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For the Sake of our Children

A Concert Series Benefiting Blessings in a Backpack
Special Guests Cahersiveen

Friday, November 4 at 7:30 pm

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Admission free, donations accepted.

A message from the President

Welcome Everyone!

Thank you for joining us tonight as we highlight the wonderful work being done in our communities by the Rancho Cordova chapter of Blessings in a Backpack. Tonight you'll learn how your friends and neighbors are bridging a gap and helping our children become successful students for themselves and for the benefit of their families.

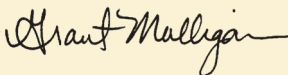
We're very excited to be sharing the stage with Cahersiveen, one of Northern California's premier Irish Bands. You're really going to enjoy their fun mix of traditional classics and heart-pumping Irish jigs.

Listen carefully tonight and you'll hear one or more fan favorites that appear on RSVP's CDs, available at the back of the auditorium after the performance.

As always, if you love RSVP's mission and music we'd love to have you as a part of our own support family. We're on the lookout for people who can assist with clerical work, help out at concerts, provide fundraising support, and distribute concert posters. If you'd like to volunteer on a regular or occasional basis, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support of RSVP and the charitable organizations we present, and for making our community a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Mulligan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Grant Mulligan
President, RSVP
rsvp@rsvpchoir.org

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*We recognize that there are ties between us
All men and women living on the earth
Ties of hope and love, sister and brotherhood*

*And we are bound together
In our desire to see the world become
A place in which our children can grow
free and strong*

*And we are bound together
By the task that stands before us
And the road that lies ahead*

And we are bound

And we are bound

~Idea Of North

For the Sake of our Children

The concert will be performed without an intermission.

Pre-concert music: Sandra Fromm, harp

Shed A Little Light. Composer: Idea of North

The Voice. Composer Brendan Graham, arr. Roger Emerson.
Solo: Monica Crumley. Percussion: Tim Stephenson.

Winter, Fire and Snow. Composer: Anuna.
Soloists: Jodi Serrano and Joshua Ray. Guitar: TBD

Rain song. Composer: Houston Bright

O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden/American Tune. Composer: Bach/
Paul Simon. arr. Tim Stanley. Featuring: Cahersiveen

► Cahersiveen: selections announced from stage

Shady Grove. Appalachian folk tune. arr. Tom Shelton.
Soloists: Megan Scroggins, Karen Percy, Noreen Barnett,
Sarah Haynes, Lara Pucik Johnson, Jodi Serrano, Allison Kanemoto.
Featuring: Members of Cahersiveen.
Bass: Eric Rosander. Percussion: Tim Stephenson.

Danny Boy. Composer: Frederick Weatherly. arr. Kevin Memley.
Solo: Josh Ray, Keir MacMillan

► Charity Introduction: Blessings in a Backpack

May it Be. Composer: Enya, Ryan.
Soloists: Allison Kanemoto and Jennifer Reason

Song of Oisín. Composer: Michael McGlynn. Soloists: Allison Kanemoto.
Guitar: Joshua Ray. Flute: Cathie Apple

For the Sake of Our Children. Composer: Jeffery Ames.
Soloist: Andy Michael Paul. Viola: Rima Haidary. Percussion: Tim Stephenson,
Cathie Apple, Tim Stanley.

Irish Blessing. Traditional. arr. Graeme Langager



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Noreen Barnett
Monica Crumley
Aaron Gardner
Sarah Haynes
Jeremiah Jacks
Allison Kanemoto
Lin Kassouni Walker
Jeremy Kauffman
Keir MacMillan
Andy Paul
Karen Percy
Lara Pucik Johnson
Joshua Ray
Eric Rosander
Megan Scroggins
Jodi Serrano
Tim Stephenson
Jordan Thomas Rose

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Artistic Director

Jennifer Reason, a 2016 recipient of the *Sacramento Business Journal's* **Top 40 Under 40 Award**, is a long-time singer with RSVP. She has extensive experience in the choral field and is an accomplished pianist and performer. Ms. Reason recently made her international conducting debut in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. She

previously oversaw the founding of the choral arts program at George Washington Carver School of the Arts in Sacramento, and was also a five year member of the artistic staff with the Sacramento Children's Chorus. Other notable previous choral positions include being a founding member of Sacramento State's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, C-Sus. (Downbeat Award: Best Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble, US/Canada.) Ms. Reason is currently working with the nine award-winning choirs at Monte Vista High School in Danville, CA.

Hailed by German critics as a "rising star," "in the league of Carnegie Hall," Ms. Reason is a widely versatile performer and has shared the stage with many diverse acts. These include classical heavyweights Hope Briggs (San Francisco Opera), Steven Mackey (Composer in Residence, Princeton) and Ricky Ian Gordon (The Met); Broadway stars Faith Prince (Tony Award), Eugene Brancoveanu (Tony Award); rockers Jonathan Cain (Journey), Michael Carabello (Santana) and Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone); and popular personalities such as Billy Bob Thornton, baseball's Tony La Russa and Gov. Jerry Brown. She has also appeared in solo and ensemble performances throughout Europe, the United States and Canada. Recent engagements include the Schlern International Music Festival in Italy, the Inter-Harmony International Music Festival in Germany, the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood in Italy, and two appearances at Carnegie Hall.

Ms. Reason is a founding member of the modern chamber ensemble, Citywater — currently Ensemble in Residence at CSUS and the mash-up band The ReAssemblers of Whimsy — currently in residence with the Townsend Opera Company. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at CSUS under the tutelage of Steinway Artist Richard Cionco.

For more information, please visit www.jennifer-reason.com.

CAHERSIVEEN

MEMBERS

Marta Quinn
*bodhran, accordion,
spoons, concertina
and piano*

Ingrid Peters
violin, vocals

Cathie Apple
flute

Tim Stanley
cello

Gabe Stivala
guitar



Naomi Rogers-Hefley
sub-violin, 2nd week

Inspired and Founded in 2003 by Marta Quinn, Cahersiveen features a repertoire ranging from simple old Irish songs and American folk classics to hard-driving, edgy, Scottish and Irish jigs and reels, performed by classically trained musicians. Cahersiveen ranks among the top Celtic bands in Northern California.

The band takes its name from the town of Cahersiveen, pronounced Ca-hair-si-veen in English, and Cathair Saidhbhin in Irish/Gaelic. Capital of the Iveragh Peninsula and located in County Kerry, Cahersiveen lies beside the Atlantic Ocean, surrounded by rivers, lakes, mountains and ancient archaeological sites.

Upon invitation, the band performed at the annual 2006 Festival for Music and the Arts in Ireland, and recorded its first CD thereafter. The band's second CD was released for sale in March 2014, and is available for purchase on iTunes, Amazon, and CDBaby. Regional performance venues include Mondavi Center, UC Davis, Sierra College, Sacramento's Second Saturday Artwalk, Patrick Mulvaney's St. Patrick's Day Pig Roast, Grass Valley's Renaissance Fair, local pubs, country clubs, private fundraising events and parties. Cahersiveen performs regularly on the Delta King in Old Sacramento.



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MISSION

Creating Joyful Music to Build a Better World

Founded in 2000 by former Artistic Director Julie Adams, RSVP's mission is bringing people together through the arts and giving back to the community. RSVP nurtures the community with its highly-praised, dynamic concerts while providing concrete, financial contributions that continue to make a difference long after the applause.

Uplifting Audiences with Great Music from Schumann to Sting

The versatile singers of RSVP perform many genres, from classical choral literature and madrigals to contemporary music, freedom songs, folk tunes and jazz. Each creative and artistic concert is tailor-made for the audience and the organization being supported.

Making Tangible Contributions to Local Charities

RSVP has enjoyed collaborating with choirs, storytellers, authors and other musicians to present concerts with fresh ideas and imaginative programs. RSVP continually seeks ways to uplift audiences and support the communities it serves. To this end, all members of RSVP donate their time so that all concert proceeds go to local charitable organizations in need.

More Information

RSVP is available for private parties and special events. If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring RSVP during the season, please contact us at (916) 905-7787.

To learn more about RSVP, please visit www.rsvpchoir.org. We invite you to join our email list to find out about future concerts. CDs are on sale following each concert.



Rancho Cordova

Hunger Doesn't Take Weekends Off

What Do We Do?

Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry.

Why Do We Do It?

There are more than 15-million children in this country who are at risk of hunger. The consequences of hunger are much more than a growling stomach. Poor nutrition can result in a weaker immune system, increased hospitalization, lower IQ, shorter attention spans, and lower academic achievement. Children are fed during the school week by federal government programs, but we want to make sure they're getting nutritional meals over the weekend, too.

Blessings in a Backpack is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization currently feeding over 83,000 children in 900 schools in 46 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. The program is a hybrid of private sector funding and public partnership carried out in schools. We are feeding the future of America, one school at a time.

How Much Does it Cost?

\$80 – \$100 feeds one child on the weekends for one 38-week school year through the Blessings in a Backpack program. The Results: Nourished Kids Ready to Learn.

Food is an essential building block, and in this case truly is a blessing, especially to a hungry child!

www.bibsac.org

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www.wusd.k12.ca.us

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www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/Library/adultliteracy.aspx

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