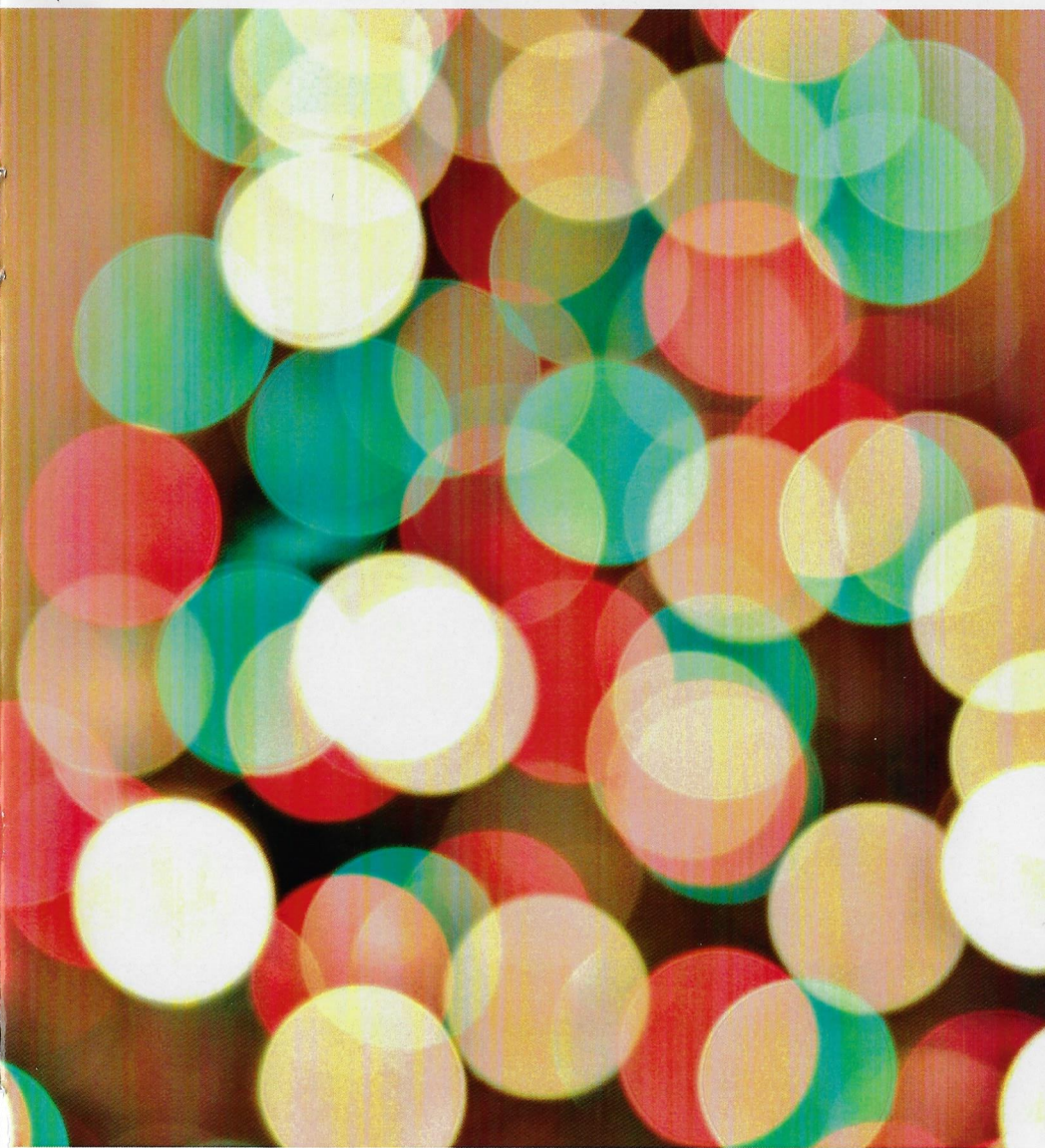


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Winter 2021



See Amid the Winter's Snow

A CONCERT SERIES BENEFITING

Lend A Heart, Lend A Hand Animal-Assisted Therapy

with Special Guests
Dear Darling

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presents

*See Amid the
Winter's Snow*

a concert series benefiting
Lend A Heart, Lend A Hand Animal-Assisted Therapy

Friday, December 10 at 7:30 pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church • 1300 N St, Sacramento

Saturday, December 11 at 7:30pm
Pleasant Grove Community Church • 1730 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville

Jennifer Reason, *Artistic Director*

*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!*

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Tonight's concert will be performed without an intermission

Some Children See Him

Words: Wihla Hutson

Music: Alfred Burt

Soloists: Monica Crumley, Jonathan Rains

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Words by Edward Caswall

Music by John Goss

Arranged by Dan Forrest

Silent Night

Arranged by Edwin Fissinger

Mary, Did You Know?

Words & Music by Mark Lowry

and Buddy Greene

Recorded by Pentatonix

Soloists: Nephi Speer, Jason Dyer, Allison Kanemoto, Elizabeth Dyer, Karen Percy

Guest Artist: Dear Darling

Winter Wonderland

Music by Felix Bernard and

lyricist Richard Bernhard Smith

Soft Place to Land

Sara Bareilles

Way Deep Down

Dear Darling

Believe

Dear Darling

CHARITY PRESENTATION

Someday at Christmas *Words & Music by Ronald N. Miller
and Bryan Wells
Recorded by Stevie Wonder
Arranged by Mac Huff*

Dear Darling with RSVP

Always* *Music and Lyrics by Dear Darling
Choral and Piano additions by Kate Janzen
Dear Darling with RSVP
premiere

All I Want for Christmas *Words & Music by Joe Finetti (The Bobs)
Soloists: Jodi Serrano, Jonathan Rains*

The Christmas Song *Words & Music by Mel Torme and Robert Wells
Arranged by Keir MacMillan*

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas *Words & Music by Hugh Martin
and Ralph Blane
Arranged by Keir MacMillan*

Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer *Words & Music by Johnny Marks
Arranged by Keir MacMillan
Quartet: Keir MacMillan, Karen Percy, Jodi Serrano, Nephi Speer*

12 Days of Christmas *As performed by Straight No Chaser
Soloists: Grant Mulligan, Nephi Speer*

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow *Arranged by Michael S Engelhardt
Soloist: Thomas Warrick, Nephi Speer, Allison Kanemoto, Elizabeth Dyer*

Jennifer Reason, piano
Eric Rosander, vocal percussion



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Our thanks to the RSVP Auxiliary for their continued support and hands-on help. If you're interested in joining the auxiliary to help at upcoming RSVP concerts or events, please contact the Auxiliary Coordinator, Joe Delly, at volunteers@rsvpchoir.org.

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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.

RECONCILIATION SINGERS VOICES OF PEACE



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 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 in 11 countries and 15 states, including two performances at Carnegie Hall. Festival appearances include the Schlern and Orfeo International Music Festivals in Italy, the InterHarmony International Music Festival in Germany, and the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood in Italy. A widely versatile artist, Ms. Reason has also shared the stage with many diverse acts ranging from 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 nearly 15 year old modern chamber ensemble Citywater — currently Ensemble in Residence at CSUS, and the Music Director of the Rogue Music Project, a music collective formed to challenge current perceptions of classical music and opera through unpredictable, adventurous, and socially conscious performances. Away from the concert hall, she is a Voting Member of the Recording Academy for the Grammys, as well as the Midday Classical Host for Capital Public Radio. www.jennifer-reason.com



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GUEST ARTIST DEAR DARLING



Dear Darling is Natalie Hagwood, Casey Lipka, & Hannah Jane Kile

Among the leaves, this trio creates music together. Seasoned musicians Casey Lipka (bass and voice), Hannah Jane Kile (guitar and voice), and Natalie Hagwood (cello and voice) are getting into new sonic territory. Folk infused with Jazz influences, expect harmonies tight enough that these three could be sisters. From tender to brassy, Dear Darling's compositions touch on themes such as self empowerment, unconditional love, and following your dreams.



Lend A Heart, Lend A Hand Animal-Assisted Therapy was founded in 1987 through the involvement and dedication of local dog club members. Lend a Heart provides animal-assisted activities, education, and therapy services to the Greater Sacramento area which includes counties of Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, and Yolo. Assisted living facilities, libraries, and VA Medical Center make up the core of our programs and have been supported by Lend A Heart since its beginning. We have added adult programs, reading programs at schools, and special needs programs. Within the last five years, we've branched out to include Sacramento International Airport (BARC - Boarding Area Relaxation Corp), Sacramento County Courthouse (Family Relations), and de-stressing events at schools and colleges. Our programs connect with people of all ages with the support of our volunteers and the unconditional love of our therapy pets.

Our Mission...Lend A Heart is an all-volunteer organization comprised of certified handler and animal teams, and associate volunteers, dedicated to provide compassion and understanding for our clients through animal-assisted therapy. Our values are to provide quality, commitment, integrity, and to celebrate diversity.

In 2019, Lend A Heart had 95 members. We visited 41 facilities monthly and completed 318 de-stressing students, BARC, and courthouse visits. In 2020, given the populations we served, our facilities were shut down. However, in an effort to maintain communication with members and facilities, this time was spent implementing new social media options, Zoom, fundraising, and initiating a quarterly newsletter.

Where has year 2021 taken us and what promise does 2022 offer? With activities to re-socialize our dogs, upcoming volunteer recruitment, new facility interest, fund raising and new Lend A Heart energy... Our Lend A Heart pups are back to providing unconditional love with hugs and kisses - one visit at a time!

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