



Bella
Lumina

presents

Beautiful Light

inaugural concerts

Michelle Gehrz, Artistic Director

Jeffrey Patry, Accompanist

Saturday, Feb. 9 | 7 pm

Wooddale Lutheran Church
4003 Wooddale Ave. S.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Sunday, Feb. 10 | 3 pm

Roseville Lutheran Church
1215 Roselawn Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55113

Spreading light, hope & joy through song!

Beautiful Light



Please hold applause until end of each set.

Gathering Light

Gate of the Year

Eleanor Daley | Poetry by Minnie Louise Haskins 1908
Soloist, Gay Gonnerman

She Rises

Catherine Dalton

Cantate Domino

Paul Ayers

Laudamus Te, from GLORIA

Antonia Vivaldi | arr. John Leavitt

Longing for Light

Morning Light

Sarah Quartel

Malala

Paul Jarman | Text by Paul Jarman and quotes from Malala

Walking in Light

Walk in Light

Karen Marroli

Flight Song

Kim Andre Arnesen | Text by Euan Tait

Sharing & Spreading Light

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Gwyneth Walker | Text by Robert Wadsworth Lowry

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

arr. Craig Hella Johnson | Text by Dolly Parton

Soloist, Stacy Glaus

Hold the Light

Rollo Dillworth

Choir

SOPRANO 1

Dana Essex

Stacy Glaus

Gay Gonnerman

Doreen Lorentz

Kay Netland

SOPRANO 2

Cheri Almquist

Julianne Heil

Jan Lillemo

Lissa Miller

Marilyn Shardlow

Julie Stauffer

Judy Sunderlund

ALTO 1

Chandra Erickson

Sharlene Hensrud

Monica Healy

Phyllis Kerr

Barb Kern-Pieh

Erika Reitzel

Virve Van Sloun

Shari Tivy

ALTO 2

Andie Heil

Sue Lach

Julie Lindstrom

Nancy Verba

Heidi Vickerman

Beth VonEschen

Molly Wickam

Instrumentalists

PIANO

Jeffrey Patry

VIOLIN

Sarah Foster

OBOE & DRUM

Renae Wantock

Gate of the Year

I said to the man who stood

at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely
into the unknown." (Lux Eterna)

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and
put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer
than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night. (Lux Eterna)

She Rises

She rises up from the heather

Her flame in hand, she crosses the sky.

When she's tired she lays down her head

In the sweet heather she makes her bed.

All night we tend to her flame

Her sacred light, eternal and bright.

When she wakes she'll open her eyes.

Then up from the heather she'll again rise.

She flames the poet's pen,

fires the forge and hearth,

lights the fire within.

Cantate Domino

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord all the earth sing!

Sing to the Lord and bless his name.

Tell his salvation from day to day.

Glory and majesty are before him.

Splendor and majesty attend him.

Holiness and beauty in his sanctuary.

Laudamus Te, from GLORIA

We praise you, We bless you, We adore you,

We glorify you.

Morning Light

It's a long road we travel on this walk

that we take,

It's a path of adventure that leads us away.

Yet a place travels with us, if it's what we believe,

Where we gather the strength,

for the journey we lead.

Call me glad, call me wise,

it will not be surprising

When in the night I may say:

Texts

"I'll be home again"

For when shadows are gone

and the sun finds me here,

I will dance in the light of the morning.

I will dance in the light of the morning,

Knowing all will be right in the morning light.

Malala

From this day the silent voices will be heard

I speak not for me, for the boys and girls

Who live in fear, dying for their hunger to learn

Let us all unite and speak up for our rights

Anything is possible

I believe in something greater than my life

The journey of learning in every child

By facing death my dream will never die

Anything is possible,

give me the chance to try

I pray that one day every girl can go to school

As we grow stronger and wiser,

the greater our world

Embrace your passions and fill the empty pail

Anything is possible

and we are the voice of change

For we are the future,

the teachers and leaders

And we'll teach our children

that all are born equal

One child, one teacher, one book,

one pen can change the world

To live your life without fear

and to walk into the light

To sing and dance the way you feel,

and not to suffer for your rights

To walk alone unafraid,

no longer risking life

to find the freedom you deserve

One child, one teacher, one book,

one pen can change the world

Walk in Light

And we shall study war no more.

Come, O people, come and walk in the light of

the Lord. And we shall walk the paths of peace.

Flight Song

All we are, we have found in song: you have

drawn this song from us. Songs of lives

unfolding fly overhead, cry overhead:

longing, rising from the song within.

Moving like the rise and fall of wings, hands that

shape our calling voice on the edge of answers

you've heard our cry, you've known

our cry: music's fierce compassion flows from

you. The night is restless with the sounds we

hear, is broken, shaken by the cries of pain:

for this is music's inner voice, saying, yes, we

hear you, all you who cry aloud, and we will fly,

answering you: so our lives sing, sing, wild we

will fly, wild in spirit we will fly. Like a feather

falling from the wing, fragile as a human voice,

afraid, uncertain, alive to love, we sing as love,

afraid, uncertain, yet our flight begins as song.

How Can I Keep From Singing?

My life flows on in endless song

Above earth's lamentation

I hear the real though distant song

That hails a new creation

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that rock I'm clinging

Since I believe that love abides

How can I keep from singing?

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

It's been a long dark night

and I've been a waitin' for the morning

It's been a long hard fight

but I see a brand new day a dawning

I've been looking for the sunshine you know,

I ain't seen it in so long

And everything's gonna work out just fine

and everything's gonna be all right

that's been all wrong

'Cause I can see the light of a clear blue morning,

I can see the light of a brand new day

I can see the light of a clear blue morning

and everything's gonna be all right,

It's gonna be okay

Hold the Light

When in the darkness hold the light,

everything will be alright.

When there is trouble hold the light,

just keep on pressing through the night.

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!"

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We present repertoire of high artistic quality that delivers a powerful
message through illuminating texts and inspirational arrangements
showcasing the extraordinary beauty of treble voices.



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