



Sarah J. Graham, D.M.A.

Artistic Director & Conductor

Friday • April 13 • 2018 • 7:30 pm

Simpson United Methodist Church, Pullman, Washington

Sunday • April 15 • 2018 • 4:00 pm

Clarkston High School Auditorium, Clarkston, Washington



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Lakota Wiyanki arr. Judith Herrington & Gail Woodside

Eric Nilsson, drum

Waniska trad. Cree, arr. Brian Tate

This We Know Ron Jeffers (1943-2017)

And None Shall Be Afraid: A Plea for Peace in 5 Movements Paul Aitken (b. 1970)

2. Spirit of Our Ancestors

Christopher Sierra, tenor James Payne, oboe

INTERMISSION

Introduction to Song of the Salish Chief

Song of the Salish Chief Peter Berring (b. 1959)

- . "Where once we hunted. . ."
- II. "Yea, are we not all sons. . ."
- III. "Red roots and yellow weeds. . ."
- IV. "But there were nights..."
- V. "Like dolphin our kindred came. . ."
- VI. "The trail of darkness..."

James Walker, Chief Christopher Sierra, tenor Toni Pierce, flute Elena Panchenko, piano Adam Ream, percussion Livingston Johnson, percussion Dave Bjur, bass

Text & Translation available on center insert.

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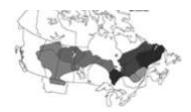
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"Lakota Wiyanki" comes from the Lakota tradition. The Lakota Indians are the original inhabitants of parts of Montana,

Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. "In the Native American tradition, a song that has been "caught" belongs to the person who created it. Permission from the composer must be given before it can be used by another singer. The original Lakota words and melody of "Lakota Wiyanki" were caught by Cara Willowbrook and given to her friend, Gail Woodside, Apache Nation musician, and artist, as a gift of friendship. When Gail received this gift from Cara, she gave it to her friend, Judy Herrington to be arranged, published, and enjoyed by other musicians." –Arranger, Judith Herrington





The Cree are one of the first nations of Canada, who inhabit the subarctic region from Alberta to Quebec, as well as parts of the plains in Saskatchewan. "Waniska" is an arrangement by Canadian composer, Brian Tate.

The text of "This We Know" has been attributed to Chief Seattle (1854), of the Suquamish Tribe. The Suquamish are a Salish tribe, native to the Puget Sound area.

"Spirit of our Ancestors" is the second of five movements in Paul Aitken's larger work, *And None Shall Be Afraid*. Five peace prayers from five different religious traditions are represented in the full work. The text for "Spirit of our Ancestors" is one of the Native American Prayers for Peace featured by the U.N. in 1986, declared "The U.N. International Year of Peace."

The Vancouver Centennial Committee commissioned Vancouver composer, Peter

Berring, to compose the cantata, *Song of the Salish Chief* for the Vancouver Cantata Singers, as a part of the Centennial Celebration. The text comes from a work by Canadian writer and poet, Earle Birney (1904-1995), The Damnation of Vancouver, which was excerpted in the form of a poem, adapted by Berring for this work.

Berring's poignant score brings Birney's expressive text to life, never missing an opportunity to add to the interpretation through the musical setting. The text tells the story of the decline of the Salish people, as viewed through the eyes of an aging chief. He recalls the white Europeans invading their culture, land, and way of life through their migration west. The chief reminisces about the basket weaving, which Berring cleverly sets as an unaccompanied vocal fugue. Following the chief's account of the Salmon Ceremony, we are treated to the excitement of the hunt, and finally the chief's vivid memories of his first Potlatch as a young boy. At the end, the chief is brought back to the sobering reality that his nation is disappearing before his very eyes and we witness the destruction of his culture through his story in the last movement.

Thank you for joining us this evening and for your patronage and support this season.

May your Spring & Summer be enjoyable and safe.

PCS Chorale

Sopranos	Alto	Tenor
Susan Beamer	Jennifer Bledsoe	Kevin Brackney
Leah Benedict	Jennifer Coleman	Tom Brandt*
Anna Blaine	Kerry Darnall	Thomas Dechert
Trish Blehm	Kelly Fonteijn	Chris Dopke
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Anjuli` Dodhia	Jan Keller	Scott Milner
Tianna Drew	Meg Kelley	Teri Riedner
Jill Freuden*	Ellen Kittell	Chris Sierra
Karin Herbert	Shelly McGuire	Bob Stone
Jana Joyce	Kirstin Malm	
Terry Keller	Miho Nam	Bass
Conny Kirchhoff	Heather Nelson	Walt Asbe
Hannah Knecht	Stephanie Sant*	Todd Bailey
Monique Lillard	Chris Talbott	Kent Keller*
Ann Norton	Amanda Van Lanen	Jack Keller
Maggie Pierce	Karen Weathermon	Eric Nilsson
Rebecca Tovey	Carole Wells	Gary Peterson
Lane Wallett	Anneliese Zook	Tim Prather
Janice Willard		Jim Reece
		Steve Swannack
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		Lynn Youngblood



Soprano	Alto	Tenor
Lori Clarke	Katie Broyles	Walker Berry
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Gwen Sullivan	Annamarie Pearson	Harold Crook
Kiersten Wilbur	Barbara Rigg	Gary Petersen
	Timauri Stearns	Drake VanBuskirk
	Jan Sullivan	*Accompanist

Artistic Director and Music Conductor



Dr. Sarah J. Graham is Assistant Professor of Music in the Humanities Division at Lewis-Clark State College. At LCSC, Dr. Graham conducts the Concert Choir and teaches Survey of Music, Introduction to the Arts, History of Musical Theater, American Music, Early Childhood Music, Conducting, and Private Applied Voice. Prior to her appointment at LCSC, she served as the Director of Choral Music at Kaskaskia College, Assistant Director of Choral Activities at Illinois State University and the Director of Choral Activities at Monmouth College, all in Illinois. Dr. Graham attended Michigan State University in East Lansing where she received her DMA and MM degrees in music conducting while studying with Charles Smith, David Rayl, Jonathan I. Reed and Sandra Snow. Prior to attending Michigan State University, Dr. Graham taught public school choral music in Washington State where she received a BA in Secondary Choral Music Education and Church Music from Whitworth in Spokane, and an MA degree in Classroom Teaching and English from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. An active member of her professional organizations, Dr.

Graham has served on the state boards for both the Illinois and Washington chapters of the American Choral Directors Associations (ACDA) and currently serves as the Idaho ACDA membership chair and the Northwest division's College and University Repertoire and Resources chair. Additionally, she served as the secretary for National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO). Dr. Graham is active as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator for solo and ensemble, as well as large group choral contests and festivals. Dr. Graham conducted the 2014 Washington All-State Symphonic Choir, the 2009 MENC All-Northwest Treble Choir, and conducted the Idaho All-State Mixed Choir in February of this year. Remaining active in her professional organizations, she regularly presents sessions at meetings and conferences both regionally and nationally, including the ACDA and the National Association for Music Education (NAfME- formerly the Music Educator's National Conference). Dr. Graham serves as the choral director at Nativity Episcopal Church in Lewiston, Idaho. She resides in Lewiston with her two children (adopted from Ghana, West Africa) and her three dogs.

Chorale Accompanist



Elena Panchenko is originally from Ukraine and studied at the Moscow Conservatory where she earned her degree in piano performance, music history and music theory. She served as the Musical Director of the Penn State Opera for four years and performed the debut of two new operas, including Mrs. Satan, an opera about the life of the first woman presidential candidate, Victoria Woodhall. Working extensively as an accompanist and church musician, Elena has performed with groups as varied as a children's dance group to such wellknown musicians as Francis Orval and David Shifrin, clarinetist and Music Director of Chamber Music at the Lincoln Center. In addition to Elena's duties with the chorale, she is also the Music Director at St. James' Episcopal Church in Pullman. Elena's family includes her husband, Alex, WSU Math Professor and former Ukrainian rock star (as is Elena), and their son Ivan, an attorney.

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Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay. Robert Orben

Each year PCS welcomes new board members and bids farewell to those who have given generously of their time, talent, caring, and intelligence. This year we say "Thank You and Farewell" to five hardworking board members. Please help us in thanking them for their service to PCS.

Sarah J. Graham ~ Artistic Director and Music Conductor ~ 2016 - 2018

During our short two years with her, one of the many wonderful things that we have learned about Dr. Sarah Graham is that she is a true humanitarian who uses her knowledge and talent as a musician to promote inclusion, kindness, and compassion. These principals are evident in her communication and interactions with the choir and the choices she makes in repertoire. This author could write pages about the pleasure it has been to work with her, but it is even better said by those she has conducted. Here are some of the things Chorale members had to say about Sarah:

"Her passionate belief in the power of music to inspire, transform, and transport the listener are truly inspiring."

- "She brings foremost an emphasis on the joy and meaning of singing."
- "...her kindness and respect for her fellow human being shines through."
- "....her confidence in herself as a musician and as a person comes through and makes us want to do our best.
- "...She is thoroughly warm and approachable and clearly loves the music. ..."

Sarah, thank you SO MUCH for giving of yourself, your talent, and your valuable time to all of us at Palouse Choral Society! You will be very missed and we wish the very best for you!!

Hannah Knecht ~ Chorale Representative to the Board of Directors ~ 2016 - 2018

When Hannah agreed to sit on the board, she probably felt like she was entering foreign territory. A year later, when she agreed to serve as the Marketing Committee Chair, it's possible she felt like she'd left the planet Earth. Such are often the experiences of the brave who venture into accepting responsibilities with which they have little or no experience. Despite what she may have felt was a learning curve, Hannah executed her duties with careful consideration, keeping PCS and its membership foremost in her mind. We are grateful that she took the plunge. Thank you for your time and service, Hannah!

Gary Peterson ~ Vice President on the Board of Directors ~ 2016 -2018

In the Spring of 2016, like many veteran Chorale members before him, Gary was finally roped into serving as an officer. It's common knowledge that the Vice President position requires that the incomer make his/her own niche. Caring a great deal about PCS, Gary found his niche by making PCS's visibility, financial health, and longevity a priority. He also worked with Dr. Graham and Jill Freuden to found our local chapter of Beer Choir as a means of promoting the love of singing and hopefully enticing some Beer Choir attendees to join the PCS Chorale. Fortunately for PCS, Gary additionally continued to be the head Riser Wrangler, leading his fellow Wranglers in their "Uplifing" work, a task he intends to continue. Thank you, Gary, for your dedication to PCS!

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~Author Unknown

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is excited to announce that

Dr. Paul Thompson

has accepted the position as our new Artistic and Music Director beginning in our 2018-2019 season.



Paul Thompson is assistant professor and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Idaho where he conducts choral ensembles, teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in choral conducting, choral methods classes, and oversees the master's program in choral conducting. He comes to this position from Francis Marion University in Florence, SC, where he was Director of Choral Activities and Voice Area Coordinator. Thompson has also been a member of the choral faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and at the University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc and spent four years directing the choirs at St. Mary's Springs High School in Fond du Lac, WI.

In 2016, Thompson completed his DMA in Choral Conducting and Literature at CU-Boulder, where his TA duties included directing two vocal jazz ensembles, working with several choirs, and assisting in the teaching of undergraduate conducting. During this time, he won first place in the 2016 SWACDA Graduate Conducting Competition. Thompson also holds a MM in Choral Conducting from UW-Milwaukee, and a B.A. in Voice from Marian University in Fond du Lac, WI.

Thompson's primary research interest is in the area of conducting pedagogy. His current focus is an attempt to inform and re-frame non-verbal musical communication using ideas from Information Theory and Bloom's Taxonomy, a topic on which he has been invited to give workshops and presentations across the country.

Thompson is an active participant in the furtherance of choral music throughout the country, frequently appearing as a clinician and honor choir director. Also active as a singer, he has appeared as a soloist with the Boulder Philharmonic, North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, The Green Lake Festival, Bach Festival Florence, The King's Counterpoint, and the Florence Symphony Orchestra. In addition, he has appeared as a guest artist with Vocal Tapestry, Present Music in Milwaukee, and as a performer on the Yolanda Marculescu Vocal Arts Series.

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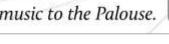
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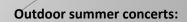
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