STARS IN YOUR BONES

AURORA CHORUS

Joan Szymko, Director

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2007
4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Parkrose High School
GOOD EVENING!
Welcome to another season of outstanding choral music performed by Aurora Chorus. Tonight's concert, *Stars in Your Bones* will brighten up the dark days of winter as the Chorus explores and celebrates our human relationship with sun, moon and stars – the cosmos.

Our Artistic Director, Joan Szymko, the singers, the Board of Directors, and you, our much appreciated audience, all play a vital role in making Aurora the successful community you participate in tonight. We hope you'll find tonight's show entertaining, uplifting and affirming. Thank you again for joining us.

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ABOUT AURORA CHORUS

SINCE 1992, Aurora Chorus has honored the strength and beauty of women's lives through the fine art of choral singing. In Aurora, the beauty and power of music to heal, to inspire, and to reflect a universal yearning for peace blend together in an atmosphere of inclusiveness and respect.

Led by director Joan Szymko, Aurora Chorus consists of over 100 women from the Portland area. Through finely-crafted performances of music, Aurora has become a source of strength and inspiration for our community.

Aurora presents two concerts each season, and also appears at community events. Two full length CDs of the chorus' music, *Full Circle* and *Solstice!* are for sale in the lobby and through the chorus' website, www.aurorachorus.org, where you can also read about future events and find out how to join the chorus.

From the time of the ancients to the present day, whether with the naked eye or high-powered telescopes, humans have looked up into the night sky for guidance and for answers. Awe-filled, we've wondered about our place in the cosmos. Writing in the early 20th century, the poet Rilke ponders:

*Ignorant before the heavens of my life,*
*I stand and gaze in wonder. Oh the vastness of the stars. Their rising and descent. How still.*
*As if I didn't exist. Do I have any share in this?*

Toward the end of the 20th century, poet Alla Bozarth seems to answer the question in her poem, "Belonging:"

*You have stars in your bones*
*and oceans in blood.*

*You have opposing terrain in each eye*
you belong to the land and sky of your first cry,
you belong to infinity.

Tonight with music and poetry, Aurora celebrates the mystery of the cosmos and our kinship with the stars. From Hildegard of Bingen praising Sapientiae, (Wisdom), to descriptions of the nature of our expanding universe in Nancy Telfer's "Stars" to Native American ways of knowing in "Sky Dances" and "Ten Million Stars" – we give voice to our wonderment. Along the way we'll revisit our "child's eye view" with a little Mozart as accompaniment.

At this time of year so many of us seek comfort in “belonging.” We revive and reconnect with family traditions. We celebrate the mysteries of faith within our spiritual communities. We acknowledge our membership in the human family by expressing our yearning for peace and goodwill to all through generous donations and through prayer. We create our own traditions. Aurora Chorus continues our tradition of presenting seasonal entertainment that we hope will bring you comfort and joy – whatever your tradition and wherever you are on your journey.

Blessings,
Joan Szymko, Artistic Director
Aurora Chorus

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Meet Guest Conductors Roberta Q. Jackson and Debra R. Burgess

After fourteen years of continuous service as Artistic Director of Aurora Chorus, Joan Szymko will be taking a well-deserved six month sabbatical beginning January of 2008. We are pleased to announce that Roberta Q. Jackson and Debra R. Burgess, Co-Conductors of the Portland Symphonic Girlchoir will serve as Guest Conductors of Aurora Chorus for the remainder of the 07-08 season. They have programmed and will rehearse and direct our May 18 concert, “Sing to the Universe Who We Are.” Jackson and Burgess have led the Portland Symphonic Girlchoir, widely acclaimed by composers, conductors, music educators, and audiences, to its current status as one of the finest children’s choirs in the United States. Each of PSG’s five ensembles benefits from the unique collaborative approach of co-conductors, experiencing their combined artistry and skillful teaching. Jackson received her Masters Degree from the University of Colorado; Burgess received her B.A.E. Degree from Pacific Lutheran University. Both have been awarded the distinguished Artist Teacher Diploma from the Choral Music Experience Institute, working with Dr. Doreen Rao. Jackson also received the CME Master Teacher Certification. Jackson and Burgess are committed to providing Girlchoir singers with unparalleled artistic experiences through outstanding choral music performance exemplifying the belief that all children have the potential to work as young artists.

Please join us in welcoming Roberta and Debra to the Aurora community.
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2ND ANNUAL AUCTION
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5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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TRANSLATIONS

O Virtus Sapientiae

Note: In Judeo Christian scriptures Sapientiae (Latin) or Sophia (Greek) is the divine feminine. She is 
YHWH's companion in creation. The ancient Greeks 
viewed Sophia, Goddess of Wisdom, as the creative 
power that formed the cosmos out of original chaos.

O Virtus Sapientiae
quae circuiens circuisti
comprehendendo omnia
in una via, quae habet vitam,
tres alas habens,
quarum una in altum volat,
et altera de terra sudat,
et tertia undique volat.
Laus tibi sit, sicut te decet,
O Sapientiae.

You Power of Wisdom
that circled circling
and embracing all
in a course that is filled with life.
You have three wings –
one that soars into the heights,
another has moisture from the earth,
the third flies all around.
All praise to wisdom
as is your due.

Hildegard of Bingen
(translated by Barbara Grant)

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Ah! Vous dirai-je, Maman,
ce qui cause mon torment.
Papa veut que je raisonne,
comme une grande personne.
Moi, je dis que les bonbons,
valent mieux que la raison.

Ah! I shall tell you, Mum
what cause my torment.
Papa wants be to reason
like an adult.
I say that candy
is better than reason.

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

JOAN SZYMKO has led choruses in the Pacific Northwest for over 25 years. Throughout her career she has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to creating and presenting distinctive choral music, especially for women’s voices. Originally from the Midwest, she received her formal music training at The Chicago Musical College and The University of Illinois. She led community and church choirs in Seattle from 1980-1993 and accepted the invitation to lead Aurora Chorus in the fall of 1993.

Szymko is a choral composer of national renown. Distinguished choruses across the country have sung her music, including performances at national conventions of the American Choral Director’s Association, (ACDA), state and regional choral festivals, and at the World Symposium on Choral Music in Kyoto, Japan. Her music is published by Santa Barbara Music Publishing, Treble Clef Music Press, Yelton Rhodes Music, and most recently, Roger Dean Publishing Company. Roger Dean will release two pieces premiered by Aurora Chorus in recent years, “Always Coming Home” and “Here,” in early 2008.

Szymko founded and directed Viriditas, a select women’s chamber ensemble from 1994-2003. Viriditas was featured on Szymko’s 1998 CD recording of her compositions, “Openings” and made critically acclaimed appearances with Portland’s Do Jump! Movement Theater. Szymko has been a resident composer with Do Jump! since 1995, performing her music with the company at home and from coast to coast on tour. She can be seen and heard this month at the Newmark Theater in Do Jump! For the Holidays.

ACCOMPANIST

SIGNE LUSK studied piano accompanying at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and then continued her studies in Stuttgart, Germany. Upon returning to the U.S., she worked for the Oregon Symphony as the assistant publicity director. Lusk has worked as staff pianist for the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. She was awarded the Outstanding Music Director Award for her work on Candide. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in 1998, accompanying soprano Debra Wilke, winner of the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artists Award Competition. Lusk has performed in concerts with Metropolitan Opera Stars Jerome Hines, Nico Castel, and John Del Caro. She was pianist for National Trumpet Association winner Andre Dubelston. In addition, Lusk has worked for Seattle, Portland and Eugene opera companies. Currently Lusk is staff pianist at the First Unitarian Church, and she conducts their Nova Choir. She is also the staff accompanist for the Pacific International Children’s Choir Festival and the Astoria Music Festival.

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Cellist Nancy Ives has been the Principal Cello of the Oregon Symphony since October 2000. Chris Kokesh plays fiddle and guitar with Misty River, the Pacific Northwest's all female acoustic quartet. Saffire Bouchelion plays djembe and other percussion with Portland's African fusion group, Fools in Paradise. Abby Mages is an active freelance flautist in the Portland area. Paul Pitkin has played oboe in many orchestras throughout the United States and toured the US and Europe. Guitarist Dave Mullany teaches and performs in the Portland area, and has performed with artists such as Muddy Waters, Bo Didley and Jerry Garcia.

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Proverbs: 8:23-27

O Virtus Sapientiae
   Hildegard of Bingen

Lorica
   Joan Szymko
   text attributed to St. Patrick

Traveller's Prayer
   traditional/ text by A. Carmichael
   arranged by John Renbourne
   “Ignorant before the heavens of my life” by Ranier Maria Rilke

Stars
   Nancy Telfer
   “Then shall I leap into love”
   by Mechthild of Magdeburg / Translated by F.J. Tobin

I Dance to the Stars and the Moon
   Cary Ratcliffe
   text based on "The Song of the Night" by Leslie D. Perkins

Sky Dances
   Roy Brown
   text by Jimmy Durham
   arranged by Jennifer Stasack
   “Belonging” by Alla Renée Bozarth

Ten Million Stars (premiere)
   Joan Szymko
   poem by Nancy Wood
   “Buddha In Glory” by Ranier Maria Rilke

Mystery
   soloist: Constance LaGue
   Jeremy Geffen
   arranged by Joan Szymko

DECEMBER 2007
Aurora
John McCutcheon and Si Kahn
trio: Kirsten Hays, Claudia Nadine, Lauren Eisenberg

Wynken, Blynken & Nod
Joan Szymko
poem by Eugene Field

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
Anonymous, arranged by Szymko
piano variations by W.A. Mozart
Text: traditional (French) Jane Taylor and Meish Goldish (English)

"The Wings that Fly Us Home" by Joe Henry

Amazon
John Denver
arranged by Joan Szymko

The Great Peace March
Holly Near
arranged by Anne Albritton

soloist: Kimber Warden

READERS
Judi Ranton: "Proverbs 8:23-27"
Bonnie McAnnis: “Ignorant before the heavens of my life”
Annie Herring: “Then shall I leap into love”
Elaine Ball: “Belonging”
Jean Wright: “Buddha in Glory”
Carol Kline: “The Wings that Fly Us Home”

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