

# NIGHT ) SONGS

February 9, 2024, 7:30pm

## Part I: Praise in the Night

### **Hymn: Carlton R. Young (1926-2023)**

*Joyful is the Dark*, v. 1-2, 5, from the *All Creation Sings* Hymnal

### **Quote: Ibn Arabi, al-Sheikh al-Akhbar of Damascus (1165-1240)**

I believe in the religion of love...

### **Music: Terre Johnson (b. 1959)**

*My Song in the Night* (2018)

*First Congregational Church of Minnesota Choir*

*Allegra Montanari, Cello, Byron Almén, Piano*

### **Poetry: Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)**

*O Salutaris Hostia* (O Saving One)

### **Music: Ēriks Ešvalds (b. 1977)**

*O Salutaris Hostia* (2014)

*First Congregational Church of Minnesota Choir*

*Linda Valerian, Soprano, Allegra Montanari, Cello*

## Part II: Weariness

### **Music: Adele (b. 1988)**

*Love in the Dark* (2015)

*MJ Vang, Mezzo-Soprano, Robert S. Ragoonanan, Piano*

### **Music: Lord Huron, arr. Willey Ohana**

*The Night We Met* (2015)

*Vocal U A Capella Choir*

**Music: Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)**

*Spiegel im Spiegel* (Mirror in the Mirror, 1978)  
*Allegra Montanari, Cello, Byron Almén, Piano*

**Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-76)**

*On This Island, Op. 11* (1937)  
I. Let the florid music praise!  
*Benjamin Wegner, Tenor, Robert S. Ragoonanan, Piano*

**Music: David Lesniaski**

*Seascape* (2023)  
*University Baptist Church Choir*

**Music: Benjamin Britten**

*Thomas Moore's Irish Melodies* (1960)  
V. At the mid hour of night  
*Trevor Lemon-Todd, Tenor, Robert S. Ragoonanan, Piano*

**Music: Ivor Gurney (1890-1937)**

*Five Elizabethan Songs* (1920)  
IV. Sleep  
*Trevor Lemon-Todd, Tenor, Robert S. Ragoonanan, Piano*

**Music: Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993), arr. Arnold Sevier (b. 1949)**

*Precious Lord* (1996)  
*The Hope Choir*

**Music: Billy Joel (b. 1949)**

*Vienna* (1977)  
*Brendin Kavitz, Tenor, Robert S. Ragoonanan, Piano*

## Part III: Onward, Together

**Quote: Ken Liu (b. 1976)**

from *The Paper Menagerie* (2011): The stars shine and blink...

**Music: Harry Styles (b. 1994), arr. Sawyer Huss**

*Late Night Talking* (2022)  
*Vocal U A Capella Choir*

**Music: Elwyn Alexander Fraser Junior**

*Stars Within* (2024)

**Music: Paul M. Vasile**

Above All, Put On Love (2016)

*Grace University Lutheran Church Choir, Madeline Didier, Piano*

**Poetry: Ada Limón (b. 1976)**

[In Praise of Mystery: A Poem for Europa \(2023\)](#)

**Music: Jocelyn Hagen (b. 1980)**

We Are the Stars (2019)

*The Hope Choir*

*Devan Moran and Karin Valdizan, Violins,*

*Michael Chergosky, Viola, Nora Doyle, Cello*

**Poetry: Leslie Contreras Schwartz**

[A Body's Universe of Big Bangs \(2020\)](#)

**Music: Lucy Walker (b. 1998)**

Today (2022)

*The Night Songs Mass Choir*

**Music: Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)**

The Ground (2010)

*The Night Songs Mass Choir*

*Devan Moran and Karin Valdizan, Violins, Michael Chergosky, Viola,*

*Nora Doyle, Cello, Ethan Prince, Bass, Madeline Didier, Piano*

**Artistic Director:** Robert S. Ragoonanan, University Lutheran Church of Hope

**Technical Director:** James Flaten, MN Space Grant, U of MN

**Choirs (in order of appearance):**

First Congregational Church of Minnesota Choir, Byron Almén, Director

University Baptist Church Choir, David Lesniaski, Director

Vocal U A Capella, Sawyer Huss, Director

University Lutheran Church of Hope Choir, Robert S. Ragoonanan, Director

Grace University Lutheran Church Choir, Chad Winterfeldt, Director

The Night Songs Mass Choir, Robert S. Ragoonanan, Director, Brad Beale,

Assistant Director

**Instrumentalists and Vocal Soloists (in order of appearance):**

Robert S. Ragoonanan, Piano  
Byron Almén, Piano  
Allegra Montanari, Cello  
Linda Valerian, Soprano  
MJ Vang, Mezzo-Soprano  
Benjamin Wegner, Tenor  
Trevor Lemon-Todd, Tenor  
Brendin Kavitz, Tenor  
Elwyn Alexander Fraser Junior, Singer-Songwriter  
Madeline Didier, Piano  
Devan Moran, Violin  
Karin Valdizan, Violin  
Michael Chergosky, Viola  
Nora Doyle, Cello  
Ethan Prince, Bass

**Readers (in order of appearance):** Jayne Lindesmith, John Beane, Katie Hale, Jean Anderson, Sharlene Hensrud

**Programming Consultants:**

Benjamin Wegner  
Kalindi Bellach  
Caitlin Ricks

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