



The North Hills Chorale

presents

“The Voice of the Soul”

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



Director - Thomas D. Koharchik

Accompanist - Bryan Lassinger

Associate Director - Megan Connelly

Saturday, May 5, 2012 7:00 PM

Sunday, May 6, 2012 3:00 PM

Kearns Spirituality Center

9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



The North Hills Chorale, Inc. is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that serves to provide opportunities for community outreach, education, and service. Your charitable donations are greatly appreciated.

Program

The Voice of the Soul

Francis J. Nesta

This piece premiered in January, 2012 at the PMEA District 3 Chorus Festival at Keystone High School in Knox, PA. Mr. Nesta is the choral teacher at that school and conducted the premier performance. He has graciously allowed the North Hills Chorale to perform this work which speaks of the power of music to express that which no other medium can express.

Wanting Memories

Ysaye M. Barnwell

When one experiences a loss, memories are looked to as a source of comfort and resolve. This piece creates a beautifully atmospheric blanket of sound that transports the mind through the memories of loved ones now passed.

Bonse Aba

arr. Andrew Fischer

"Bonse Aba" is a traditional Christian song of celebration that is popular throughout Zambia. The words translate to mean, "All that sing have the right to be called the children of God".

Sure On This Shining Night

Morten Lauridsen

"Sure on this shining night of starmade shadows round, kindness must watch for me this side the ground. The late year lies down the north. All is healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder wandering all alone of shadows on the stars."

- James Agee

Mainacht

arr. Z. Randall Stroope

German Translation—"When the silver moon through the shrubs beams, and when its slumbering light on the grass, and the nightingale flutes, wander I sadly from bush to bush. Shrouded by foliage, coos a pair of doves. To me their ecstasy; but I turn away, seeking darker shadows. And a single tear flows. When, o smiling image, that like as dawn. Through my soul radiates, find I you on the earth? And the single tear trembling hot down my cheek.

- Ludwig Holty



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



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."



For Now, I Know

Nancy Boone Allsbrook

The text of this piece reassures us that we are loved and never alone. It is a tender piece that speaks universally to the love that binds one generation to the next, time and time again.

Cry Out, Zion

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

This joyous celebration of religious excitement takes its text from Isaiah 40:9. The syncopated piano accompaniment and changing meters help to enhance the energy.

The Argument

Francis J. Nesta

Perhaps no song can be as relatable than "The Argument". Since its publication in 1991, this piece has been performed hundreds of times throughout the world. The clever twists of language and creative movement add to the appeal.

California Dreamin'

arr. Ed Lojeski

Made famous by the Mamas and the Pappas, this pop selection highlights the emotions of longing to be somewhere much 'warmer' and 'safe'. Its classic appeal is rooted in the tight harmonies and laid back attitude found throughout.

I Dream a World

Joan Szymko

Langston Hughes' famous poetry highlights a world in which divisions cease and all mankind can live in freedom. It was perhaps his most famous poem and this setting by Joan Szymko lends itself perfectly to the flow of the text.

We Rise Again

Leon Dubinsky

This work highlights the path we take as we look to our sons and daughters to bring meaning to our lives. 'We rise again in the faces of our children...' What better way to round out the repertoire for this particular concert?

North Hills Chorale Membership

Barb Arend	Eleanor Howe	Kathy McKenna
Wendy Aurednik	John Ignatius	Sue Morris
Donna Babir	Marie Jackson	Bert Murhammer
George Bigelow	Ralph Jahn	Dolores Nypaver
Paul Burke	Phyllis Jones	Kay Rojik
John Coles	Ruth Ann Keen	Cheryl Smith
Ralph DeStefano	Eun Kyo Kim	Larry Szramowski
Vicky Dopp	Thomas J. Koharchik	Betsy Thayer
Mary Lauren Gault	Mary Lynn Korenich	David Thayer
William Ghrist	Susan Knight	Armida Tomasiak
Nancy Giallonardo	Mary Jayne Kress	Cherryl Theresa Trezza
Suzanne Gibbon	Sr. Linda Lalic	Beth Waclawski
Erica Hacker	Sharon Lang	Barb Whitehouse
Shane Hall	Richard J. Maier	Marcia Wielgus
Sarah Hoffmann	Dorothy McClelland	



Our Director... Thomas D. Koharchik

Mr. Koharchik has been affiliated with the North Hills Chorale since January of 2003 and has been the Music Director since early 2004. He is a 2003 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he received his BS in Music Education, and currently is pursuing a Masters Degree in Music Education from Duquesne University. He teaches General Music and Junior/Senior High Choir at Freeport Area School District and is the Musical Theater Director and Stage Manager for the district. 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 a Staff Sergeant with the US Army Reserves' 298th Transportation Company, in Franklin, Pennsylvania. He is married to Heather Koharchik and is a proud father of his two daughters, Abigail and Emily.

Our Associate Director ... Megan Connelly

Megan enjoys working with the North Hills Chorale both as Accompanist and Associate Director. She is a 2001 and 2003 graduate of Duquesne University with degrees in Piano Performance and Pedagogy, and the winner of the 2001 J. Cornetti Tucci Award for Piano Performance. Megan is also a Pennsylvania certified school teacher in Music K -12. Currently she substitutes for the Northern Consortium of School Districts, teaches private piano at Musik Innovations, and teaches musical theater classes for Pittsburgh Musical Theater. She is also a pit keyboard player at the Byham Theater, most recently for Legally Blonde. Megan is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA), the Orff-Schulwerk Association, and the Pittsburgh Musicians Union.

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