

Silent Tents

2009–10 Season
97th Concert

Sunday 25 October 2009
First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo
3:00 p.m.

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
CANTUS FEMINA**
Dee Gauthier, Conductor
Christy Ledden, Graduate Assistant Conductor
Karl Schrock, Accompanist

with special guests
**PORTAGE NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL
WOMEN'S CHORALE**
Whitney Wade, Conductor

and
James K. Bass, Reader

Cantus Femina

Decoration Day – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Bivouac of the Dead – Theodore O'Hara

Silent Tents: To Those Who Died for Liberty

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

On Fame's eternal camping-ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead.
– Theodore O'Hara

Percussion: Skye Hookham and Ashley Ickes
WMU Cadet Color Guard: Sgt. Landry (Detail Leader),
PFC Bylsma R., Cpl Chambo, PFC Hanson

Reading

Henk Badings
1907–1987

Reading

Jackson Berkey
b. 1942



Reading

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction... The chain reaction of evil – hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars – must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.

– Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love*, 1963

Joan Szymko
b. 1957

Only Light, Only Love

Text: Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love*

Stephen Paulus
b. 1949

I Cannot Dance, O Lord

I cannot dance, O Lord,
Unless you lead me.
If you wish me to leap joyfully,
Let me see you dance and sing!
Then I will leap into love,
And from love into knowledge,
And from knowledge into the harvest,
That sweetest fruit beyond human sense.
Then I will leap into love,
There I will stay with You.
Whirling, Whirling, Whirling,
I cannot dance, O Lord,
Unless you lead me.

– Mechtild of Magdeburg, a 13th-century mystic and one of the earliest women to write about spirituality

Francisco J. Núñez
b. 1965

Canticle, In Remembrance

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with thy God. – Micah 6:8

Behold, I make all things new. – Revelation 21:5

I know thy works. Behold, I have set before thee an open door
and no man can shut it. – Revelation 3:8

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. They may rest from their labors.
Their works do follow them. – Revelation 14:13

Soloist: Stephanie Gregoire

Women's Chorale

Imant Raminsh
b. 1943

Kyrie

Z. Randall Stroope
b. 1953

"Lux Aeterna" from *Missa*

Cantus Femina and Women's Chorale

Joan Szymko

Benedizione

The Lord bless you and keep you.
May He show His face to you
And have mercy on you.
May He turn His gaze to you
And give you peace.
The Lord bless you.

– Numbers 6:24–26, *The Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi to Brother Leo*