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SUNDAY
3/5
4:00PM

STILL I RISE
CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
CHAMBER AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

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Chamber Choir

At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners Williametta Spencer (b. 1927)
Alisa Toy, conductor

To See the Sky Jocelyn Hagen (b. 1980)

Abendfeier in Venedig Clara Schumann (1819-96)

Holding the Light B.E. Boykin (b. 1989)

Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Still I Rise Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)
arr. William Powell (b. 1962) and Rosephanye Powell
Victoria Sundin and Scott Milner, soloists

Children's Choir

Singing Together Joanne Hammil (b. 1947)
Sylvia Pierce-Garnett, *speaker 1* | Isa Thomas, *speaker 2*

Gloria Deo! Mary Lynn Lightfoot (b. 1952)
Ruth Udekwa, *speaker 3* | Daisy Oje, *speaker 4* | Norah Perez-Wycoff, *speaker 5*

Pirate Story Kathleen Ballantyne (b. 1978)
Carmen Perez-Wycoff, *speaker 6* | Anya Cohen-Rehm, *speaker 7*

Honeybees Andrea Ramsey (b. 1977)
Sylvia Pierce-Garnett, *speaker 8* | Sydney Nuhn, *speaker 9*

Circle the Earth (with Peace) Joanne Hammil (b. 1947)

Chamber Choir

The March of the Women Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

Fire Katerina Gimon (b. 1993)

The Music of Stillness Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

It Takes a Village Joan Szymko (b. 1957)
Brian Collins, *soloist* | Stephanie Sant, *shekere* | Matt Zook, *djembe*

Peace I Leave with You Amy Beach (1867-1944)

Chamber Choir & Children's Choir

Bersatu Senada Tracy Wong (b. 1983)



Thank You!

for joining us tonight!

Matthew Myers



Artistic Director



Recently hired by the Palouse Choral Society, Dr. Matthew Myers began his first season as artistic director last fall. He works as associate director of choral activities at Washington State University, where he conducts the University Singers and Treble Choir and teaches courses in music education and conducting. He earned his DMA in choral conducting from Louisiana State University, his master's degree in choral conducting from Northern Arizona University, and his bachelor's degree in vocal performance and music education from Luther College. After completing his degree at Luther, he taught grades 6-12 choir at The American International School of Muscat in Oman. For the following five years, he worked as director of choirs and musical theatre at Boylan Catholic High School in Rockford, Illinois. In addition to conducting five choirs, he taught AP music theory, class piano, and critical thinking and coordinated a middle school choral program at four of Boylan's constituent grade schools. He has served as conductor of the NAU Men's Chorale and Chamber Singers, the LSU Chamber Singers, the Master Chorale of Flagstaff, and the Flagstaff Youth Chorale and has held church music positions in Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana, and Alabama. Prior to his time at WSU, Dr. Myers taught at the University of Alabama, where he conducted two choirs and taught courses in music appreciation, choral literature, vocal pedagogy, and diction. He is the co-host of the Choir Fam Podcast.



Stephanie Sant

Children's Choir Conductor



Stephanie Sant received her Bachelor of Music in K-12 Vocal Music Education and her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Idaho. She studied voice with noted vocalist and professor Dorothy Barnes. Ms. Sant has taught K-6 General Music at A.B. McDonald Elementary School in Moscow and currently conducts the Moscow High School Choir and extra-curricular jazz choir Encore. She also teaches movement and dance at McDonald Elementary, her 25th year in Moscow School District. She has conducted the PCS children's choir for 5 years. Stephanie is active in the national music fraternity Sigma Alpha Iota, which promotes and supports music education and fine arts in schools and communities. She participates in American Choral Directors Association and the National Association for Music Education. Ms. Sant enjoys singing in the Chamber Choir and Chorale and in the community as a soloist.



Originally from Alberta, Canada, Alisa holds a MM in Voice and Choral Conducting from the University of Idaho and a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Mississippi University for Women. Her favorite singing opportunities include the role of Pamina in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, Gertrude in *Hänsel and Gretel* and soloing with the Palouse Choral Society, Mississippi State Symphony Choir and Orchestra, the Columbus Choral Society, and the Greeley Chorale and Philharmonic Orchestra. She has soloed in Great Britain and Italy including a concert for Pope Benedict XVI. She recently won the University of Idaho Concerto/Aria Competition and placed first in the Southern Region NATS vocal competition in 2011. Alisa enjoyed serving several years in public and private schools teaching K-12 music and is in her 29th year of teaching voice and piano through her private studio, Singingtoy Studio.

Deborah Collins

Children's Choir Pianist



Dr. Deborah Collins joined the PCS board as the Children's Choir representative in early 2022 and is excited to be serving the organization in this capacity. She was also hired as the accompanist for the Children's Choir in fall 2022 and enjoys singing with the Chorale and Chamber Choir as well. Dr. Collins comes from a musical family and has been singing and playing musical instruments since childhood. She studied piano performance at Iowa State University prior to deciding to go into medicine and has accompanied university choirs, church choirs, and voice students, directed a youth choir, and sung with multiple collegiate and community choirs in the past. Dr. Collins also obtained her MD from Duke University School of Medicine and Master of Science in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to starting her current position as a physician at Cougar Health Services at WSU, she was a faculty member in the departments of family medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill and Georgetown University, medical director for a county health department, and physician in private practice in Moscow, Idaho. She lives in Pullman with her husband Brian and their three daughters Sophie, Lucy, and Violet, all of whom also sing with Palouse Choral Society.

Elena Panchenko

Chamber Choir Pianist



Elena Panchenko, born in Kharkiv, Ukraine, has been working with Palouse Choral Society since 2005. Elena is also the music director at St. James Episcopal Church, an accompanist for Washington State University vocal ensembles, an in-demand collaborative pianist, and a private piano teacher. In her spare time, Elena enjoys singing in a local Klezmer band, Gefiltetroust. She lives in Pullman with her husband Alex, a Washington State University math professor, her mother-in-law Margarita, and Amour, the family dog.

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