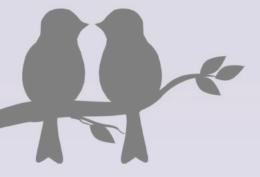


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Can You Feel The Love Tonight?

Spring Concert 2023



Beth Amory-Teutsch, Director Hannah Han, Accompanist

> Woodbridge Middle School Theater April 29, 2023 7:30 PM

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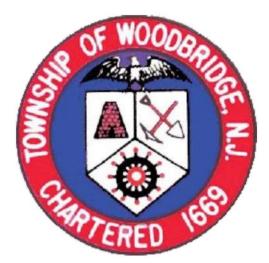


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Joe Aulisi 1

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Beth Amory-Teutsch, Conductor Hannah Han, Accompanist

with Special Guest

Tony Good, Percussion

<u>Program</u>

Can You Feel The Love Tonight

Music by Elton John

Lyrics by Tim Rice

arr. Keith Christopher

Found/Tonight
Words and Music by Lin-Manuel Miranda,
Justin Paul, and Benj Pasek

arr. Jacob Narverud

O Love Elaine Hagenberg

Set Me As a Seal from "A New Creation"

Performed by the WCC Chamber Ensemble

Rene Clausen

Lift Every Voice for Freedom Narrated by Kelly Terrell arr. Moses Hogan

I Sing Because I'm Happy Words by Civilla D. Martin Music by Charles H. Gabriel ad. Rollo Dilworth arr. Kenneth Paden

Intermission

Program (continued)

Crowded Table

arr. Andrea Ramsey

Words and Music by Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna, and Brandi Carlile Performed by the WCC Women's Choir Reggie Dizon, Guest Cond. feat. Amanda Cohen, soloist

Loves Me Like a Rock

arr. Greg Gilpin

Words and Music by Paul Simon Performed by WCC Men feat. Jim Griffin Sr., Jim Griffin Jr., Ed Griffin, soloists

You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To Words and Music by Cole Porter Performed by the WCC Jazz Choir feat. Katie Paradiso, Jeremy Schafer, soloists arr. Jay Althouse

The Awakening

Joseph M. Martin

What I Did for Love

arr. Audrey Snyder

from, "A Chorus Line" Music by Marvin Hamlisch Lyric by Edward Kleban feat. Jillian Ferrari Concha, Elizabeth Kaelber, soloists

Program (continued)

Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In from, "Hair"
Words by James Rado and Gerome Ragni
Music by Galt MacDermot feat. Amelia Kreski, soloist

arr. Roger Emerson

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Can You Feel The Love Tonight

There's a calm surrender
To the rush of day
When the heat of a rolling world
Can be turned away
An enchanted moment
And it sees me through
It's enough for this restless warrior
Just to be with you

And can you feel the love tonight? It is where we are (x2)
It's enough for this wide-eyed wanderer
That we got this far
And can you feel the love tonight
How it's laid to rest? (x2)
It's enough to make kings and vagabonds
Believe the very best

There's a time for everyone
If they only learn
That the twisting kaleidoscope
Moves us all in turn
There's a rhyme and reason
To the wild outdoors
When the heart of this star-crossed
voyager
Beats in time with yours

And can you feel the love tonight? It is where we are (x2)
It's enough for this wide-eyed wanderer
That we got this far
And can you feel the love tonight
How it's laid to rest? (x2)
It's enough to make kings and vagabonds
Believe the very best

And can you feel the love tonight? It is where we are (x2)
It's enough for this wide-eyed wanderer
That we got this far
And can you feel the love tonight
How it's laid to rest? (x2) [Ooh]
It's enough to make kings and vagabonds
Believe the very best
It's enough to make kings and vagabonds
Believe the very best

Found/Tonight

We may not yet have reached our glory

But I will gladly join the fight And when our children tell their story

They'll tell the story of tonight They'll tell the story of tonight [Tonight]

Have you ever felt like nobody was there?

Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?

Have you ever felt like you could disappear?

Like you could fall, and no one would hear?

Well, let that lonely feeling wash away [All we see is light]
'Cause maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay [For forever]
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand
You can reach, reach out your hand

/And oh/Raise a glass to freedom
Something they can never take
away

[Oh] No matter what they tell you Someone will come runnin' to take you home

Raise a glass to all of us
Tomorrow there'll be more of us
Telling the story of tonight

Out of the shadows
the morning is breaking
[They'll tell the story of tonight]
And all is new
All is new [All is new]
It's only a matter of time

Even when the dark comes crashing through When you need a friend to carry you

When you're broken on the ground You will be found

So let the sun come streaming in 'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
If you only look around
You will be found

And when our children tell their story [You will be found]
They'll tell the story of tonight [Whoa]

No matter what they tell you Tomorrow there'll be more of us Telling the story of tonight

The story of tonight

O Love

O Love (x3) that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thy ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O Joy (x4) that seeks me through pain,

O Joy, O I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be (x3)

O Love (x3) that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe (x3) And in thy ocean depths its flow Shall richer, fuller be. That morn shall tearless be O Love (x4) that will not let me go, O Love that will not let me go

Set Me As A Seal [Chamber]

Set me as a seal upon your heart Set me as a seal upon your arm For love is strong as death (2x)

Set me as a seal upon your heart Set me as a seal upon your arm For love is strong as death

Many waters cannot quench love Neither can the floods drown it (x2) Neither can they drown it

Set me as a seal upon your heart Set me as a seal upon your arm For love is strong as death

Lift Every Voice for Freedom

[Choir: Oooh]

Narrator: Deeds like those of September 11, 2001,

Have the power to shake us profoundly.

They prompt us to ask questions,

For which there are no easy answers.

And they cause us to turn as a refuge to the faith that has sustained us as individuals, and as a nation through so many trials in the past. They call us to honor those who have given their lives in the cause of freedom, and they challenge us to be vigilant, and tireless in our efforts to extend the gift of liberty to all who yearn for it, at home and abroad.

They give new depth of meaning to the bold words and stirring melodies of songs that occupied a treasured place in the hearts of Americans, songs that invite us, indeed, to lift every voice and sing until freedom rings throughout every land on Earth.

[Choir]

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;

Lift every voice and sing,
'Till Earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmony of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the list'ning skies.
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing;

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who hast brought us thus far
On the way
Thou who hast by thy might
Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path we pray

Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King! Sing a song full of the faith that the dark path has taught us Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us

Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun Let us march on (x3) 'Till victory is won

Lift every voice and sing,
'Till Earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmony of liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling
sea

Lift every voice and sing [Let freedom ring]

'Till Earth and heaven ring [From every mountain]

Land of the noble free [And every valley]

For all eternity [On every hilltop]

Every nation [In every nation]

Let freedom ring

I Sing Because I'm Happy

I sing Because I'm Happy
I sing Because I'm Free
His Eye is on the Sparrow And I Know He Watches Me
I sing Because I'm Happy
I sing Because I'm Free
His Eye is on the Sparrow And I Know He Watches Me

I Sing [Oh Yes | Sing]
Because I'm Happy
I Sing [Oh Yes | Sing]
Because I'm Free
For his Eye Is on the Sparrow And I Know He Watches Me

I Sing [Oh Yes | Sing]
Because I'm Happy
I Sing [Oh Yes | Sing]
Because I'm Free
For his Eye Is on the Sparrow And I Know He Watches Me

I'm So Happy, Yes I'm So Happy, Yes I am (repeats)

For his eye is on the Sparrow And I Know He Watches Me

Crowded Table (Women's)

You can hold my hand When you need to let go I can be a mountain When you're feeling valley-low

I can be your streetlight Showing you the way home If you can hold my hand When you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden We're gonna have to sow the seed Plant a little happiness Let the roots run deep

If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seeds

Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

The door is always open Your picture's on my wall Everyone's a little broken And everyone belongs Yeah, everyone belongs I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young
and able
And bring us back together when the day is
done (x3)
When the day is done

Loves Me Like A Rock [Men]

When I was a little boy [When I was just a boy]
And the devil would call my name [When I was just a boy]
I'd say, now who do [Who]
Who do you think you're foolin' [When I was just a boy]
I'm a consecrated boy [When I was just a boy]
I'm a singer in a Sunday choir [Oooh]
Oh, my mama loves me, she loves me
[Ahh] She get down on her knees and hug me
Like she loves me like a rock
She rocks me like the rock of ages and loves me
She love me, love me, love me

When I was grown to be a man [Grown to be a man]
And the devil would call my name [Grown to be a man]
I'd say, now who do [Who]
Who do you think you're foolin' [Grown to be a man]
I'm a consummated man [Grown to be a man]
I can snatch a little purity [Oooh]
My mama loves me, she loves me
[Ahh] She get down on her knees and hug me
Like she loves me like a rock
She rocks me like the rock of ages and loves me
She love me, love me, love me

And if I was President [Was the President]
The minute The Congress call my name [Was the President]
I'd say now, who do [Who]
Who do you think you're foolin' [Who do you think you're foolin']
I've got the Presidential seal [Was the President]
I'm up on the Presidential podium [Oooh]
My mama loves me, she loves me
[Ahh] She get down on her knees and hug me
Like she loves me like a rock
She rock me like the rock of ages and loves me
She love me, love me, love me (Loves me like a rock)

[cont'd from previous]

Loves me like a rock (repeats) [Ad lib solo]

She loves me

You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To [Jazz]

You'd be so nice to come home to You'd be so nice by the fire While the breeze on high sang a lullaby You'd be all that I could desire

Under stars chilled by the winter Under an August moon burning above You'd be so nice, you'd be paradise To come home to and love

[Bah doo wow...]

While the breeze on high sang a lullaby You'd be all that I could desire All I desire

Under stars chilled by the winter Under an August moon burning above You'd be so nice, you'd be paradise *[like paradise]* To come home to and love

You'd be so nice to come home to (2x) You'd be so nice to come home to And love

You'd be so nice to come home to

The Awakening

I dreamed a dream, (3x) A silent dream. Of a land not far away. Where no birds sang, No steeples rang, And teardrops fell like rain.

I dreamed a dream. A silent dream (x2) I dreamed a dream Of a land so filled with pride That eviry song, Both weak and strong, /Withered Withered and died

I dreamed a dream. No alleluia. Not one hosanna, No song of love, No lullaby.

And no choir sang to change the world. Il dreamed a dreaml No pipers played; no dancers twirled. Il dreamed a dreaml I dreamed a dream. A silent dream. (x2) /Silent dream! [Silent, Silent,]

Awake! Awake! (repeats) [Soli deo gloria]

Awake, awake my soul, and sing! The time for praise has come. The silence of the night has passed; Let all our voices join as one A new day has begun.

Let music never die in me! Forever let my spirit sing!

Wherever emptiness is found, Let there be joy and glorious sound.

Let music never die in me! Forever let my spirit sing! To praise the Giver of the song!

Awake! Awake! Let music live!(x3)

What I Did For Love

Kiss today goodbye
The sweetness and the sorrow
Wish me luck, the same to you
But I can't regret
What I did for love, what I did for love

Look, my eyes are dry
The gift was ours to borrow
It's as if we always knew
And I won't forget what I did for love
What I did for love

Gone [Gone never gone]
Love is never gone [Never gone]
As we travel on [We travel on]
Love's what we'll remember
[We'll remember]

Kiss today goodbye *[Kiss goodbye]*And point me toward tomorrow
We did what we had to do
Won't forget, can't regret
What I did for love (x3) *[never gone]*Love is never gone *[never gone]*As we travel on
Love's what we'll remember

Kiss today goodbye
And point me toward tomorrow
Point me toward tomorrow
We did what we had to do
Won't forget, can't regret
What I did for love (repeats)

Aquarius / Let the Sun Shine

When the moon is in the Seventh House And Jupiter aligns with Mars Then peace will guide the planets And love will steer the stars

This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius Age of Aquarius Aquarius Aquarius

Harmony and understanding
Sympathy and trust abounding
No more falsehoods or derisions
Golden living dreams of visions
Mystic crystal revelation
And the mind's true liberation, Aquarius
Aquarius (x3)

Let the sunshine, let the sun shine in The sun shine in (repeats) [Ad lib solo]

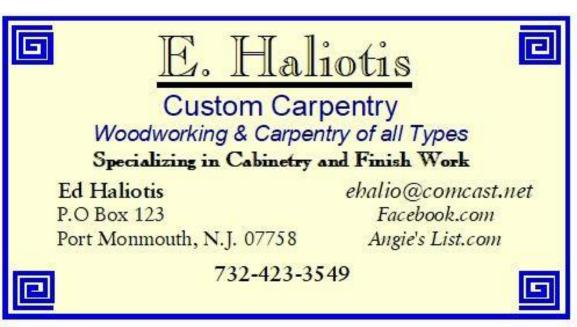
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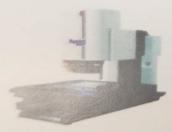


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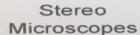
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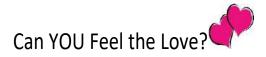
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I once sat where you now sit, for over sixteen years as a matter of fact, listening to the concerts each season, just as a fan. While enjoying one winter concert, it came to me like a flash and with time the thought firmed up. You see, the men's section was a little bit thinner than prior years and a voice spoke tentatively to the quiet wallflower within me, "I think you could have sung those parts". So, five years ago I auditioned, was accepted, and joined a community chorus in Cranford, still not quite sure that I was talented enough, experienced enough or as quick to learn as many around me. But I focused, followed the director like a hawk and stuck with it, truly knowing I wanted to do this. That first Spring Concert, following a deep personal loss, was both bittersweet and heart wrenching but with steady and gentle encouragement somehow, I got through it. I returned in the fall and auditioned also for the WCC knowing I was where I needed to be, where I was meant to be. For in losing so much, I not only found myself again, and to serve as an invitation to you right now sitting out there and just listening, I found a family. But most of all, I found my voice. With many thanks and much fondness to my WCC and CS families! Steve K.



Woodbridge Community Choir

May the music never cease

With love,

The Dizons

Virginia, Laura & Reggie

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45 years of married music! William & Jo Ann Poll WHS class of '73 & '74



Marisa, enjoy your concert and have fun! Love Mom!

Fellow Choir Members, what an Amazing way to spend my 56th Birthday! Thank you for including and trusting me. It's been a pleasure!

- Love, Kelly T

Tenors & Basses, it's been a Joy 'Spreading the Love' with you gentlemen. Enjoy a Great Show!

- Kelly T

What a Treat to Sing with so many former students (AND Show Moms!) Break a Leg tonight!

- Much Love, Kelly T

Boosters (cont'd)

Good luck Mom (Gram) and Erin (Aunt E)! Congrats on another fantastic performance! We know you both are going to have so much fun and sound amazing singing your lungs out! Love, Shane, Abby, and Liam

Mom and Erin, after all the years of private concerts we're so excited to hear you in a choir! So proud of you both.

We love you!

Maura, Rich, Rileigh and Brady

Melinda, I'm so happy you got to do this! I can't wait to hear the concert. Have a great show! Jerry

Erin, I'm looking forward to you and Mom singing together. Best wishes for a great show.

Dad

"Group singing is cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and certainly more fun than working out. It is the one thing in life where feeling better is pretty much guaranteed." Great Job Beth and the WCC!

- Jen Matkowsky

Boosters (cont'd)

"Music touches us emotionally, where words alone can't." Congratulations to Jennifer Matkowsky and The Woodbridge Community Choir!

From your Astera Cancer Care Family

Mommy, do your best tonight. Daddy and I shall be in the audience cheering you on.

Love, Daddy (Aaron) and Alex

P.S. I shall try not to sing with you during the show. However, if Beth needs help conducting... I am her girl.

In Memory of Gordon Inverno Jr. From Annie to 42nd Street you taught me the craft, challenged me to be better and inspired me to go outside my comfort zone. "There is no crying in theater!" - Jen Matkowsky

I want to thank Beth and Hannah for an outstanding job, for all their hard work and dedication to help put our choir together and help us be the best we can be. We wouldn't be us if it weren't for you guys. Thank you so much for all your time, it's truly appreciated! Soloists give it all you've got!

Alex Wright

Boosters (cont'd)

It has been, and will always ever be my honor and privilege, to work with and be with all of you, and to continue shaping this ensemble into something both amazing and uniquely ours.

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Enjoy the summer, and we will see you again in the fall/winter!

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