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ARTIST PROFILES

King’s University College Chamber Choir


Founded in September 2010, the King’s University College Chamber Choir consists of auditioned choral singers from the King’s University College community and from the wider Western University and London communities. The choristers perform choral works in a variety of styles and genres throughout the ages. As ambassadors of King’s, the choir is dedicated to reaching out to the wider community by donating the proceeds of performances to designated charitable organizations. The choir is the proud recipient of the 2016 Jack Richardson London Music Award for “Best Classical Choir.” For more information, visit www.kings.uwo.ca/kuccc or find the choir on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Janet Loo, Conductor and Artistic Director - Janet Loo is founding conductor and artistic director of the King’s University College Chamber Choir. She is an experienced choral conductor and vocal coach, having led choirs from Toronto to Taizé, France. Presently, she is a faculty member at Western’s Don Wright Faculty of Music and Director of Music Ministry at King’s University College. Janet is an appointed member of the National Council for Liturgical Music, a consultative body of individuals who advise the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on matters concerning liturgical and sacred music. She holds a Master of Music degree in performance and literature from Western University.

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Heavenly Home: Three American Songs
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No. 1. Unclouded Day

I Will Be the Light
Soloist: Melissa Page Nichols

Proceeds from this evening’s performance will be directed to the Christ the King University Parish Refugee Sponsorship Initiative.

TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

STARS - Text: Sara Teasdale

Alone in the night on a dark hill
with pines around me spicy and still,
And a heaven full of stars over my head,
White and topaz and misty red;
Myriads with beating hearts of fire that aeons cannot vex or tire;
The dome of heaven like a great hill and myriads
with beating hearts of fire, heaven full of stars.
I know I am honored to be witness of so much majesty.

SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT - Text: James Agee

Sure on this shining night of star-made 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 wand’ring far alone of shadows on the stars.

Agnus Dei – Lux Aeterna (Lamb of God - Eternal Light)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.
May light eternal shine upon them, Lord, in the company of thy Saints for ever and ever; for thou art merciful.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Alleluia. Amen.

HEAVENLY HOME: THREE AMERICAN SONGS

Angel Band - Text: Jefferson Hascall

The latest sun is sinking fast, my race is almost run. My strongest trials now are past, my triumph is begun.
O come, angel band. Come and around me stand. O bear me away on your snow-white wings to my immortal home.
I know I’m near the holy ranks of friend and kindred dear; I’ve brushed the dew on Jordan’s banks, the crossing must be near.
I’ve almost gained my heav’nly home – my spirit loudly sings. The Holy Ones, behold, they come – I hear the noise of wings.

Unclouded Day - Text: Rev. J.K. Alwood

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, they tell me of a home far away.
and they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless days. O the land of an unclouded sky, O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
O Nata Lux (O Light Born)
O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redeemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis. Nos membra confer effici, tu beati corporis.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)
Veni, Sancte Spiritus, et emitte caelitus lucis tuae radium. Veni, pater pauperum, veni, dator munerum, veni, lumen cordium.

Consolator optime, dulcis hospes animae, dulce refrigerium. In labore requies, in aestu temperies, in fletu solatium.

O lux beatissima, reple cordis intima tuorum fidelium. Sine tuo numine, nihil est in homine, nihil est innoxium.

Lava quod est sordidum, riga quod est aridum, sana quod est saucium. Flecte quod est rigidum, fove quod est frigidum, rege quod est devium.

Da tuis fidelibus, in te confidentibus, sacrum septenarium. Da virtutis meritum, da salutis exitum, da perenne gaudium.

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.

Come, Holy Spirit, send forth from heaven the ray of your light. Come, Father of the poor, come, giver of gifts, come, light of hearts.

Thou best of Consolers, sweet guest of the soul, sweet refreshment. In labour, thou art rest, in heat, the tempering, in grief, the consolation.

O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful. Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

Cleanse what is sordid, moisten what is arid, heal what is hurt. Flex what is rigid, fire what is frigid, correct what goes astray.

Grant to thy faithful, those trusting in thee, thy sacred sevenfold gifts. Grant the reward of virtue, grant the deliverance of salvation, grant everlasting joy.

NÄCHTENS (AT NIGHT) - Text: Franz Kugler

Nächtens wachen auf die irren, Lügenmächt’gen Spukgestalten, Welche deinen Sinn verwirren.

At night awaken those wandering, deceptive phantoms that bewilder the mind.

Nächtens ist im Blumengarten Reif gefallen, daß vergebens Du der Blumen würdest warten.

At night in the flower garden, frost falls so that it is futile to wait for flowers to bloom.

Nächtens haben Gram und Sorgen In dein Herz sich eingeneistet, Und auf Tränen blickt der Morgen.

At night grief and worry nestle within your heart and the morning gazes in upon tears.

ÖHTUL (EVENING) - Text: Ernst Enno

Vaikib linnukene ühes tuulega, uinub lillekene kaste kaisussa.

The little bird grows silent as the wind blows. The small flower falls asleep caressed by the dew.

Eha punastades ööle annab suud-mälestus ja vaikus, uinund metsapuu.

Twilight blushes as she kisses the night. The forest trees sleep in memory and silence.

Igatsedes ainult minu laulu-

They are wistful for my song, now a silent memory, as it paddles far away.


Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on; I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead Thou me on! I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!
Meantime, along the narrow rugged path, Thyself hast trod, Lead, Savior; lead me home in childlike faith, home to my God. To rest forever after earthly strife in the calm light of everlasting life.

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL - Text: Z. Randall Stroope

Caedite, vexate, ligate vinculis! Saul! Vinculis, condemnate vexate! (Murder, harass, bind into chains! Saul! Chain, prosecute and harass!)

Why do you persecute me, Saul? Fall down on your knees, turn hatred into love. Turn darkness into light. Bow down, Saul!

CANTIQUE DE (CANTICLE OF) JEAN RACINE - Text: Jean Racine

Verbe, égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux; De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence, Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante, Que tout l’enfer fuie au son de ta voix; Dissipe le sommeil d’une âme languissante, Qui la conduit à l’oubli de tes lois!

O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé. Reçois les chants qu’il offre à ta gloire immortelle, Et de tes dons qu’il retourne comblé!

GAMAYA (LEAD ME) - Text: Brhadaranyaka Upanishad 1.iii.28

Asato māsad gamaya, From falsehood, lead me to truth; tamaso mā jyotir gamaya, From darkness, lead me to light; mṛtyor mā amrtam gamaya, From death, lead me to immortality, Om śantih

LUX AETERNA (ETERNAL LIGHT)

Introitus (Introit)

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Rest eternal grant to them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi redetur votum in Jerusalem. A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion, and to thee a vow shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem: Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet. Hear my prayer, for unto thee all flesh shall come. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

In Te, Domine, Speravi (In Thee, O Lord, I Have Trusted)

Tu ad liberandum susceptrurus hominem, non horruisti To deliver us, you became human, and did not disdain the Virgin’s womb. Virginis uterum. Having blunted the sting of death, Tu, devicto mortis aculeo, aperuisti credentibus regna caelorum. You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis. A light has risen in the darkness for the upright. Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, as we have trusted in thee. In te, Domine, speravi: To deliver us, non confundar in aeternum. let me never be confounded.

O Word, equal of the Most High, Our sole hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens, We break the silence of the peaceful night. Divine Saviour, cast Thine eyes upon us!

Shed the light of Thy mighty grace upon us. Let all Hell flee at the sound of Thy voice. Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul That leads it to the forgetting of Thy laws!

O Christ, be favorable unto this faithful people Now gathered to bless Thee. Recieve the hymns it offers unto Thine immortal glory And may it return laden with Thy gifts.

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