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# NORTHWEST REPERTORY SINGERS

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

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

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## TO LIFE! TO LOVE!

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### Program

#### Measure Me, Sky!

Words: Leonora Speyer (1872–1956)

Music: Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

*Sponsored by Karen Short:*

*“To all the people in my life who have helped me appreciate the music!”*

#### Love’s Philosophy

Words: Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792–1822)

Music: Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

#### Three Madrigals

Words: William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

Music: Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

1. O mistress mine, where are you roaming?
  2. Take, oh, take those lips away
  3. Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more!
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#### Soprano

Caroline Allen

Karin Bean

Carly Bennett

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#### Alto

Cheryl Crawford

Kathy Emerson

Christine Hall

Grace Hendrickson

Carolyn Hoffman

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Andrea Klyn

Kristi Bowman

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Karen Short

#### Tenor

Ross Aker\*

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Brett Crawford

Duane Hulbert

Jeffrey Johnson

Francis Reynolds

David Small

Scott Smith

Stephen Wightman

Mark Yeary

#### Bass

William Bryant

Clark Deem

Walter Manny

Paul Martin

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## Program, cont'd

### Choral movements from

### *Liebeslieder-Walzer, Op. 52*

*Words:* from *Polydora*, ed. Georg Friedrich Daumer (1800–1875)

*Music:* Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Marjorie Skreen and Duane Hulbert, *piano duo*

1. Rede, Mädchen
2. Am Gesteine rauscht die Flut
3. O die Frauen
4. Wie des Abends schöne Röte
5. Die grüne Hopfenranke
6. Ein kleiner, hübscher Vogel
8. Wenn so lind dein Auge mir
9. Am Donaustrande
10. O wie sanft die Quelle
11. Nein, es ist nicht auszukommen
12. Schlosser auf, und mache Schlösser
13. Vögelein durchrauscht die Luft
14. Sieh, wie ist die Welle klar
15. Nachtigall, sie singt so schön
16. Ein dunkeler Schacht ist Liebe
18. Es bebet das Gesträuche

—A *brief pause* (10 min.)—

### Set Me As a Seal

*Words:* Song of Songs

*Music:* René Clausen (b. 1953)

*Sponsored by Sandra McKee:*

*“To Papa Mac, Scott, Danette, Jon, Elene, Ralph, and all those who have gone before us. You are always in our hearts.”*

## I Would Be True

Words: Howard A. Walter (1833–1918)

Music: Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

*Sponsored by Douglas Stensby*

## This Little Light of Mine

Words: African American Spiritual

Music: Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

Caroline Allen, *soprano*

Jarred VandenBosch, *baritone*

Katie Devore, *soprano*

Melanie Schockow, *soprano*

## My Flame the Song

Words: Euan Tait (b. 1968)

Music: Kim André Arnesen (b. 1980)

*Sponsored by Stephen Wightman:*

*“Thank you one and all, now and historically, for the joy and pleasure it is to prepare and perform music together. Although I will miss rehearsing with you in the future, it will be my pleasure to continue helping with concerts.”*

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***Mark your calendars!***

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## Greetings from the Artistic Director

As the warmth and wonder of springtime gradually returns to the beautiful Pacific Northwest, we welcome you: TO LIFE! TO LOVE!

Our program begins with modern pieces in contrasting styles. First, “Measure Me, Sky!” bursts with praise for human potential and a rewarding life. We then turn to romantic love—first with the poetry of Shelley in “Love’s Philosophy,” and then a song cycle of three twentieth-century madrigals that ingeniously interprets time-honored texts from Shakespeare.

The centerpiece of today’s program is the first collection of love song waltzes by Johannes Brahms. Imagine a group of friends—including singers and a pair of pianists—gathering together in a 19th-century home parlor. Publishers discovered that sheet music for amateur musicians could sell well, and the *Liebeslieder-Walzer* helped bring Brahms both fame and some measure of fortune (we think you’ll hear why as we perform these gems for you today).

A return to contrasting musical idioms concludes the concert. The biblical text of “Set Me As a Seal” leads to “I Would Be True,” in which deceptively simple ideals form the framework for personal strength and fulfillment. “This Little Light of Mine” celebrates Divine love shared with the world, and in “My Flame the Song” life itself becomes a song received from those who have gone before and then carried onward.

Thank you for sharing music and community with us today. We hope you find, as we have, that “the human voice, our flame the song” can be “a healing song of life.”



Kyle S. Haugen  
NWRS Artistic Director

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