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

JUNE 7 | 7:00 P.M. *Encore performance*

First United Methodist Church, 6414 Brace Road, Loomis

Can you feel the hearts of the children?
Aching for home, for something of their very own.
Reaching hands, with nothing to hold on to,
But hope for a better day, a better day.

– Kurt Bestor, from *Prayer of the Children*

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Through the Eyes of a Child

June 6 & 7, 2014

There will be no intermission.

RSVP

Ave Maria

Solo: Monica Crumley

Kevin A. Memley

Prayer of the Children

Solo: Greta Crumley

Kurt Bestor

arr: Andrea S. Klouse

Kurt Bestor wrote this song in response to the wars in former-Yugoslavia during the 1990s.

*But if unknown roads lead away from home,
give me loving arms, away from harm...
Can you hear the voice of the children?*

Alice in Wonderland

Bob Hilliard and Sammy Fain

arr: Laurie Cappello

Land of Pure Imagination

Solo: Joshua Ray

Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley

arr: Greg Murai

Sometimes I Feel

Solo: Lin Kassouni Walker

(Spiritual)

arr: Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

INTRODUCTION: Lilliput Children's Services (June 6)

Sacramento Children's Chorus (June 6)

Cantoris (7th – 10th grades)

Two Poems of Emily Dickinson

There is no frigate like a book
I never saw a moor

Neil Ginsberg

Text: Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

The Map of the Clock

(SCC commissioned this piece)

*The map of the road ahead is not the road ahead
The clock on the wall knows nothing at all of Time*

Garrett Shatzer

Text: George Wallace

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Felix Mendelssohn, arr: Emily Crocker

Text: William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Narrator: Molly Robinson, *Solo:* Jenna Hansen, *Dancer:* Monique Lonergan

How Do I Love Thee?

(From *Sonnets From the Portuguese*)

Nathan Christensen

Text: Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)

Children Will Listen

(From *Into the Woods*)

Stephen Sondheim

Sacramento Children's Chorus (June 7*)

Cantus (5th – 9th grades)

In Just-spring

Ruth Watson Henderson

Hist Whist

Text: e.e. cummings (1894-1962)

(From *Chansons Innocentes*)

Sally Gardens

Benjamin Britten

Text: W.B. Yeats (1865-1939)

Ask the Moon

Ron Nelson

(From *Three Settings of the Moon*)

Text: Thomas E. Ahlbum (1939-2002)

The Adventures of Isabel

Andrea Ramsey

Isabel and the Doctor

Text: Ogden Nash (1902-1971)

Isabel and the Bear

Mary Had a Little Blues

Charles Collins

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Singin' in the Rain

Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed

Solo: Karen Percy

arr: A. Arabian

Smile

John Turner, Geoffrey Parsons and Charlie Chaplin

Solo: Jodi Serrano

arr: Keir MacMillan

Baby

Bobby McFerrin

Solo: David Saul Lee

Mama treat your baby tenderly, Papa bounce your baby on your knee.

Tell your baby stories where your baby came, teach your baby sharin' makin' love your aim.

What we gonna leave our baby when we leave this place,

How ya gonna help your baby take your place.

Baby lookin' what we do, baby watchin' want to do it too.

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Dolly Parton

Solo: Monica Crumley

arr: Craig Hella Johnson

RSVP and SCC

Music Lead the Way

Laura Farnell

(Based on the poem *Storm-Music*)

Text: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Instrumentalists

David Saul Lee, Jennifer Reason and Helen Mendenhall – Piano

Tim Stephenson – Percussion

*SCC performs first at Saturday concert.

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Tim Stephenson
David Vanderbout
Lin Kassouni Walker



Jennifer Reason 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, with the Centerpoint Community Choir. She previously oversaw choral arts at George Washington Carver School of the Arts in Sacramento, and for the last five years, she has been a member of the artistic staff with the Sacramento Children's Chorus.

Ms. Reason has shared the stage with many diverse acts including classical heavyweights Hope Briggs (San Francisco Opera), Steven Mackey (Composer in Residence, Princeton) and Holly Stell ("Little Pavarotti"); Broadway stars Faith Prince and Jason Graae; and rockers Jonathan Cain (Journey), Michael Carabello (Santana) and Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone). 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 InterHarmony International Music Festival in Germany, the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood in Italy, and appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Liszt Academy in Hungary.

Ms. Reason was a founding member of Sacramento State's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, C-Sus, and she is a founding member of the modern chamber ensemble, Citywater – the Ensemble in Residence at CSUS. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at CSUS under the tutelage of Steinway Artist Richard Cionco. Please visit www.jennifer-reason.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SACSINGS! (JUNE 13-15)

2014 Sacramento Choral Festival
Harris Center for the Arts, Folsom
Tickets and info: www.sacsings.org

RSVP performs June 15.

Sacramento Children's Chorus

Lynn Stevens, Artistic Director



Lynn Stevens, artistic director, conductor and co-founder of the Sacramento Children's Chorus, has more than 30 years experience in teaching choral music to children. Ms. Stevens received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Southern California, and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from California State University, Sacramento. It was during her master's program that Ms. Stevens co-founded the Sacramento Children's Chorus with Dr. Donald Kendrick, 21 years ago.

Ms. Stevens conducts the SCC Cappella, the high school choir; Cantoris, the advanced touring choir; and Cantus, the intermediate choir. Ms. Stevens is also on the faculty of the music department at CSUS teaching choral conducting. She has led SCC touring choirs internationally in Sweden, Norway, British Columbia, England, France, Czech Republic, Hungary and China, and nationally in Honolulu, Los Angeles, Eugene OR, and New York City (Carnegie Hall).

Also to her list of credits, Ms. Stevens enjoyed a performing career after college when she sang professionally and traveled internationally with the Ray Conniff Singers, The Norman Luboff Choir, and with The Carpenters. Ms. Stevens received the Arts & Business Council's 2010 Arts Educator of the Year Award.

ACCOMPANISTS: Helen Mendenhall, Jennifer Reason and David Saul Lee

CANTORIS

Carly Adamson
Joseph Amir
Amanda Andriessen
Dominik Bahm
Gabby Casentini
Macey Curtis
Tori Davis
Destiny Elazier
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Julianna Fontaine
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Ford Paterson
Evan Rivas
Molly Robinson
Mackenzie Ross
Celina Anne Smith
Olivia Smith
Meg Snyder
Juliette Taylor
Madison Thiesen
Victoria Thompson
Dresden Vogt

CANTUS

Lauren Amparo
Grace Baer
Andrew Bauer
Marlena Biggar
Sophia Breslau
Elli Cummins
Delilah Dewing
Soley Ana Dias
Tamsen Ekelund
Norah Finney
Shona Flake
Elizabeth Forgang

Ava Grefrath
Aya Harel
Ambrosia Holland
Jordan Jensen
Amelia Kao
Abbie Kappes
Hayley Labia
Katherine Lehrer
Sophia Lucas
Victoria Lucas
Priya Malelu
Evan McClellan
Liam Murdock
Noelle Oliver
Theo Osborn
Julia Payne
Renata Peperkorn
Isabella Peperkorn
Abigale Russell
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Libby Snyder
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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.

For 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.



Our Mission

The mission of Lilliput Children's Services is to ensure all children are part of a safe, nurturing and permanent family. We care greatly about the thousands of children in California entering foster care each year. Sadly, they stay there far too long and are "raised" by a system rather than a family. While in non-relative care, they will likely be separated from their siblings and the longer they linger, the harder it is to find their way back to a committed family. We are not okay with this.

Our Goal

Throughout California, Lilliput strives to minimize the number of children entering non-relative foster care. When they do enter foster care, we work tirelessly to ensure they do not languish there – an all-too-often scenario for foster youth.

Our Services

All of our services are designed to improve the lives of our state's most vulnerable children. With a focus on prevention and early intervention, Lilliput offers services that impact a child's stability and minimize the number of moves experienced while in care.

Please make checks payable to Lilliput Children's Services.

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www.lilliput.org

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courageworldwide.org

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www.mpih.org

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www.rosevillehomestart.org

South Sacramento Interfaith

Partnership Food Closet

(November 2009)

www.ssiifoodcloset.com

InAlliance

(June 2009)

www.inallianceinc.com

WEAVE of Sacramento

(January 2009)

www.weaveinc.org

Doctors Without Borders

(June 2008)

www.doctorswithoutborders.org

Adolfo Program and Project HOPE

(January 2008)

<http://dhaweb.saccounty.net/homeless/laVerneAdolfo.htm>

Project HOPE: 448-5621x30

Beacon of Hope, Louisiana

(June 2007)

www.lakewoodbeacon.org

Fuller Center for Housing

(June 2007)

www.fullercenter.org

PRC Compassion

(January 2007)

Formed in aftermath of Hurricanes

Kartrina and Rita

Golden State Middle School

(October 2006)

www.wusd.k12.ca.us

Children's Receiving Home of

Sacramento

(February 2006)

www.crhkids.org

Foothill Volunteer Center –

Meals on Wheels

(May 2005)

www.seniorsfirst.org/meals_on_wheels.htm

Rebuilding Together

(February 2005)

www.rebuildingtogethersacramento.org

Adopt an Elder

(May 2004)

www.adoptanelderfoundation.com

Peace for Families

(January 2004)

www.peaceforfamilies.org

Mustard Seed School

(November 2003)

[www.sacloaves.org/programs/](http://www.sacloaves.org/programs/mustardseedschool)

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Share Our Strength and Sacramento

Food Bank Services

(June 2003)

www.strength.org

www.sfb.org

Literacy Support Council of Placer

County

(January 2003)

Placer Adult Literacy Service

[www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/](http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/Library/adultliteracy.aspx)

[Library/adultliteracy.aspx](http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/Library/adultliteracy.aspx)

Keaton Raphael Memorial for

Neuroblastoma

(May 2002)

www.childcancer.org

Sacramento Children's Home

(April 2002)

www.kidshome.org

Harold Pressley's Treat 'em Like A King

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www.tlkfoundation.org

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