



# Uncommon Light: Brahms & the Beauty of Shadow

## Special Guests:

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Friday, January 25, 2008 • 1:00 pm • Central High School

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## Upcoming One Voice Events

### One Voice Singer Auditions

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6:30-9:30 pm,

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# One Voice

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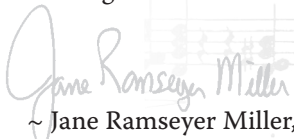
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# Welcome

Welcome to One Voice's 20th Anniversary season! Tonight's music features luminous choral music written to honor the sacredness of night, the wonder of light and the challenge of living in the gray areas between them. We are pleased to collaborate with two special guests for these concerts: Grammy Award-winning conductor Vance George, and the Central High School Concert Choir, led by Martha Coventry Graber. Together we have enjoyed three months of rehearsals, retreats and hours of singing the stunning and challenging choral music of composer Johannes Brahms.

Central High School's choral set explores these themes from the varied perspective of Renaissance Italy, to contemporary Armenia, and the uplifting message of an African American spiritual. Opening the second set, One Voice explores the shadows between light and dark with themes of war and peace, diversity, the struggle for acceptance, and the clarity that is found in self-understanding and acceptance. The concert concludes with a movement from Brahms's most famous German Requiem.

We offer a huge thank-you to our guests for their contribution to this exciting collaboration. It is an honor to perform this glorious music with you!

  
~ Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director

For 20 years One Voice Mixed Chorus has united gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and straight allies in working for social change. One Voice is known for its musical excellence, diverse repertoire, humor, and strong commitment to community outreach. One Voice's 80 singing members span ages 17 to 70, and its "Fifth Section" boasts more than 40 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." One Voice is the largest GLBT mixed chorus in North America, and has performed for thousands of people in the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota and beyond. For a complete performance schedule, tickets, volunteer and audition information see [www.ovmc.org](http://www.ovmc.org) or call 651-298-1954.

# Concert

## Guests



### **Dr. Vance George, Guest Conductor**

Dr. Vance George is internationally recognized as one of America's leading choral conductors. He has conducted throughout the U.S. as well as Europe, Australia and Asia; most recently in Salzburg, Sydney, Minneapolis, and Indianapolis. He has received great acclaim for his unique knowledge of musical styles, languages, mastery of vocal colors, and synthesis of the choral-orchestral tradition.

His work embodies the legacy of the great maestros he has known as protégé and colleague, especially Kurt Masur, John Nelson, Helmut Rilling, Robert Shaw, Julius Herford, Margaret Hillis, Robert Page, Otto Werner-Mueller, and Mary Oyer. During his 23 years with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus the group was hailed as one of the finest in the world. On their behalf he accepted two Grammy awards for Best Performance of a Choral Work for Orff's *Carmina burana* (1992) and Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem* (1995). Other Grammy-winning recordings featuring the chorus include Stravinsky's *Perséphone* and Mahler's *Symphony III*. TV and film credits include an Emmy for *Sweeney Todd* in 2002 and soundtracks for *Amadeus*, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, and *Godfather III*.

His performances encompass the choral/orchestral works of Bach, Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, Beethoven, Verdi, and Fauré. Twentieth century composers include Stravinsky, Schoenberg, V. Williams, Penderecki, Lutoslawski and Meredith Monk. Highly regarded as a teacher of conducting he has presented workshops throughout the U.S. including Buffalo, Eastman, Cincinnati, Berkeley, and the San Francisco Conservatory. A graduate of Goshen College he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Kent State University, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from Chorus America. He has served on the board of Chorus America and the National Endowment of the Arts.



### **Martha Coventry Graber, Central High School Choir Director**

Martha Coventry Graber is a native of Eureka, Illinois. She received her Bachelor of Music Education in voice from Illinois Wesleyan University and her Master of Music degree in choral conducting from the University of Minnesota. She studied voice with Lawrence Weller and Emma Small. She has been a performing member of Thursday Musical and has also performed a variety of recitals and solo performances in the Twin Cities, including solo appearances with Minnetonka Choral Society under the direction of Dr. Peter Hendrickson, Oratorio Society, under the direction of Dr. George Chu, Macalester Festival Chorale and Minnesota Chorale, under the direction of Kathy Salzman Romey. Martha also held a position as a contracted Singer for Minnesota Chorale for four years. She directed the adult choir for Macalester Plymouth United Church for seven years, premiering numerous works by Music Director and Composer Curt Oliver. Martha is in her eighth year as the choir director at Central High School. She is married to singer/guitarist/songwriter Dale Graber. Together, they currently sing with Kantorei under the direction of Dr. Axel Theimer. Martha and Dale have three daughters and their girls have all been Martha's students; their youngest, Rosalie is currently a member of both Concert Choir and Central Singers.

### **Central High School**

Central High School is the oldest high school in the state of Minnesota. Founded in 1852 in downtown Saint Paul, Central prides itself in having had more Rhodes Scholars than any other public high school in this country with their most recent scholar being announced in 2003. Central is a model for public education serving diverse populations with many different ethnic and income groups. Central has 2200 students, the largest enrollment of the seven Saint Paul public high schools. The student body is 37% Caucasian-American, 31% African-American, 26% Asian American, 5% Hispanic American, and 1% Native American. 22 languages are spoken in students' homes.



# Concert

# Guests

## Central High School Choir

Central H.S. choir program has grown from two curricular choirs to three curricular and two extra-curricular ensembles involving over 120 students. The Concert Choir consists of auditioned singers, grades 10-12 and has toured in recent years to Chicago, New Orleans and San Diego. They have performed two collaborative performances with the Central High School Orchestra (director, Matthew Oyen), parents, staff and friends of Central. The first was Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* in the spring of 2003 with guest soloists Madeline Cieslak and Kelvin Chen. The second collaboration was Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* performed at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Central Choir has also participated in two American Composers Forum grants, the first awarded to Cantus during the 2002-2003 school year and the second a Composer in the Schools grant awarded to the Central Choirs funded by the St. Croix Foundation for the 2004-2005 school year, which employed composer Jocelyn Hagen. Concert Choir was select to perform for the Minnesota ACDA fall convention November 2005. They have also participated in outreach programs with Kantorei, under the direction of Dr. Axel Theimer and the Oratorio Society, under the direction of Dr. George Chu, Vocalessence under the direction of Philip Brunelle and Minnesota Chorale's Bridges Program under the direction of Kathy Saltzman Romey. Central Singers participated in a performance workshop with Chanticleer and last year Central Singers were selected to perform on the ACDA Choral Arts Finale at Orchestra Hall, April 15, 2007.

### Sopranos:

Elizabeth Anderson  
Alex Chudzik  
Yodit Dereje  
Sarah Gemlo  
Berit Goetz  
✿Rosalie Graber  
Nora Hencir  
Laura Henry  
Gina Hoffman  
Heidi Masanz  
Kristi Moua  
Maisie Richardson Hohn  
Danielle Salazar  
Sarah Waddle  
Mila Yang  
Pachia Yang

### Altos:

Megan Arneson  
Elizabeth Arnosti  
Yunuen Avila  
Michalene Baines  
Sarah Clinton-McCausland  
Elizabeth Geno  
✿Marit Harm  
Hannah Howard  
Emily Johnson  
Shannon Krohn  
Kristin Moen  
Angel Moua  
Emily Neset  
Kayla Perry  
Emily Peters  
Amanda Vang  
Sheng Xiong

### Tenors:

Curtis Bakken  
André Borka  
Daniel Clinton-McCausland  
✿Ben Dutcher  
Zebulon Fricke  
Christopher Geno  
David Yang

### Basses:

Grant Hammond  
Jonny Holupchinski  
Chee Lee  
Isaac Olivo Orozco  
An Phan  
Dante Scarver  
Geoffrey Schellenberg  
Andrés Varela-Paul  
✿Evan Vici

### ✿Section Leaders

Central HS joins One Voice for a rehearsal.

# One Voice

## Staff



### **Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director**

Jane Ramseyer Miller is in her thirteenth year as Artistic Director for One Voice Mixed Chorus. She holds Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Minnesota and a BA in Psychology from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. Ramseyer Miller has served as Music Director for several church choirs as well as for TransVoices, Calliope Women's Chorus, Fierra Voce Femmina, and Voices for Peace – a multi-cultural youth choir. Ramseyer Miller's compositions are published by Yelton Rhodes Music and Pilgrim Press. She especially enjoys creative arts collaborations and has created choral music with 15-Head Theater Lab, The Women's Cancer Resource Center, Shakopee Women's Correctional Facility, In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, Kairos Dance Theatre, Mu Daiko, Teens Rock the Mic and District 202 among others.



### **Philip Everingham, Accompanist**

Philip Everingham, a native of Springfield, Ohio, has collaborated with singers throughout the United States and Austria, specializing in a variety of art song and opera repertoire. He has served as coach/accompanist for various opera companies, including the Fargo/Moorhead Opera productions of Carlyle Floyd's *Susannah*, Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* and their upcoming production of Bizet's *Pearl Fishers*, as well as several productions at the University of Minnesota and Opera in the Ozarks. He recently received his Doctorate of Musical Arts at the University of Minnesota, where he researched Finnish composer Yrjö Kilpinen's songs set to the text of Swedish poet Erik Blomberg. His research took him to Finland in the fall of 2006 to perform a concert series beginning at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki with baritone, Peter Halverson.



### **Tom Becker, Operations Manager**

Tom Becker, a native of Minneapolis, is delighted to renew his association with One Voice. He was a One Voice singer in the early days and served as Co-Moderator of the One Voice board and in various other leadership positions from 1988-1994. More recently, he has worked in the business and financial departments at Target as both a corporate trainer and a Business Team Lead in accounts payable. He also worked for CIGNA Companies supervising claims handling and managing facility functions, reporting and data processing. Tom has worked as an office volunteer for Open Arms of Minnesota, the Minnesota Council of Churches Refugees Committee, Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus and several other non-profit organizations.



### **Scott Chamberlain, Development & Public Relations Manager**

Before joining One Voice, Scott Chamberlain worked in both public relations and development for the Minnesota Orchestra. He also served as the communications director for the Resource Center of the Americas, a local think tank dedicated to promoting social, economic and political justice in Latin America. Prior to that, he taught Latin American history at the University of Kansas and Spanish at Vanderbilt University; he has also lived in Spain and Costa Rica. An active musician himself, Scott is a member of the Minnesota Chorale and can be heard on their recent CD of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, recorded with the Minnesota Orchestra under the direction of Osmo Vänskä.



### **Randi Grundahl Rexroth, OVation Ensemble Coach**

Randi Grundahl Rexroth is very pleased to be working with OVation and has enjoyed singing with this talented group of singers. She is also a choir director at the Visitation School in Mendota Heights 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.

# One Voice Members and Committees

## Sopranos

Britt Abel  
Martha Bentley  
Sonya Boeser  
Tara Coy  
Kristin Fischer  
Kim Fraiser  
Marisa Geisler  
Penny Haney  
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Lane Skalberg  
Jim Stratton  
Dick VanDeusen

✿ Section Music Leader  
✿ On Leave

## Fifth Section

*Our 5th Section is an amazing group of non-singing chorus volunteers. Give us a call to join them!*

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Andy Kedl



# Program

## Set One

### **One Voice Mixed Chorus**

Vance George, Guest Conductor

#### **O Schöne Nacht, Op. 92, No. 1**

Johannes Brahms (1833-1857)

George Friedrich Daumer, poem

Oh beautiful night!  
In the sky the moon  
Is fabulously shining in its complete splendor;  
Around it, sweet company of little stars.  
Oh beautiful night!  
The dew is shimmering brightly  
On the green blades of grass;  
The nightingale sings ardently in the lilac bush  
And the boy steals softly to his lover.  
O beautiful night!

#### **Liebeslieder and Neue Liebeslieder**

Johannes Brahms

Love songs and New Love songs

*The first set of Liebeslieder was written when Brahms was 36 years old and the second set followed several years later. Composed for piano duet and mixed quartet, Brahms wrote these pieces with the hopes that they would become household music, sung and played by amateurs at home and at social gatherings.*

#### **Opus 65, No. 13: Nein, Geliebter, setze dich**

No beloved, do not sit near me!  
Do not stare with such ardor  
Into my eyes.  
Though your heart may burn  
Mute your urge  
So that the world does not see  
How we love.

#### **Opus 52, No. 14: Sieh, wie ist die Welle klar**

See how bright the waves are  
When the moon looks down on them.  
You who are my love,  
Love me in return.

#### **Opus 65, No. 15 Zum Schluss**

Now, ye Muses, enough!  
In vain you venture to tell us,  
How our sorrow and joy  
Follow each other in love.  
You cannot heal the wounds and the grief  
Which Love has caused us;  
Yet our solace we find  
Only, ye kind Ones, in you.

### **Central High School Concert Choir**

Martha Coventry Graber, Music Director

#### **Super flumina Babilonis**

Giovanni P. da Palestrina c. 1525-1594  
Psalm 137

By the waters of Babylon,  
There we sat and wept,  
When we remembered thee, O Zion.  
In our sorrow, upon the aspens  
We hung our harps.

#### **Loosin Yelav**

Trad. Armenian, arr. Paul Carey  
Evan Vicic, violin & Berit Goetz, piano

The moon has risen over the hill, over its summit,  
Its red, rosy face brilliantly illuminating the earth.  
O dear moon, with your dear light and your dear round and rosy face.  
Before, darkness reigned covering the earth;  
But now the light of the moon has chased it away into the dark clouds.  
O dear moon, with your dear light and your dear round and rosy face.

#### **Walk in the Light**

Trad., arr. André Thomas  
Philip Everingham, piano



# Program

## Set One

### Combined Choirs

Vance George, Guest Conductor

### Nänie (Song of Mourning)

Johannes Brahms

Steve Humerickhouse, oboe

Poem by Friedrich Schiller

Even beauty must die!

What conquers men and Gods [even beauty]

Can not soften the steely heart of the dark Lord, Zeus.

[Reference to "Stygian Zeus" of the underworld]

Only once did love [between Orpheus and Eurydice]

Melt the heart of the Lord of Shadows

[But] sternly he called back his gift of [life to] Eurydice [from Hades]

Not even Aphrodite could heal the wound of Adonis

Who, in his beautiful side, cruelly the wild boar had ripped.

Nor could Thetis immortal rescue Achilles divine

When, at the gates of Troy falling, his fate he fulfilled.

See, she ascends from the sea with all the daughters of Nereus

Lifting loud the lament, for her illustrious son.

Lo, they are weeping, the gods, behold, every goddess is weeping

For all beauty fades, for all perfection must die.

A lament to be on the lips of the loved ones is glorious,

For what is common sinks downward to Hades unsung.

[But] to be on the lips of the loved ones is glorious!\*

PORCH OF  
MAIDENS

*\*The beautiful and virtuous are not consumed by Hades because  
the deep laments of those who love them keep their memory alive.*



Restrooms are available on all three floors.

Check for signs in the hallways.

### Meet the Composer! Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Poor Johannes Brahms—he has been so thoroughly enshrined as one of The Great Men of Western Art that it's easy to overlook the fact he was one of the nineteenth century's most colorful characters. Brahms violently opposed religious dogma, but in private he was a believer who kept extensive notes in his collection of bibles. Devastated by the death of his mother and great friend Anselm Feuerbach, he expressed his grief not through musical thunder, but rather the gently consoling *German Requiem* and *Nänie*. Acclaimed for modesty as well as talent, Johannes Brahms once declined an honorary degree from Cambridge University and throughout his life favored informal dress, simple restaurants and, according to one biographer, a great deal of beer! This quirky personality is wonderfully present in his music: lilting melodies, light humor, themes of unfulfilled longing and a deeply religious spirit.

### Notes on Brahms's Nänie

The poem *Nänie* was written in 1799 by German poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller whose writings emphasized German idealism. Utilizing subtle references to three well-known Greek myths, the poet laments the death of all things beautiful or perfect.

In the first mythic reference, Orpheus travels to the underworld to beg the release of his wife, Eurydice. Her release is granted but when reaching the upper world Orpheus looks back, an act forbidden as a condition of her release, and she is lost to the underworld forever.

In the second reference, beautiful, young Adonis is attacked by a wild boar. Though his lover and surrogate mother, Aphrodite, rushes to his side, she is not able to heal his wounds.

Finally, the handsome Achilles is killed in battle by an arrow to the heel and not even his mother, the immortal sea nymph Thetis, is able to save him. He dies at the gates of Troy fulfilling an ancient prophecy and Thetis and her fifty-seven sea nymph sisters rise from the sea in mourning.

Brahms chose this poem for his 1881 composition as a tribute at the death of his friend Anselm Feuerbach whose many paintings included scenes from Greek mythology. The poetic themes of youth, beauty and loss are relevant to us all but especially to the youth with us in this concert.

We are honored that they have joined us in performing this glorious and inspiring music! In the words of Vance George, "*Nänie* is not only quintessential Brahms but some of the most beautiful music ever written."

# Program

## Set Two

### **One Voice Mixed Chorus**

Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director

### **Workin' for the Dawn of Peace**

Civil War Song, arr. Ron Jeffers

### **Distant Land**

John Rutter

Conducted by AP Hopper, Assistant Director  
*Distant Land* was written in 1990, soon after the demolition of the Berlin Wall and the release of Nelson Mandela from prison.

### **A Palette to Paint Us as We Are**

Elizabeth Alexander

Gerald Rich, poem

Jane Sage, reader (Friday)

Colleen Watson, reader (Saturday)

Give us a palette to paint us as we are.  
Enough of black and white, yellow and red,  
Those false colors that sham at fact.

Coffee and chocolate, and café au lait,  
Ivored saffron, and saffroned ivory,  
Bronze, and brass, copper, and rose gold,  
Tea and pale butter, golden almond,  
Infinite varieties of browns and tans,

Pale rose, pink and soft rose cream,  
Mahogany, oak, cedar and champagne.

These are the colors of people I see,  
Not black and white, not yellow and red.  
Those false colors no longer will do.  
Give us a palette to paint us true.

### **When the Night**

Sandy Cressman, arr. Bruce C. Lengacher

**Performed by OVation:** Britt Abel, Jen Rivera, Joy MacArthur, Cheryl Winch, Benjamin Lamb, Duane Dial, Katrina Johnson, Spencer Putney

### **What I Want**

music by Stephen Smith

Pat Lowther, poem

Molly Keenan, speaker

### **On a Clear Day**

Burton Lane, arr. Roy Ringwald

Alan Jay Lerner, text

ORPHEUS

### **Combined Choirs**

Vance George, Guest Conductor

### **How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place**

Johannes Brahms, from his *German Requiem*

### RECEPTION

Please join us for an after-concert reception to meet Vance George, Martha Coventry Graber and the Central High School Concert Choir in the Fellowship Hall behind the sanctuary.

*Johannes Brahms's* most famous composition, *Ein deutsches Requiem*, Op. 45 (1868) was inspired by the death of his friend and mentor, Robert Schumann. Breaking with tradition, Brahms did not use the traditional Latin Requiem Mass text for his setting. Instead he integrated texts from Martin Luther's translation of the Bible in German – a controversial choice. While traditional Requiem texts focused on the dead and the life hereafter, Brahms focuses on comfort for the living who remain to mourn.



# Concert Personnel



Artistic & Executive Director	Jane Ramseyer Miller
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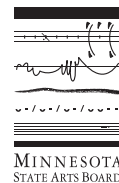
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