

One Voice Mixed Chorus presents

Brave Souls & Dreamers



Jane Ramseyer Miller • Artistic Director
Scott Lykins • Accompanist

January 21, 2012 • 7:30 pm
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January 30 & 31, 2012

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One Voice Mixed Chorus

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Minnesota's GLBTA Chorus

Welcome to Brave Souls & Dreamers

from the Executive Director



*Welcome to the concert!
Whether today is your first
concert with us (like it is mine)
or you are a stalwart supporter:
thank you for being here. The
One Voice family of singers,
volunteers, staff, and board
members have been working for
months in preparation for this*

*concert. In addition to a major concert like today's,
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Catch the Spring Fever Cabaret in March. Come
back to our concert June 15 & 16.*

*I look forward to meeting you and hearing from you
how One Voice matters in your life. Thank you
again for being part of the One Voice family –
we couldn't do it without you!*

– Craig Coogan, Executive Director

from the Artistic Director



*Three years ago I heard
BraveSouls & Dreamers for the
first time and was spellbound
as each movement unfolded
through emotions of anger, pain,
sorrow, hope and finally joy.
I was amazed that one composi-
tion could encapsulate both the
terror of war as well as a deep*

*hope for a more peaceful world. Tonight's concert
honors peacemakers, past and present, who have
protested, preached, fought, lived and transformed
violence in their communities into something
beautiful and harmonious. May this music inspire
the same transformation in all of us.*

– Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director

Thank you

from the Artistic Director:

*A special thank-you to Vicki Janisch-Tri and
her family for their deep commitment to music
and peace-making. Your gift, in honor of Cynthia,
has made this Brave Souls & Dreamers concert
possible and it has been a joy working with you
every step of the way.*

– Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director

Meet the Composers

BraveSouls & Dreamers was commissioned by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus in 2007 and composed by Robert Seeley with text by his partner, Robert Espindola "in response to current raging wars." In creating the text for this ten-movement composition, Espindola was inspired by the words of Gandhi, Jesus, Mother Teresa, Isaiah, Jimmy Carter, Confucius, Buddha, and the Qur'an. In September 2011, the Portland Gay Men's Chorus performed *BraveSouls & Dreamers* at St. John the Divine in New York City as part of the 10th anniversary commemoration of 9/11.

After hearing the men's chorus *BraveSouls & Dreamers* in concert, One Voice Artistic Director, Jane Ramseyer Miller, asked Robert Seeley if he would consider creating an arrangement for SATB (mixed) chorus to premiere here in the Twin Cities. This powerful 43-minute multi-movement piece is scored for chorus, instrumental ensemble, and four soloists including voices of the Mother, Sage and two Soldiers.

One Voice's arrangement of *BraveSouls & Dreamers* was made possible through a generous donation by Vicki Janisch-Tri and Jerry Tri in loving memory of Cynthia Schmidt.



Composer Robert Seeley,

a California native, was raised in a small town in the Mojave Desert. He received his formal education at California State University, Chico, where he received a B.A. in music theory and composition. He is a former Composer in Residence for the

San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus for which he composed *NakedMan* in 1996. He has also written for the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus, (*Metamorphosis*), Dallas Women's Chorus (*Only Human*), New York City Gay Men's Chorus (*In This Heart of Mine*), Turtle Creek Chorale (*To a Dancing Star*), Gay Men's Chorus of Washington (*This House Shall Stand: Songs of My Family*), Seattle Men's Chorus (*Over the Skies of Yisrael*) and the Portland Gay Men's Chorus (*BraveSouls & Dreamers*). He currently serves as Artistic Director for Caballeros The Gay Men's Chorus of Palm Springs.



Librettist Robert Espindola

is a professional educator and a minister. He graduated with honors from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa in 1975. After completing graduate studies in psychology at Illinois State and San Francisco State University, he taught

in the California school system for twenty years. In 1992 he was honored as one of California's distinguished educators. A strong advocate for teenagers living with HIV/AIDS, he traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada, conducting workshops and seminars. He has been the keynote speaker at two National AIDS conferences, and served in 1993 as a delegate to the International Conference on AIDS in Yokohama, Japan.

Soloists

Kris Anne Weiss has performed leading roles in many operas, including *L'Italiana* in Algeri, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Così fan tutte*, and *Madama Butterfly*. In 2010, she premiered the lead role in a new opera, *The Ladysmith Story*, by Chris Gable. KrisAnne teaches voice at the Mount Olivet School of Music and has taught at the University of Minnesota, Lawrence University, and Luther College.

A.P. Hopper began her involvement with choral music in fourth grade and has since continually participated in music ministry as a vocalist, accompanist, and director. She has been privileged to be the bass section leader and occasional soloist of One Voice Mixed Chorus for 7 years and assistant director for 3 years (2007-2010). A.P. and Cyndi, her wonderful and musically gifted spouse of 13 years, live in Coon Rapids where they enjoy hosting their five children and two grandchildren bi-weekly.

Emily Tinawi started singing when she was just a youngin'. She continued to sing throughout elementary, middle, and high school, as well throughout college at Oberlin College in Ohio. During her lifetime she has sung

with 3 professional choirs in the DC area and been involved with various professional theatre companies throughout the US. In 2004, Emily won the National Choral Award and still has the certificate hanging in her room. Since graduating Emily performed in several cabarets as well as was a featured soloist for the Second Unitarian's Sunday choir in Chicago, IL and since moving to Minnesota has felt lucky to have found Once Voice. This is Emily's 5th season with One Voice and has been privileged to be a part of two Spring Fever Cabarets. She is currently teaching fourth grade language arts at Achieve Language Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Eric McCool, an Iowa native, graduated from Luther College where he sang under the direction of Mr. Weston Noble with the internationally acclaimed Nordic Choir. Eric received his J.D. from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI. While in law school Eric found his stress relief through song with the Michigan State Singers. Currently, Eric can be seen singing around the Twin Cities and with the guys of the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus and OutLoud under the direction of Dr. Stan Hill. Eric is an attorney with the State of Minnesota.

Artistic Staff

Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director

Jane is in her 17th year as Artistic Director with One Voice and also works as Artistic Director-in-Residence for GALA Choruses, Inc. She holds Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. in psychology from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. She especially enjoys creative community collaborations and has created choral music with 15-Head Theater Lab, The Women's Cancer Resource Center, Shakopee Women's Correctional Facility, Heart of the Beast, Kairos Dance Theatre, Mu Daiko, Teens Rock the Mic and District 202 among others. In 2008 Jane received the GALA Choruses Legacy Award for her conducting, innovative programming and commitment to community outreach. In 2010 she was awarded the ACDA VocalEssence Award for Creative Programming and the ACDA Minnesota Advocate for Choral Excellence (ACE) Award.

Scott Lykins, Accompanist

Scott recently joined the artistic team at One Voice as Accompanist. He began playing piano at age five in his native Brainerd, Minnesota, and studied privately for twelve years, gaining considerable experience in vocal and string collaboration. He holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Cello Performance and is a freelance artist around the Twin Cities. An advocate for the exploration of innovative music presentation, Scott is Founder and Artistic Director of the Lakes Area Music Festival in Brainerd, Minnesota and Managing Assistant for the inaugural season of the Minneapolis Mill City Summer Opera this summer, 2012.

Randi Grundahl Rexroth, OVation Ensemble Coach

Randi is delighted to be working with OVation and has enjoyed coaching this talented group of singers. She is also a choir director at the Visitation School in Mendota Heights, Assistant Director for the Twin Cities Women's Choir, and is music directing several shows in Hudson, Wisconsin, and at Macalester College. When she's not conducting, teaching, or directing, she's arranging and composing while trying to perform.

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Brave Souls & Dreamers

Set One

Please turn off devices that may make noise. No photos or video allowed during the performance. Thank you!

Bismillah

Arab Sufi melody, arr. Sangeet

Translation: *In the name of Allah the most beneficent and the most merciful.*

Nelson Mandela

Narrators: Allan Henden, Jim Miller

One by One

Lebo Morake, arr. John Leavitt

Solo: Aya Eid, Rebecca Warren

Translation from Zulu: *Hold tight my people. Don't get weary, don't lose your strength. We can see. They wanted to hold us back but they will not succeed. One by one we will win. They will not succeed because we know who we are. I am proud of the color of my skin that is dark. I will die with it.*

Transformation

Shape-note music by Jane Ramseyer Miller,

Text by Thomas Gibbons

Amish of Nickel Mines Story

Narrator: Sarah Ann Post

Change of Heart

Music by Holly Near, Jim Scott and Derek Nakamoto

Text by Holly Near, arr. Steve Milloy

Solos: Paul Dykes, Elizabeth Vaught

Bayard Rustin

Narrators: Allan Warrior, Dennis Kearney

How Can I Keep from Singing

Quaker hymn by Robert Lowry, arr. Dare to Breathe

Performed by OVation:

Marisa Squadrito Geisler, Darcy Juhl,

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Wayne Schneider, Jay Kurvers, Allan Warrior.

Dear Abby

Narrators: James Gottfried, Sarah Bizek

Influenced by Queers

Judy Small, arr. Jane Ramseyer Miller

Tea Party Ladies: Birdie Murphy, Doug Munro, Emily

Tinawi, Marnie Milbert, Martha Bentley, Dennis Kearney

Ashley, Anoka-Hennepin School District

Narrators: Elaine Voboril, Birdie Murphy

Children Will Listen

(from "Into the Woods")

Stephen Sondheim, arr. Mark Brymer

Judy Shepard

Narrators: Jen Rivera, Vicki Janisch-Tri

What Matters

Randi Driscoll, arr. Kevin Robison

Solo: Benjamin Lamb

Ain't No Grave

Traditional spiritual arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

INTERMISSION

*“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that
we belong to each other.”*

— Mother Teresa

Set Two

BraveSouls & Dreamers

Music by Robert Seeley

Libretto by Robert Espindola and inspired by the words
of Gandhi, Jesus, Mother Teresa, Isaiah, Jimmy Carter,
Confucius, Buddha, and the Qur'an

Solos: Mother – Kris Anne Weiss, Sage – A.P. Hopper,
Soldier 1 – Emily Tinawi, Soldier 2 – Eric McCool

Please hold your applause until the final movement.

The Great Obscenity

Somehow

Collateral Damages

To Each Other

Epitaph

Elegy

Footprints

Angels

As If

BraveSouls & Dreamers

Imagine-Blowin' in the Wind

John Lennon, arr. Mac Huff/ Bob Dylan

Solo: Jessica Eastman



Take *BraveSouls & Dreamers* home!

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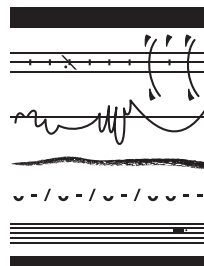


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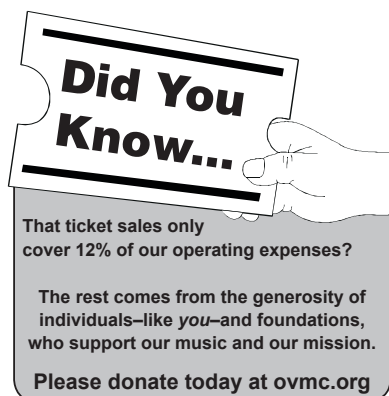
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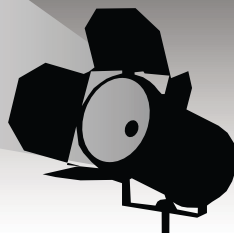
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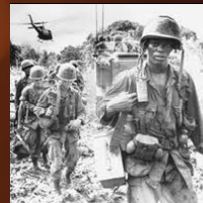
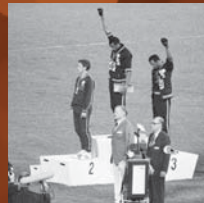
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