



RSVP

proudly presents

Walking In Their Shoes

A Concert Series Benefiting Shoes4Sacramento
with Special Guest Darita Seth, countertenor

Saturday, Nov 4 at 7:30 pm

Congregation Beth Shalom • 4746 El Camino Ave, Carmichael

Sunday, Nov 5 at 3:00pm

Journey Church • 450 Blue Ravine Rd, Folsom

Friday, Nov 10 & at Saturday, Nov 11 7:30pm

St. John's Lutheran Church • 1701 L Street, Sacramento

Admission free, donations accepted.

RECONCILIATION SINGERS VOICES OF PEACE

A message from the President

Welcome Everyone!

We're so glad you could be here, and we hope you brought your dancing shoes...and your dress shoes, and your work shoes, and your tennis shoes, and well, you get the point. Because tonight we're starting a shoe collection, or at least we're collecting shoes.

When you got ready to come to tonight's concert, how long did you spend thinking about which pair of shoes to wear? How many pairs did you go through till you found the right ones? Should I go dressy or casual? Black, brown, or something bold? Lace up or slip on? Heels or flats? Open toed or winter boots? But tonight we're here to give our attention to those among us who don't have the luxury of that dilemma.

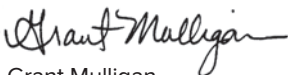
Think about all the limitations that come with having only one or two pairs of shoes; or worse, none. Think about the places you wouldn't go because it's not safe, or the buildings you couldn't enter because they have a "no shoes, no shirt, no service" policy. Imagine what that does to your sense of dignity and self-worth, or your ability to get a job.

This season we're highlighting the work of Shoes4Sacramento, a charitable organization that collects new and gently used shoes and distributes them to the homeless and those in need through other local charities. Your generous donations tonight will help men and women all over the Sacramento area get back on their feet, literally.

Joining us in this effort is an amazingly talented countertenor, Darita Seth. Darita's soaring voice will thrill you from the very first note, and it will be easy to see why he was accepted into the world famous choral ensemble, Chanticleer. We're especially excited to have Darita singing with us tonight, because in addition to his solo pieces, he'll be singing as part of RSVP throughout the program. What a treat for all of us!

After the concert, be sure to visit the Shoes4Sacramento table to collect literature about the program, and look for the shoe collection barrel where you can drop off any shoes you brought to donate. Thank you for being here tonight, and for making our community a better place. Enjoy the show!

Sincerely,



Grant Mulligan
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Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. No flash photography or recording of any kind is permitted. RSVP Recycles! If you do not wish to keep your program, please place it in the box in the lobby. Thank you!

*Pain shared is pain lessened;
joy shared is joy increased.
Thus do we refute entropy.*

Spider Robinson

Walking In Their Shoes

The concert will be performed
without an intermission.

Over My Head *Negro Spiritual*

Ma Rendi Pur Contento *Vincenzo Bellini*

Zueignung *Richard Strauss*

Darita Seth, countertenor

Lu Yehi/Let It Be *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*
Arr: Ben Caine

Soloists: Allison Kanemoto, Lara Pucik Johnson,
Aaron Gardner, Jodi Serrano

Kyrie *Thomas Caplin*

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi *Words: St. Francis of Assisi*

Music: Ryan Cayabyab

Arr: Darita Seth

Soloist: Darita Seth

Both Sides Now *Joni Mitchell*

Send in the Clowns *Stephen Sondheim*

Darita Seth, countertenor

CHARITY PRESENTATION

I Got Shoes/Sacramento *I Got Shoes – Alice Parker and*
Robert Shaw

Sacramento – Alan J. Woods

Arr: Jennifer Reason

Soloists: Joshua Ray, Len Jones, Grant Mulligan

In The Bleak Mid Winter *Gustav Holst*

Arr: Cory Cunningham

Blackbird *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*
Arr: Phil Aguilar

Quiet *Jonathan Reid Gealt*

Bring Him Home, from Les Miserables

When I Fall In Love *Victor Young & Edward Heyman*

Darita Seth, countertenor

Moon River *Words: Johnny Mercer*

Music: Henry Mancini

Arr: Steve Zegree

City of Heaven *Arr: Josephine Poelinitz*
Soloist: Darita Seth



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Artistic Director

Noreen Barnett
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Joshua Ray

Bethany Roberts

Eric Rosander

Jodi Serrano

Jordan Thomas Rose

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Artistic Director

Jennifer Reason joined RSVP as a singer in 2009 and took over the position of AD in 2014. She has extensive experience in the choral field and is an accomplished pianist, performer and music director. Ms. Reason made her international choral conducting debut in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City,

as part of the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood. 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 was just selected as a 2016 winner of the Sacramento Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40 Award! She is in high demand as a performer and has appeared in solo and ensemble performances throughout Europe, the United States and Canada, notably including the Schlern and Orfeo International Music Festivals in Italy, the InterHarmony International Music Festival in Germany, the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood in Italy, and two appearances at Carnegie Hall, as well as the Liszt Academy in Hungary. A widely versatile artist, Ms. Reason has also shared the stage with many diverse acts ranging from Tony Award winner Faith Prince, to members of Journey, Santana, Tower of Power and Sly and the Family Stone, to composer John Rutter, to actor Billy Bob Thornton, Governor Jerry Brown, and baseball's Tony La Russa. In addition to her work with RSVP, Ms. Reason is also a founding member of the modern chamber ensemble, Citywater — currently Ensemble in Residence at CSUS, and a founding member of Reassemblers of Whimsy, a mash-up band currently Ensemble 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 and is currently piano faculty at William Jessup University in Rocklin. Upcoming projects include Music Directing the Bay Area premiere of Shakespeare in Love for the Marin Theatre Company.

GUEST ARTIST DARITA SETH



Contemporary countertenor composer, and choral clinician, DARITA SETH, born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, is currently serving as Director of Music Ministry at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Danville, California and is active as one of the Bay Area's most sought-after choral educators. Recently, Darita concluded his tenure with Chanticleer, the Grammy Award-winning, San Francisco-based men's vocal ensemble. Prior to his transplant to the San Francisco Bay Area, Darita attended Capital University's Conservatory of Music where he studied vocal performance. Darita is also a proud alumnus of the Interlochen Arts Academy ad Camp, where he participated in the composition, opera, and choral programs. Darita is a member of ACDA, the NATS and ASCAP.

Praised for his "technical deliciousness; power and precision of the connection between the colors of the voice; and beauty of delivery," (Aspen Music Festival) Darita has been featured in performances of choral masterworks including Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, Durufle's Requiem, and Handel's Messiah. Additionally, Darita has recorded with AireBorn Studios (Zionsville, IN) featuring his voice on premiere recordings for various new music publications. As an actively traveling musician, he has performed in many notable international concert venues including Musikverein in Vienna, Austria; Endler Hall in Stellenbosch, South Africa; The National Concert Hall in Taipei, Taiwan; and The Esplanade in Singapore.

As a freelance composer, he is recognized by the National youngARTS Foundation, and is actively commissioned to compose and arrange music for church, high school, and college-level ensembles. Darita is a published choral music editor with Hinshaw Music Publications. Recently, he was a recipient of the John Ness Beck Foundation Scholarship for his piece Whom Shall I Fear.



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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.



The average American owns 19 pairs of shoes.

Proper footwear is essential for everyone, but especially for the homeless. Shoes are required to ride on public transit, enter clinics, restaurants, or stores. Shoes also provide essential protection. A simple blister or cut for someone without shoes can become a serious infection that can eventually lead to a medical emergency for someone who may lack access to basic first aid. Individuals suffering with HIV/AIDS or diabetes are especially at risk. Shoes also help protect against the elements during the cold, wet winters and hot summers in Sacramento.

Shoes4Sacramento's mission is to collect new and gently used shoes that can be cleaned and redistributed to people in need in the Sacramento region. S4S donates to local organizations and chapters in Sacramento such as Safe Ground, Family Promise, St. John's Shelter, Rotary International, Kops-N-Kids, Steps Forward, and American Diabetes Association to provide shoes to those in need. S4S now collaborates with organizations across Sacramento to get shoes to those in need by collecting and distributing upwards of 4,000 pairs of shoes each year with the assistance of local businesses, volunteers, and non-profits.

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www.saintjohnsprogram.org

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www.nextmovesacramento.org

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www.inallianceinc.com

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Adolfo Program and Project HOPE
<http://dhaweb.saccounty.net/homeless/laVerneAdolfo.htm>
Project HOPE: 448-5621 x30

Beacon of Hope, Louisiana
www.lakewoodbeacon.org

Fuller Center for Housing
www.fullercenter.org

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www.wusd.k12.ca.us

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www.crhkids.org

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www.seniorsfirst.org/meals_on_wheels.htm

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www.rebuildingtogethersacramento.org

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www.adoptanelderfoundation.com

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www.peaceforfamilies.org

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SacramentoFood Bank Services
www.strength.org and www.sfbs.org

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Placer Adult Literacy Service
www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/Library/adultliteracy.aspx

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for Neuroblastoma
www.childcancer.org

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