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One Voice Mixed Chorus Presents *Well-Versed* featuring Well-Strung and World Premiere Commission!



Who: One Voice Mixed Chorus: Minnesota’s LGBTQ Chorus and Well-Strung, New York’s hottest singing string quartet

What: One Voice is proud to present, *Well-Versed*, an unforgettable evening of choral music, strings and poetry featuring Well-Strung.

Where: Ordway Concert Hall, 345 Washington St., St. Paul, MN 55102

When: Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 P.M. Meet the Composer at 7:10 P.M. in the Securian Sky Lounge.

Tickets: Please visit www.ordway.org for tickets, or call the Ordway box office at (651) 224-4222.

One Voice Mixed Chorus, Minnesota's LGBTQA Chorus, presents Well-Versed, an unforgettable evening of choral music, strings and poetry featuring New York's hottest singing string quartet, Well-Strung! *The New York Times* says Well-Strung **"brilliantly fuses pop and classical music from Madonna to Beethoven."** Well-Strung joins forces with One Voice to premiere a new commission sponsored by the American Composers Forum by composer George Maurer and poetry slam champion Sierra DeMulder. A limited number of \$100 tickets include a post-concert reception with Well-Strung. Don't miss this one night only event!

Meet the Artists:



Well-Strung, a New York City based string quartet, derives their unique blend of vocals and strings by fusing classical music with the pop music of today. Members Edmund Bagnell (1st violin), Chris Marchant (2nd violin), Daniel Shevlin (cello), and Trevor Wadleigh (viola) spend their time making new music and touring internationally. The group was conceived by producer Mark Cortale and Chris Marchant.



George Maurer considers his one-word job description to be "collaborator." Whether he's composing original music for Saint Paul City Ballet, arranging '80s hits for the Minnesota Orchestra or selling out the Dakota Jazz Club with his band, George has a talent for working as part of a creative team and realizing a collective artistic vision. He has been called Minnesota's premier jazz pianist and gained acclaim with the George Maurer Group, Trio and The 2nd New Originals as well as his solo work and collaborations with vocalists. Maurer has created original compositions for orchestra and ballet, big band and Bobby Vee. He writes original scores for film, theater and dance and has been called upon to arrange and produce music for an incredible diversity of projects including Twin Cities productions of *Swing!* and *Rent*.



Sierra DeMulder is an internationally touring performance poet and educator, a two-time National Poetry Slam champion, and a thrice-published author of *The Bones Below*, *New Shoes on a Dead Horse* (2010, 2012, Write Bloody Publishing), and *We Slept Here* (Button Poetry, 2015). A 2014 McKnight Fellowship recipient, Sierra's work has been featured on NPR, Huffington Post, The Advocate, and more. In addition to performing, Sierra is the curriculum director of the *Slam Camp at Indiana*

University, an annual writing summer camp for high school students, and one of the founders of Button Poetry, the largest digital distributor of spoken word in the world. Her latest full-length collection, *Today Means Amen*, was released early 2016 by Andrews McMeel, publisher of Calvin and Hobbes, The Oatmeal, and NY Times bestselling poet Lang Leav. Sierra lives in Minneapolis with her dog, Fidelis.

Tickets are on sale now! To purchase, please visit <http://www.onevoicemn.org/performances/get-tickets/> or call the Ordway Box Office at 651-224-4222. To learn more about One Voice Mixed Chorus, please email us at info@onevoicemn.org, call our office at 651-298-1954, or visit our website at <http://www.onevoicemn.org>.



2017 Season Calendar:

Well-Versed

March 18, 2017 • 7:30pm

The Ordway Concert Hall

345 Washington St, Saint Paul, MN 55102

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The Pirates of Penzance

June 22, 2017 • 7:30pm (Preview)

June 24, 2017 • 3:30pm

June 25, 2017 • 2:00pm & 5:30pm

Raspberry Island

Saint Paul, MN 55107

Tickets: Free and open to the public!

For nearly 30 years, One Voice Mixed Chorus, Minnesota's own LGBT and straight allies community chorus and the largest LGBTQIA mixed chorus in North America, has been known for its commitment to artistic excellence, its diverse repertoire, its wicked sense of humor and a strong commitment to community engagement. Our talented and diverse group of 125 singing members span the ages of 17 and 77, and our "Fifth Section" boasts more than 50 non-singing volunteers. Together, they dedicate their time and energy to the One Voice mission: "Building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song."

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