, organic, plant-based, unprocessed foods from local farmers (Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)), farmers markets, green restaurants and health food stores. Minimize food waste by planning out meals ahead of time and freezing as much as possible.
7. Take the zero-volt challenge to quickly and easily reduce your electric bill. <http://www.globalstewards.org/conserves-energy-challenge.htm>
8. Take a hike; enjoy all the other living beings that share the planet with us.