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of

Our dear friend

John Ignatius

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The North Hills Chorale
presents

Sing Me To Heaven



*Dedicated to those who lost their lives in the
October 2018 Tree of Life Synagogue Tragedy*

North Hills Chorale

“Sing Me to Heaven”

Director - Thomas D. Koharchik

Associate Director - Megan Connelly Wodzinski

* This program is arranged in four sections. We kindly ask that you refrain from any applause until the end of each section.

Program

I. Passing

Herman's Nigun

Eleanor Epstein

A nigun is a simple, repeated melodic statement that is used to create a spiritual mood of wonder, awe, and mystery. In this case, Polish Holocaust survivor, Herman Taube, recants the story of his grandfather, Reb Gershon Leib Mandel, singing this melody every Friday night and on holidays. The singing brightened the darkened world in which they lived. As Herman was fighting on the front lines of Europe in WWII, his grandfather and family perished in the Holocaust. In the lonely hours, he would hum his grandfather's nigun, swallowing tears.

In Paradisum from Requiem

Douglas Coombes

“May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem. May choirs of angels receive you and with Lazarus, once a poor man, may you have eternal rest.”

Come Ready and See Me

Richard Hundley

James Purdy's poignant poetry is about lost love, or of a love not yet realized. One can also easily interpret the message in this poetry as a warning that those whom we love can be taken from us much sooner than we expect. We must not hesitate to go to the ones we love, to be present in their lives, and to make the most of the time we are given, for the years truly are running out.

Interested in joining our choir?

We are always looking for new members to join our group. We welcome people with varying levels of experience. Please come meet us and give us a try! Rehearsals for next year will begin early in September.

We rehearse every Monday from 7:30 until 9:30 P.M. at Kearns Spirituality Center. It is never too late to give us a call or send us an e-mail for membership inquiries. We'll always try our best to answer promptly!

For more information, please visit our website at www.nhchorale.com

The North Hills Chorale would like to extend a special thanks to the Sisters of Divine Providence for their continued kindness and support.

Please join us in September for our fall semester!

*Rehearsals begin **September 9, 2019***

Concerts - December 7 & 8, 2019

North Hills Chorale Mission Statement

“The North Hills Chorale, Inc. is an adult choral ensemble dedicated to increasing the music literacy and education of its members, and increasing music awareness and appreciation in the local community. Organized on a volunteer, non-audition basis and open to all who love music, the Chorale seeks to perform technically challenging and broadening musical selections under professional direction at both concert performances and for various charitable causes.”

Thomas D. Koharchik —

Music Director

Mr. Koharchik has been affiliated with the North Hills Chorale since January of 2003 and has been the Music Director since 2004. He is a 2003 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he received a BS in Music Education, and earned a Master's Degree in Music Education from Duquesne University in 2013. He is currently pursuing a Master's of Choral Conducting degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Koharchik teaches grades 6-12 Choir at Freeport Area School District and is the Musical Theater Director and Stage Manager for the school district. He was awarded the PMEA District 3 Citation of Excellence in 2018 and a PMEA Distinguished Service Award in 2017.

He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), Chorus America, NAFME (formerly MENC), PMEA, and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Mr. Koharchik serves as the Treasurer and Secretary of PMEA District 3. He served in the US Army for 14 years, ending his military service in July, 2012. His service included a year-long combat tour in Iraq from 2004-2005. He is married to Heather Koharchik and is the proud father of three daughters, Abigail, Emily, and Hayley.

Megan Connelly Wodzinski —

Associate Director and Accompanist

Megan loves her North Hills Chorale family. She has a Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance and a Master degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Duquesne University, where she was the winner of the J. Cornetti Tucci Award for Piano Performance. She owns and operates the Megan E. Connelly Studio of Piano in Ross Township, and is a group voice teacher /accompanist / music director for Act One Theater School. Since receiving her PA Public School Music Teacher certification from Carnegie Mellon, Megan also enjoys day-to-day and long term substitute assignments in various North Hills school districts. She is a member of the National and State Music Teacher Associations, The Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association, and the American Choral Directors Association. Megan lives in Ross Township with her husband Michael and their rescue dog Sid.

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

*"In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poets' gloss
Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute
In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices
And my soul finds primal eloquence, and wraps me in song*

*If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven*

*Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure
Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God*

Sing me a love song, sing me to Heaven."

II. Pleading

Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina

G.B. Martini

featuring:

*Heather Cammarata, soprano, Wendy Aurednik, alto,
Bill Ghrist, tenor, Corey Grone, bass*

*"O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen. Alleluia!"*

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

*The call for the Lord's intervention and help reaches across all
peoples. In this African American spiritual, we are called to realize the
suffering of one of the darkest times in our nation's history. However,
through the struggle and pain, hope survived. This is the plea for
protection and mercy.*

III. Praying

Blessing, Glory and Wisdom

J.S. Bach

The Lord hears our call and answers our prayers. To him be all blessing, all glory, all wisdom and thanks. To him, all power and might, forever more!

Al Shlosa D'varim

Allan E. Naplan

"The world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace."

IV. Praising

Kyrie Eleison

David Huntsinger

"Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy."

Hallelujah, Amen from Judas Maccabaeus

G.F. Handel

In this, the final movement of Handel's famous oratorio, we hear Simon, Judas, and the whole nation join in singing their thanks and praise of the Lord for helping to bring them victory over their enemies as they regain their freedom.

North Hills Chorale Membership

Wendy Aurednik	Suzanne Gibbon	Kenn Lippert
Donna Babir	Charlotte Graham	Robert Lippert
Joe Balestreire	Corey Grone	Pat McGreal
George Bigelow	Holly Hicks-Opperman	Kathy McKenna
Nancy Bullock	Linda Hudec	Bert Murhammer
Elizabeth Colcombe	Ralph Jahn	Rosemary Prager
Heather Cammarata	Phyllis Jones	Peggy Sapp
Bobbi Clarke	JoAnn Kavalukas	Josephine Saya
John Coles	Ruth Ann Keen	Cheryl Smith
Nancy Conley	Thomas J. Koharchik	Cheryl Anne Smith
Stacy Costa	Mary Lynn Korenich	Larry Szramowski
Vicky Dopp	Mary Jayne Kress	Betsy Thayer
Louise Ellenberger	Pam Kusserow	David Thayer
John Forgione	Sister Linda Lalic	Cherryl Trezza
Mischele Francois	Jack LeViere	Beth Ann Veres
Cassie Frank	Mark Liebman	Robert Watson
Linda Fry	Marg Linner	Marcia Wielgus
William Ghrist		Judy Young

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