

A CHORAL JOURNEY OF LOSS, GRIEF, & DISCOVERING THE LIGHT OF HOPE

Sunday, April 27th, 3:00 pm WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1301 KIMBALL AVE, WATERLOO, IOWA

Featuring the Hudson High School Concert Choir



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Bel Canto Cedar Valley (BCCV) is a premiere community chamber choir serving the communities of the Cedar Valley. Bel Canto Cedar Valley contributes to the cultural enrichment of the **community** by promoting **quality** choral music, exploring vast and varied choral repertoire, and encouraging music as a life-long **passion**.



Alice Reid Pruisner, Artistic Director and Founder of Bel Canto Cedar Valley, graduated with honors from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL with an undergrad in Vocal Music Education and from The University of Northern Iowa with a Master of Music in Choral Conducting. Ms. Pruisner has experience conducting choirs of all ages, and is especially passionate about community building and outreach. Ms. Pruisner lives in Cedar Falls with her husband, two daughters, and two mini dachshunds.

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Our values

We are rooted in Christianity, committed to partnership and collaboration through deep ecumenism and dialogue with other faith traditions. We seek to be a place of compassion, inclusivity, creativity and thoughtfulness **in order to explore and grow in relationship with Christ**.

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Cedar Valley LGBTQ+ Coalition

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Hudson High School Concert Choir

Mitchell Stover, Director

Ivy Winkelpleck

The Hudson High School Concert Choir is a 9-12 elective ensemble. This is an unauditioned group of freshmen through seniors who choose to add choir to their schedules! Due to the nature of the elective, anyone can join this ensemble regardless of musical experience. There are several students in the current choir who are in their first year of music altogether. The wide range of experiences and knowledge in the choir is one of the things that makes it so special for all of the students. Their director, Mitchell Stover, is a 2019 Wartburg College Alumni and has been teaching Choral Music for 6 years. Thanks for supporting the arts!

<u>Sopranos</u>	Altos	Tenors	<u>Basses</u>
Kati Barber	Mia Clark	Justin Gavigan	Alex Droste
Mackenzie Bormann	Sabrina Grinnell	Emric Huinker	Josh Gilbert
Mikayla Dale	Maya Hoppes	Preston Olson	Casey Greiman
Jaden Deppe	Tayler Junker	Cayden Stevenson	Colten Jensen
Bridget Hansen	Ainslee McConaughy	Brenner Wetzel	Carter Swanson
Kate Holton	Jaelynn Mentel	Oliver Wymore	Rob Watson
Brenna Nielsen	Harper Nielsen		Landyn Wiersma
Caitlyn Poppe	Catherine Olson		
Makayla Shirk	Neveah Siemens		
Brinkley Simmer	Haley Stine		
Ava Slade	Clare Wetzel		

Morgan Wittrock

Program Notes from our director

To be human is to experience loss. Loss of a person, loss of faith, loss of self-identity or life purpose. We all go through intense periods of grief, wandering, and loneliness. In our despair we ask God to take us instead, life loses its brilliancy, and we are left wondering if there is anything in our future but grief. We find ourselves seduced away from our values and ourselves, consumed by media and societal expectations to the point we question why we are here and what we are made for.

Today we will explore the complex emotions of grief, despair, loneliness, and loss. We will ask the tough questions: What does it mean to be human? How do we lift ourselves and each other out of darkness? Where does the light begin? Or is it always there, and we just need each other to see it? And together we will see the glimmer of an answer – the light is in all of us. Through faith, friendship, love, community, and perseverance we can find that most precious of human emotions: hope.

We start Part 1 with a lament, an expression of grief and helplessness with *Indodana*. *Indodana* is a traditional South African song arranged by Michael Barrett and Ralf Schmitt. The cry begins soft and low - "The Lord has taken his son!" The intensity and complexity of the music builds gradually, punctuated by a grief so deep it is beyond words, instead expressed through cries of "Hololo, Helele!" The climax of the piece is a cry of "Oh Baba! Oh Baba Jehova!" which translates to "Oh Father! Oh Father Jehovah!"

We next turn to When David Heard by Thomas Weelkes. This sacred Renaissance madrigal uses text painting and chromaticism to bring to life the grief and despair King David felt when he learned that his son, Absalom, was dead. Listen for the ascending lines as David climbs to his chamber over the gate, and notice the use of cross or false relations in moments of particular tension. A cross relation, found frequently in Renaissance polyphonic music, is when there are different enharmonic expressions of the same note simultaneously. For example, you will hear a B flat against a B natural when we hear that Absalom was slain, and an A flat against an A natural when David says "would God I had died for thee!" This dissonance creates an almost unbearable tension between the parts. The end of the piece thins and quiets as each part expresses grief independently with "O Absalom!"

Anthony O'Daly, by Samuel Barber, looks at a different, more visceral side of grief – anger. Joshua Parman writes, "Considered a hero by many Irish people, the carpenter Anthony Daly was hanged in 1820 for attempted murder. He was the leader of a local chapter of the Whiteboys, a vigilante organization that enacted terror on oppressive and unjust landowners, the majority of whom were British. The group was named for the white robes worn during raids. Anthony, though innocent, was arrested and hanged without revealing the names of the real murderers. His character is not only one of innocent sacrifice to protect the guilty, but also symbolic of the tragic consequences of oppressed peasants seeking social justice." Barber's setting begins with an expressive lament of grief and gradually builds in dynamics, voices, rhythmic complexity, and dissonance until you can feel the anger and anguish of the crowd. Underpinning it all is the repetitive drone of "Anthony! Anthony" which provides harmonic grounding and rhythmic instability all at once. The piece ends with each voice part crying out "After you there is nothing to do! There is nothing but grief!" In the music, Barber indicates this should be performed "desperately."

Our opening trio confronts the emotions we feel when we have lost something or someone. But what if we lose ourselves? *Daemon Irrepit Callidus* by György Orbán is a frenzied, almost frenetic composition in which the eighth note pulse is ceaseless and relentless. The text expounds upon the many ways humanity is tempted by the devil – trickery, sensuality, gluttony, and praise. In the end we declare that nothing the devil offers is more valuable than the heart of Jesus, but we are left with the sense that the devil, portrayed by that ceaseless, relentless, frenetic pulse, will never stop tempting, never stop chasing.

The Sound of Silence, performed by the tenors and basses of the choir, is a classic American resistance song first performed by Simon and Garfunkel in the mid 1960s. In it, the protagonist recounts a dream, a nightmare, in which he walked the streets and saw people blinded by neon lights, talking without speaking, and hearing without listening. It is astonishing how prescient this warning was, considering how inundated we are with technology, lights, screens, information, propaganda, and noise. It is all too easy to lose ourselves in the morass.

While it is easy to lose ourselves to outward temptations or the siren call of technology, what if we lose our inner knowing of ourselves? What Was I Made For, performed by Billie Eilish for the Barbie movie, is an introspective longing for personal understanding. We are so thoroughly defined by the people around us, what does it mean for our sense of well being when we can no longer define ourselves? At the end of the arrangement, Jennifer Lucy Cook's emphasizes the inherent longing through the use of long ascending portamentos that both ask the question and recalls the beginning thought, "I used to float." Can we find that lightness again?

In Part 2 of our program we begin the journey out of darkness, grief, and despair. *The Conversion of Saul* by Z. Randall Stroope illustrates how light can pierce the darkness, showing a path through anger. Stroope writes, "After the stoning of Stephen, Saul launched an all-out persecution of the early Christian church and became legendary in his pursuit to exterminate all who 'believed.' But as Saul (also called Paul) later wrote, he was blinded by a light from heaven as he traveled to Damascus and was confronted by a voice that called out to him, saying 'Saul, why do you persecute me?' This event has become known as 'the conversion of Saul,' as Saul turned from his murderous deeds and spent the remainder of his life as a Christian missionary. This musical work begins with a raucous depiction of death and destruction through highly accentuated rhythmic treatment and repeated agitation of the text. A pedal tone emerges in the middle of the piece, symbolizing the 'one true light.' This continuum of light brings Saul to his knees, and 'commissions' him to a life of 'turning hatred into love' and bringing compassion to those around him."

Our next piece, Where the Light Begins by Susan LaBarr suggests that perhaps the light does not always come out of nowhere to show us the way. Instead, perhaps the light is

always. It can always be found in "the luminous line," "the vigil flame," and "the love so searing we can't keep from singing!" Perhaps the light is there, it just takes a lifetime for us to learn to see it.

There are many ways in which we can find threads of light to pull us out of loss and despair - social connection, community activism, music, love, faith, and nature to name a few. In *The Times They Are A-Changin*' Bob Dylan challenges us to take that light and do something! He confronts us with our own stagnation and reminds us that the world is always changing, always growing, and that to save ourselves and to save our communities we must change with it! The truth in his warning is held out by the fact that this message is as important now, in 2025, as it was when it was released in 1963! This arrangement by Adam Podd features a continually rolling piano part and an opening solo by Mitchell Stover.

In Clara Wieck Schumann's *Liebst du um* Schönheit, arranged for choir by James McCullough, the narrator begins with self-doubt, telling their beloved to love anything but them. Love beauty, love sunlight, love springtime, love anything but me! But by the end of the piece they realize their love is worthy, exclaiming, "Love true love – Oh, yes, do love me!" This exploration of emotion is shown through the flowing piano parts, soaring vocal lines, and dramatic dynamic shifts.

The title of *Can We Sing the Darkness to Light*? by Kyle Pederson, is the central question of the piece. Through music can we bring compassion and grace? Can we set aside judgement, pride, and revenge so we can instead "see the other as our brother?" The value of the arts has often been questioned throughout human history, but this piece emphasizes the power of the arts. Feel free to substitute dance, art, theater, poetry, prose, anything that pulls on the innate power of human creativity and expression. There is power in the arts to open eyes and soften hearts. Here humanity often finds another gateway out of darkness.

We end Part 2 with Hudson High School's performance of *Bend* by Kyle Pederson. The text of this powerful choral work is addressed to anyone facing struggles and it presents an honest affirmation that those struggles are real. Rather than deny the existence of problems or pain, the listener is encouraged to "lean into" the hardship, to name it-and to thereby reduce its power. Textually and musically, the listener is presented with the metaphor of a tree-being whipped by the wind but built to bend in that wind, and ultimately withstand the pressure-filled gales. The power of community is also affirmed, as the listener is encouraged to walk alongside and to bend along with their neighbor.

Part 3 is a celebration of being "found," and all the places in our lives we find belonging, home, and hope. Be Not Afraid by Knut Nystedt is a powerful anthem of strength found through faith. The mantra "I strengthen thee for I am thy help" is the murmuring foundation of God's love and care. In faith we can find strength, help, belonging, and salvation.

Still I Rise, a joyful gospel anthem by Rosephanye Powell reminds us that while faith can uphold us through tough times, there is also courage and strength that lives inside us! That with every obstacle overcome, with every success we grow stronger in the knowledge that it's all within our reach. This piece features soloists Kim Erisman, Kyla Billington, and Meg Stineman and uses call and response, repetition, and dramatic dynamic builds to convey this joyful message.

Jocelyn Hagen's *needle & thread* is a gently rhythmic polyphonic piece that weaves the vocal lines in a beautiful representation of the text. It is comforting to reflect that we can bring different strengths to a relationship – the needle in comparison to the thread – and with those different strengths together we can heal not only ourselves but each other.

Sweet Rivers, by Cedar Falls graduate Shawn Kirchner, is a joyous tour de force. He describes Sweet Rivers as a "newly-created 'traditional song' that pairs an old hymn text with an original melody." The banjos-like piano accompaniment creates continuous motion and propels the piece forward in contrast to the long lines and soaring melody that is shared between all the voices of the choir.

Our journey ends with that most precious and enduring of human emotions with the composition Hope by Zachary J. Moore. The text is the repeated cry of "Alleluia!" and Moore uses rhythmic syncopation to create tension and energy. The middle introspective section leads to a recurrence of the opening theme and the addition of claps and stomps help build excitement and intensity to the climactic ending. Moore wrote that "the inspiration for this score comes from the first time I was able to hear my son's heartbeat in an ultrasound. It was a magical and exciting moment that I will never forget; however, everything leading up to that specific moment had an element of tension. Six months prior to hearing my son's heartbeat my wife and I found ourselves in a very similar situation with a different ultrasound. We arrived at the hospital excited to meet our child only to find out that we had miscarried. I had never felt so deflated and aimless in one sudden moment. It was as if I was a boat, drifting, with no direction in my life. Fast forward to this ultrasound with my soon-to-be son, you can imagine the excitement and fear I felt all at once as the doctor prepared to give the ultrasound. Hearing the heartbeat of my son was the most beautiful sound I have ever heard, and it brought me to tears. Personally, it felt like such a hopeful relief. The excitement and tension of that specific moment are what I sought to capture in this composition."

This cycle of hope, to loss, to grief, to struggle, to help, to light, to hope again is one we all experience. Our hope today is to honor the struggle, honor the journey, and to remind us all that the light begins in us and in each other, and that at the end of each journey lies Hope.

Bel Canto Cedar Valley presents: Lost and Found -A Choral Journey of Loss, Grief, and Discovering the Light of Hope featuring the Hudson High School Concert Choir and in partnership with House of Hope of the Cedar Valley, Three House Campus Ministries, and the Cedar Valley LGBTQ+ Coalition

> Alice Reid Pruisner, Artistic Director Bethany Brooks, Accompanist

Part 1: Lost

Traditional South African Song arranged by Michael Barrett and Ralf Schmitt

Thomas Weelkes (c. 1575-1623) II Samuel, 18:33 featuring Sara Blessing, Amanda Bridges-Kramme, Kennedy Hiles, Jess Lieb, Megan Lien, Noah McLaughlin, Elizabeth Nelson, Matthew Rector, Noah Rouw, Sarah Rueber, Devin Wipperman

Anthony O'Daly

Daemon Irrepit Callidus

The Sound of Silence

György Orbán (b. 1947)

Paul Simon

featuring the BCCV tenors and basses

Speaker: Melissa Gevaert, Cedar Valley LGBTQ+ Coalition

What Was I Made For?

Billie Eilish O'Connell and Finneas O'Connell arr. Jennifer Lucy Cook

Part 2: Journey

For the next three songs, BCCV welcomes Hudson High School singers Maya Hoppes, Jaelynn Mentel, Preston Olson, Caitlyn Poppe, Brinkley Simmer, and Rob Watson

The Conversion of Saul

Where the Light Begins

The Times They Are A'Changin'

Bob Dylan arr. Adam Podd

Soloist: Mitchell Stover

Indodana

When David Heard

arr. David R. Peoples

Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

Susan LaBarr (b. 1981) Text by Jan Richardson

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Speaker: Dave Glenn-Burns, ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

For the next two songs, BCCV welcomes the Hudson High School Concert Choir

Liebst du um Schönheit

Clara Wieck Schumann (1819-1896) arr. James McCullough

Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?

Speaker: Paul Greene, The Tyler Greene Fund

Bend

Kyle Pederson (b.1971)

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Hudson High School Concert Choir Mitchell Stover, Director

Part 3: Found

Knut Nystedt (1915-2014) Text: Isaiah 41:10, 43:1

Rosephanye Powell (b.1962)

featuring the BCCV Sopranos and Altos Soloists: Kim Erisman, Kyla Billington, Meg Stineman

Speaker: Dusky Steele, House of Hope of the Cedar Valley

needle & thread

Jocelyn Hagen (b. 1980) Text by Amanda Lovelace

the you brought needle & I brought the thread we meant to mend our two broken hearts, but we ended up stitching them togeth er

Sweet Rivers

Hope

Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970) Text by John Adam Granade

Zachary J. Moore (b.1992)

Djembe: Christine Anderson Shaker: Megan Lien

Still I Rise

Be Not Afraid

Translations

Indodana

Ngob'umthatile umtwana wakho, uhlale nathi hololo helele The Lord has taken his son who lived amongst us

Indodana ka nkulunkulu bayi'bethelela hololo helele The son of the Lord God was crucified

> Hololo Baba Jehova, Zjem zja baba Hololo Father Jehova, Zjem zja father

(hololo represents crying. Zjem zja is expressive with no meaning)

The Conversion of Saul

Caedite, vexate, ligate, vinculis! Saul! Murder, harass, bind into chains! Saul's!

> Vinculis, condemnate, vexate! 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!

Liebst du um Schönheit

Liebst du um Schönheit, O night mich liebe! Love what has beauty, Oh do not love me!

Liebe die Sonne, Sie trägt ein gold'nes Haar! Love the sunlight, so like your golden hair!

Liebst du um Jungend, O night mich liebe! Love what is childlike, Oh do not love me!

Lieben den Frühling, Dre jung ist jedes Jahr! Love always Springtime, It comes back every year! Liebst du um Schätze, O night mich liebe! Love what you treasure, Oh do not love me!

Liebe die Meerfrau, Sie hat viel Perlen klar. Love the wise Mermaid, who comes with sparkling pearls

> Liebst du um Liebe, O ja mich liebe! Love what is true love! Oh yes, do love me!

Liebe mich immer, Dich lieb ich immerdar. Love me forever, such love I give to you!

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<u>Soprano</u>

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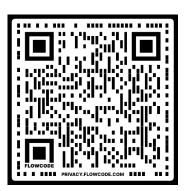
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