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proudly presents **Our Song** to honor our vets

Concert Benefiting Alpha K9: Providing service dogs for America's returning veterans

June 5 at 7:30 PM

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

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A message from the President

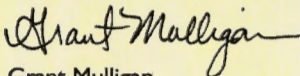
Welcome Everyone!

On behalf of RSVP's board of directors, thank you for being with us tonight as we celebrate 15 years of beautiful music and helping others. Tonight we pay special tribute to the men and women of our armed services who sacrifice without hesitation so we can continue to enjoy peace and freedom. Though the sacrifices made by these brave servants are not all equal, they are all permanent and life changing.

Tonight you have the opportunity to thank these veterans in a meaningful and tangible way as we highlight the excellent and caring work of Alpha K9, whose mission is to provide highly skilled and effective Service Dogs and Working Dogs to combat veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

We hope you enjoy tonight's America-themed concert. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of RSVP and the charitable work we bring to light, and for making our community a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Mulligan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Grant Mulligan
President, RSVP

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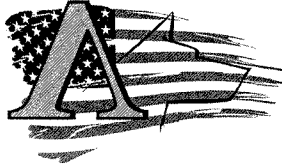
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*“Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th’encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.”*

~John Henry Newman

Our Song

The concert will be performed without an intermission.

MLK

Soloist: Tim Stephenson

U2, arr. Bob Chilcott

✎ Please hold applause...

Wayfarin' Stranger

Soloists: Joshua Ray, Sheri Peifer, Lin Kassouni Walker

arr. Craig Zamer

California Dreamin'

Soloist: Noreen Barnett

Phillips, arr. Jodi Serrano

All The Things You Are

Hammerstein, arr. Ward Swingle

Stand In That River

Soloists: Monica Crumley, Jodi Serrano

Moira Smiley

RSVP FEATURED SOLOS

Java Jive

Soloists: Monica Crumley, Lin Kassouni Walker, Grant Mulligan, David Vanderbilt

Drake, arr. Kirby Shaw

Don't Mean A Thing

Soloist: Tim Stephenson

Duke Ellington

Gone

Soloist: Jennifer Reason

Phillip and Jennifer Reason

Cold is the rain, heavy are the skies

High are the seas, scarce is the light

Heavy is the weight of the flame in her eyes

Woven in grief, and though be it slight

A memory sleeps and threatens to die

She falls on his arms, kisses his face

But long led this road to an empty embrace

► Introduction: Alpha K9

Cruel World

Peter, Paul and Mary, Noreen Barnett and Sarah Haynes

Fly Me to the Moon

Soloist: Karen Percy

Sinatra

Ready for Love

Soloist: David Saul Lee

India Arie

Sweet Rivers

Soloist: David Vanderbilt

Moore and Granade, arr. R. Unterseher.

Kiss By A Rose

Soloists: Karen Percy, Jodi Serrano, David Saul Lee

Seal, arr. S. Hasman

Country Dances

Ward Swingle

Lead Kindly Light

Newman, Bickersmith and Forrest



Singers

Jennifer Reason
Artistic Director

Noreen Barnett
Monica Crumley
Aaron Gardner
Sarah Haynes
Melanie Huber
Jeremy Kauffman
David Saul Lee
Keir MacMillan
Grant Mulligan
Sheri Peifer
Karen Percy
Joshua Ray
Eric Rosander
Jodi Serrano
Tim Stephenson
Bethany Tanner
Jordan Thomas Rose
David Vanderbout
Lin Kassouni Walker

Musicians

Tim Stanley
banjo, cello
Colin Matthewso
trumpet
Keir McMillan
guitar
David Saul Lee
piano, trumpet
Tim Stephenson
drums
Eric Rosander
bass
Josh Ray
guitar

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Artistic Director

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, 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 founding member of Sacramento State's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, C-Sus. (Downbeat Award: Best Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble, US/Canada.) For the last five years, she has enjoyed being a member of the artistic staff with the Sacramento Children's Chorus.

A widely versatile performer, 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 (Tony Award), Eugene Brancoveanu (Tony Award) and Jason Graae; rockers Jonathan Cain (Journey), Michael Carabello (Santana) and Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone); and popular personalities such as Billy Bob Thornton and baseball's Tony La Russa. 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 appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Liszt Academy in Hungary.


Ms. Reason is a founding member of the modern chamber ensemble, Citywater—currently Ensemble in Residence at CSUS. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at CSUS under the tutelage of Steinway Artist Richard Cionco. Upcoming projects include a return to Carnegie Hall as well as appearances at the Orfeo International Music Festival in Italy and the Valhalla Music Festival in Tahoe.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

RSVP performs at **SacSings! June 14, 2015**. Tickets and info: www.sacsings.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.



Alpha K9 is a combat-disabled veteran-run non-profit organization. Our mission is to save lives, one dog at a time, by providing highly skilled and effective service dogs to those whose lives depend on them. We provide specially trained dogs with excellent temperament to veterans who suffer from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), families and organizations assisting in public safety.

WHY ALPHA K9

According to the Veterans Administration, 10.6 million veterans overall live with combat-related PTSD. Of the vets who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, 30% or 834,463 suffer from the disorder.

In 2009 Kevin Cameron, CEO, discovered that service dogs cost veterans \$9000-\$25,000 each. None of the expenses were covered by insurance, and there was a two year waiting list. The application process required full disclosure of the medical history, including events leading to the cause of PTSD, yet strict guidelines for use of this information were not in place. Training methods were impractical. Plus, the dog had to be returned without refund if the patient were deemed cured of PTSD at any point.

NON-PROFIT BENEFITS

Alpha K9 is dedicated to the community. In 2013 we launched 'Operation Warrior' geared towards local high school seniors. Students were paired with dogs and taught service dog training. Of the 19 dogs, 17 passed Alpha K9 standards and were placed with candidates in need.

Alpha K9 hosts 'Service Dog Hour' where teams (handler and dog) come to hone their training or simply relax in a place where they feel safe and comfortable.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- Alpha K9 has placed over 500 service dogs across 32 states and Canada
- 2014 & 2013 KCRA A-List winner for Top Dog Training in Northern California
- 2014 recognized as subject matter experts for the California State Senate
- 2014 Presidential Volunteer Service Award; Obama Administration
- P.O.S.T. K9 Evaluator

www.alphak9.org

► Please make checks payable to Alpha K9



Concert Beneficiaries

Alpha K9
(June 2015)
www.alphak9.org

NextMove
(November 2014)
www.nextmovesacramento.org

Lilliput Children's Services
(June 2014)
www.lilliput.org

Courage Worldwide
(November 2012)
courageworldwide.org

Music Partners in Healthcare
(April 2012)
www.mpih.org

The Perla Warren
Endowment for Music
(October 2011)

Roseville Home Start
(April 2011)
www.rosevillehomestart.org

South Sacramento Interfaith
Partnership Food Closet
(November 2009)
www.ssipfoodcloset.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: 448-5621 x30

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 Katrina 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/mustardseedsschool

Share Our Strength and
Sacramento Food Bank Services
(June 2003)
www.strength.org and www.sfbs.org

Literacy Support Council of Placer County
(January 2003)

Placer Adult Literacy Service
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 Foundation
(November 2001)
www.tlkfoundation.org

Neighborhood Breakfast Program, Roseville
(February 2001 and November 2004)
www.fpcroseville.org

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
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