

Where there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. Where there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the home. Where there is harmony in the home, there will be honor in the nation. Where there is honor in the nation, there will be peace in the world. ~Chinese Proverb~

I'd like to invite you to hear a beautiful concert on Sunday, April 10, 2016, 4 PM, Raue Center For The Arts. Voices in Harmony is presenting **A World Of Peace & Light**, a 90-minute concert of inspiring and powerful music, both sacred and secular. Tickets are \$18/\$15 and can be purchased at the Raue Center Box Office (815-356-9212) or any VIH member. VIH is proud to have made the Raue Center our concert home since it opened in 2001. This concert is our *fiftieth performance* in this venue!

People the world over yearn to live in peace and seek the light of truth. A World of Peace & Light brings us choral works that express these things not only in the text, but also in sound. We will sing a setting by Elizabeth Alexander of the Chinese proverb above. Each key word is given its own musical motif; all are woven together expressing peace & light.

Words from the writings of Helen Keller are adapted in "Through the Dark" by Andrea Ramsey. This is powerful in its expression of inner light & peace from one whose vision is not with eyes.

"Arise, Beloved!" is a lively, uplifting work by Rosephanye Powell using verses based on Song of Solomon. "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" is a joyful setting of a traditional folk hymn by the beloved composer, Alice Parker.

"Wherever You Are" by the British composer, Paul Mealor, is a beautiful love song based on John 15:13 – "Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

This program includes two songs by one of the most prominent American choral composers, Randall Thompson. "Last Words of David" is a creed from 2 Samuel 23:3 - 4 by which all who govern could live. "Choose Something Like A Star" is a magnificent setting of the Robert Frost poem that evokes a still, clear, starlit night in the Northwoods.

The major work on this program is *Lux Aeterna (Eternal Light)* by the award-winning Morten Lauridsen. This 5-movement, 25-minute work uses various Latin liturgical texts that explore Peace & Light. First performed only 19 years ago by the Los Angeles Master Chorale, Paul Salamunovich, Director, this work has become a well-loved standard.

Be uplifted! Be moved! Join us for A World of Peace and Light