

Saturday, November 2, 2024 | 7PM

United Congregational Church Tolland, Connecticut

#### **VOICES OF CONCINNITY**

Erin Bartram Liz Bologna Bruce Barger Kara Hart Chris Hartel Brian Jones Sarah Kaufold Michael McAvaney Dan Pavone Erica Shippee Alex Walker Jermaine Woodard, Jr.

#### **EKKLESIA DANCERS**

Jenna Patton Tiffany Oltjenbruns Jacob Shoup

Choreography - Elisa Schroth

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# Thinning of the Veil Reconnecting with the lost

## CONCERT PROGRAM

Do not stand at my grave and weep Shruti Rajasekar (2016) Text by Mary Elizabeth Frye (1932) | Liz Bologna, solo

**Emendemus in melius** William Byrd (1575) Matin Responsory for Lent | Cantiones quae ab argumento sacrae vocantur, no. 4

Komm süsser Tod Ethel Smyth (1882-84) Five Sacred Partsongs Based on Chorale Tunes (after J.S. Bach)

**Dies Irae** 

Sleep

Sequence from the Requiem Mass

Text by Charles Anthony Silvestri

Eric Whitacre (2001)

**Gregorian Chant** 

Text by chanes Anthony silvestri

Resignation Florence B. Price Words and Music by Florence Price (1887-1953) - first published in 2020

Blackbird Paul McCartney & John Lennon (1968) Adapted from arrangements by Stephanie Neigel & Frauke Oliveri | Erica Shippee, solo

Song for Athene John Tavener (1994) Text by William Shakespeare | Michael McAvaney & Jermaine Woodard, solos

Illumination Michael McGlynn (2005) Text from tombstone of James Galway (d. 1627) | Erica Shippee & Liz Bologna, solo

Rest

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1902) Text by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

and the swallow (psalm 84) Includes sentences from Psalm 84

Caroline Shaw (2017)

Amo

Nico Gutierrez (2021) Text by Mariano Melendro Serna (1894-1989(

Heyr þú oss himnum á Anna Thorvaldsdottir (2005) Text by Ólafur Jónsson

Lux aeterna (from "Requiem") Michael John Trotta (2021) Communion antiphon from the Requiem Mass | Requiem Aeternam 9th century

Nearness of you arr. Jennifer Barnes (2008) Music by Hoagy Carmichael and Lyrics by Ned Washington (1937)

#### ABOUT "THINNING OF THE VEIL"

Thinning of the Veil is a term often associated with the barrier that separates the world in which we live and the spiritual worlds of the dead. Many cultures mark certain times of the year when the veil is thought to be thin, such as Samhain from Celtic history (which we often celebrate as Halloween on October 31st) and Dia De Los Muertos from Mexico which celebrates the reuniting of the living and the dead on November 1 and 2. There is also a tradition of All Souls Day, commemorated each year on November 2 within the Christian church, which remembers those who have passed before us.

The loss of a friend or loved one is a universal experience; therefore, we crafted a concert of choral works that explore stories and harmonies that can allow space to process loss, feel comfort, and find connection.

#### SONG TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

In an effort to be kind to the earth by minimizing paper, the text and/or translation for each song is located on our website: www.consonare-sing.org/thinning-of-the-veil Or, you can scan this QR code with your phone here -->



#### SPECIAL GUEST: EKKLESIA CONTEMPORARY BALLET

Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet is a professional dance company based in Hartford whose diverse repertory utilizes a full spectrum of emotional and physical vocabulary while addressing issues such as poverty, inequality, and human suffering. Visit their website for more information: https://www.ekklesiaballet.org

#### CONCINNITY'S DEBUT ALBUM

Voices of Concinnity has released our debut album, Awaiting Golden Light, through Navona Records. You can listen to and download this album on all streaming services (Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon Music, etc.) A hearty thank you to all of our donors who supported the creation of this album.



#### UPCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 7PM Saint Mary's Church in Willimantic

Consonare's community choirs present a compelling performance, "Mind the Gap", on finding connection across generations.

#### Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 7PM

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester

Voices of Concinnity will perform their annual holiday concert, "Candlelight Concinnity" to illuminate the holiday season.

#### SING WITH CONSONARE

Consonare Choral Community offers numerous opportunities for singers of all ages and ranges of abilities to sing in our choirs and learn new skills at our workshops. The next opportunity to sing with our community ensembles with no audition is this January 2025. More information and registration is available on our website: Consonare-sing.org

#### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT FROM DONORS AND SPONSORS

We would like to recognize the generosity of individuals and businesses in our community that have supported us to continue to build community through choral music.



#### SPECIAL THANKS

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