

To lift voices in song: creating art and fostering community through choral music.

# NORTHWEST REPERTORY SINGERS

23<sup>rd</sup> SEASON: 2023-2024

Kyle S. Haugen, *artistic director* | Marjorie Skreen, *collaborative pianist*

## SING NOEL

*with guest artist*  
Shannon Spicciati, *oboe*

Saturday, Dec. 16 2023 at 7:30 p.m. | Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023 at 3 p.m.  
Christ Episcopal Church, 310 North K Street, Tacoma, WA

*For complete texts of repertoire, artist biographies,  
and ensemble information, visit [nwrs.org/dec2023](http://nwrs.org/dec2023)  
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*Shortly before our final rehearsal, our guest harpist became ill.  
We thank Marjorie Skreen for presenting the works by Paulus,  
Schultz, and Haugen at the piano.*

## Program

### Resonet in laudibus

*Words:* Latin carol, 14th century  
*Music:* arr. Jacob Handl (1550–1591)

### A Simple Gloria

*Words:* M. K. Dean (b. 1950)  
*Music:* Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

### Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

*Words:* German carol, 15th century; translated by N. S. Talbot (1879–1943)  
*Music:* arr. Norman Luboff (1917–1987)

*(continued)*

### Soprano

Caroline Allen  
Karin Bean †  
Carly Bennett †  
Rebecca Corbaley  
Katie Devore  
Erin Eadington  
Claire Foreman†  
Patti Hermoso  
Erin Hundtofte  
Katie Walker Loffer †  
Bonnie Matterand  
Melanie Schockow\*  
Kathy Weymiller†

### Alto

Cheryl Crawford †  
Kathy Emerson †  
Christine Hall  
Grace Hendrickson  
Carolyn Hoffman  
Sonja Johnson  
Andrea Klyn  
Kristi Bowman  
Morgan †  
Karen Short †  
Julia Sumpter  
Sharon Stearnes  
Szigeti\*  
Ellen Barber  
Walworth

### Tenor

Ross Aker  
Ryan Corbaley  
Brett Crawford  
Duane Hulbert  
Jeffrey Johnson †  
Francis Reynolds  
David Small  
Scott Smith †  
Stephen Wightman †  
Mark Yeary

### Bass

William Bryant  
Clark Deem  
Abe Golding †  
Richard Griffin  
Walter Manny  
Paul Martin  
Jason Neighbors †  
Benjamin Small  
Douglas Stensby  
Marsden Stewart  
Jarred  
VandenBosch †  
Tom Walworth\*

\*Section Leader

† Soloist, “Shout for Joy”

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### Thank You

To all who have graciously volunteered to help with setup, tickets, ushering, cleanup, and more: *Please know how much we appreciate each of you!* Special thanks to Kristi Bowman Morgan for e-news writing and for marketing support, and to Stephen Wightman for his help as our volunteer stage manager. We are also grateful for the hospitality of Christ Episcopal Church and Deborah Breneman, Parish Administrator, Paul Tegels, Interim Director of Music, and Timothy Williams, Sexton.

## Program, cont'd

### Three Nativity Carols

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Shannon Spicciati, *oboe*

#### I. The Holly and the Ivy

English carol, 19th century

#### II. This Endris Night

English carol, 15th century

#### III. Wonder Tidings

English carol, 15th century

### On this Silent Night

*Words and music:* Sarah Quartel (b. 1982)

### Winter

*Words:* Kahlil Gibran (1883–1931), translated by A. R. Ferris

*Music:* Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

### Noël Nouvelet

*Words:* French carol, 15th century

*Music:* Donna Gartman Schultz (b. 1948)

Shannon Spicciati, *oboe*

*Sponsored by Clark and Julie Deem:*

*“Dr. Paul Schultz, we remember you and thank you for your wisdom and vision in founding Northwest Repertory Singers. We know you’re proud and we know you’re listening!”*

### What Cheer?

*Words:* English carol, 16th century

*Music:* Kyle S. Haugen (b. 1973)

Shannon Spicciati, *oboe*

—A brief pause (10 min.)—

## Noël X

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

Kyle Haugen, *organ*

## Shout for Joy!

*Words:* Traditional African American spiritual

*Music:* arr. André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

## Noel

*Words:* English carol, 19th century

*Music:* Naomi LaViolette (b. 1976)

*Sponsored by Chris Hall:*

*“Dedicated to Laura Page, my ‘Mom 2’ . . .*

*a beautiful song for a beautiful lady who means the world to me.”*

## Carols with Choir, Audience, and Organ

*Please see the insert page and join to sing as shown.*

## African Noel

*Words:* Traditional Liberian folk song

*Music:* André J. Thomas

## Lead, Kindly Light

*Words:* John Henry Newman (1801–1890)

*Music:* John Rutter (b. 1945)

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***Join Northwest Repertory Singers  
for our next performances:***

### **To Life! To Love!**

featuring *Liebeslieder* waltzes by Johannes Brahms  
Marjorie Skreen and Duane Hulbert, piano

**Saturday, May 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 5, 2023 at 3 p.m.**

**Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma**

## Greetings from the Artistic Director

To begin our 23rd season, we SING NOEL! Many of you include our December concert as part of your annual holiday traditions, and we're honored that you're with us again this year. And to all who are new to Northwest Repertory Singers, we warmly welcome you!

The music we share with you today showcases a variety of composers, styles, and eras. A few highlights: We begin with the ancient Latin carol, “Resonet in laudibus” set by Renaissance composer Jacob Handl—and moments later the melody returns in “Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine” from legendary 20th-century choral conductor Norman Luboff. Between these two, “one of America’s most performed living American composers,” Libby Larsen, invites us to consider “A Simple Gloria.” With our guest artist Shannon Spicciati, oboe, you’ll discover modern melodies for ancient English carols and also hear the word *noel* for the first time in the concert with Donna Gartman Schultz’s “Noël Nouvelet.” Jubilant music by André J. Thomas illuminates African American and Liberian traditions, Canadian composer Sarah Quartel reframes words from “Silent Night” in a wondrous winter landscape, and we encounter a modern re-imagining of “The First Noel” from Portland-based Naomi LaViolette. Plus, *you* will have a chance to *sing noel* with NWRS, too!

Thank you for sharing this extraordinary music with us. Please be sure to mark your calendars for our next concerts, May 4 and 5, here at Christ Church. In the meantime, as the carol says, “be merry and glad!”



Kyle S. Haugen  
NWRS Artistic Director

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