

Masterworks Chorale Presents

Mid-Winter  
Songs



Arianne Thomas, *conductor*

Norma Roozeboom, *piano*

Friday, December 8, 7:00PM

First United Methodist Church

612 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan

# PROGRAM

## "Something Told the Wild Geese"

by Rachel Fields

Reader: Ed Murray

## "Winter"

by Barbara R. Vance

Reader: Walt Bogart

## In the Bleak Midwinter

Christina Rosetti  
Gustav Theodore Holst

## "Dust of Snow"

by Robert Frost

Reader: Tom Phillips

## Mid-Winter Songs

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

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### I. Lament for Pasiphaë

Dying sun, shine warm a little longer!  
My eye, dazzled with tears, shall dazzle yours,  
Conjuring you to shine and not to move.  
You, sun, and I all afternoon have laboured  
Beneath a dewless and oppressive cloud –  
A fleece now gilded with our common grief  
That this must be a night without a moon.  
Dying sun, shine warm a little longer!

Faithless she was not: she was very woman,  
Smiling with dire impartiality,  
Sov'reign, with heart unmatched, adored of men,  
Until Spring's cuckoo with bedraggled plumes  
Tempted her pity and her truth betrayed.  
Then she who shone for all resigned her being,  
And this must be a night without a moon.  
Dying sun, shine warm a little longer!

### III. She Tells Her Love While Half Asleep

She tells her love while half asleep,  
In the dark hours,  
With half-words whispered low:

As Earth stirs in her winter sleep  
And puts out grass and flowers  
Despite the snow,  
Despite the falling snow.

### IV. Mid-Winter Waking

Stirring suddenly from long hibernation  
I knew myself once more a poet  
Guarded by timeless principalities  
Against the worm of death, this hillside haunting;  
And presently dared open both my eyes.

O gracious, lofty, shone against from under,  
Back-of-the-mind-far clouds like towers;  
And you, sudden warm airs that blow  
Before the expected season of new blossom,  
While sheep still gnaw at roots and lambless go –

Be witness that on waking, this mid-winter,  
I found her hand in mine laid closely  
Who shall watch out the Spring with me.  
We stared in silence all around us  
But found no winter anywhere to see.

### V. Intercession in Late October

How hard the year dies: no frost yet.  
On drifts of yellow sand Midas reclines,  
Fearless of moaning reed or sullen wave.  
Firm and fragrant still the brambleberries.  
On ivy-bloom butterflies wag.

Spare him a little longer, Crone,  
For his clean hands and love-submissive heart.  
~ Robert Graves (1895-1985)

## "When I am Among the Trees"

by Mary Oliver

Reader: Frank Arthur

Gloria

Randol Alan Bass (b. 1953)

## MEMBERS OF THE MASTERWORKS CHORALE

### *Sopranos*

Angie Brunk  
Jodi Caldwell  
Melissa Cortner  
Sonder Crane  
Allison Dollar  
Bethany Hamel  
Sarah Keller  
Marilyn Masterson  
Allison Muth  
Martha Seaton  
Kathy Sherlock  
Rita Smith  
Sharon T. Smith  
Christine Woodard  
Barbara Wright

### *Altos*

Olivia Arnold  
Cathy Bitikofer  
Sophia Bonjour  
Blakely Bunning  
Enid Cocke  
Genae Denver  
Payton Engel  
Gail Eyestone  
Holly Friesen  
Pamela Kempton  
Catherine Long  
Janet McGillivray  
Ronna Olivier  
Cathy Scroggs  
Penny Senften  
Jenny Towns  
Kim Wassenberg Hull

### *Tenors*

Cheryl Arthur  
Lew Cocke  
Larry Davis  
Tom Fish  
Glenn Horton-Smith  
Greg Knittel  
Dick Seaton  
Mike Smith  
Alexander Trout

### *Basses*

Frank Arthur  
Chris Bailey  
Walt Bogart  
Steven Fisher  
Josh McCrickard  
Ed Murray  
Tom Phillips  
John Schlender  
Scott Schlender  
Kent Smith  
Larry Weaver  
David Wright

## BRASS AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Larry Dean and Don McEwan, *trumpets*

Jeremy Leach and Leah Sloss, *horns*

Noah Marietta-Perez and Michael Principe, *trombones*

Lloyd Dodson, *tuba*

Steve Johannes, Brady Inman, Jacob Morgan and Noah Parker, *percussion*

Dan Myers, *organ*

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Visit the website for information about the choir and to  
to sign up (new singers)

**NEXT SEMESTER:**

Dvorak Mass in D

Conductor: Arianne Thomas

Rehearsals start on Tuesday January 16, 7pm

Watch for information about a possible new rehearsal  
location

**Fall 2024 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary**  
of Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale!

