

First Inversion



LET ME BRING LIGHT

Featuring "Songs of Renewal" by Will Todd



Sunday, June 13, 2021, 4PM

Downtown United Presbyterian Church
121 N. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, N.Y.

The singers of First Inversion with
Lee Wright, conductor and artistic director
Jon Madden and Robert Manners, conducting scholars
Caitlin Glastonbury and Gavin Tremblay, choral scholars

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Welcome!

It is with gratitude and joy that I welcome you into collaboration today for our first concert since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your presence not only supports the work and play of the people on stage, but creates part of this unique performance that will never happen again in the same way. When you commit to First Inversion with your presence, you give a gift with implications far beyond your own imagining.

Thank you to all of our donors who have helped to make this performance possible. We have survived a challenging year, emerging into our seventh season, thanks to all of you and the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts. Keep your eyes out for some exciting performances next season including our yearly appearance on the the Rochester Fringe Festival. Thank you for joining us today!

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lee".

Lee Wright
Founder and Artistic Director
First Inversion, Rochester, NY

Our Mission Statement

First Inversion seeks to empower Rochester's finest avocational singers, engage professional singers with fresh ideas, encourage and mentor choral and conducting scholars, and to inspire our audiences through honest connection with a rich and varied repertoire. First Inversion welcomes singers who love choral music and embrace every opportunity to improve their own musicianship and choral artistry.

Board of Directors

Lee Wright, president, Joan Sussman, secretary;
Barbara Consler, treasurer; Aaron Gallant, Vice President; Michael Wells, and Kelley Madden



Program

Lux Aeterna Gregorian chant
We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace Negro Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)
Me Renovare (Songs of Renewal, 2018) Will Todd (b. 1970)

Schaffe in mir, Gott (Schaffe in mir, Gott, Op. 29, No. 2).....Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Trotz dem alten Drachen (Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 227)*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Verwirf mich nicht von deinem Angesicht (Schaffe in mir, Gott, Op. 29, No. 2).....Johannes Brahms

My Lord, What a Mornin'*** Negro Spiritual, Arr. H.T. Burleigh (1866-1949)
Mourning into Dancing (Gigue)**Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)

Return Again. . . (Songs of Renewal)Will Todd
Light of a Clear Blue MorningDolly Parton (b. 1946), Arr. Craig Hella Johnson (b. 1962)
Alison Wahl, soloist

Tröste mich wieder (Schaffe in mir, Gott, Op. 29, No. 2) Johannes Brahms
Ihr aber seit nicht fleischlich (Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 227)*Johann Sebastian Bach
Und der freudige Geist (Schaffe in mir, Gott, Op. 29, No. 2) Johannes Brahms

Chorale (Songs of Renewal)Will Todd
Andrea McGaugh, soloist

Rise, Shine! Negro Spiritual, Arr. Marques L.A. Garrett (b. 1984)

*Robert Manners, conducting scholar ** Jon Madden, conducting scholar

Sopranos

Marrlee Burgess, Juli Elliott,
Caitlin Glastonbury+, Rebecca Gartland
Heather Holmquest, Anna Lenti, Kristin Jarvis,
Joan Sussman, Alison Wahl, Madeline Yousey

Altos

Kath Borden, Barb Consler, Tansy Deutsch,
Carol Kerner, Kelley Madden,
Debra McCullough, Andrea McGaugh,
Brenda Tremblay

+ Collegiate Choral Scholar. # Conducting Scholar

Tenors

Jason Cloen, Isaac Hutton,
Mark Darling, David Henkel,
Jeff Tabor, Jeffrey Thompson

Basses

Alan Jones, Jon Madden#, Robert Manners#,
Jesse Garrett-Larsen, Brent Neeley,
Peter Schoellkopf, Gavin Tremblay+

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To all of the performers for your commitment and artistry

To you, our audience, without whom we would create into a vacuum.

Interested in Singing or Volunteering with First Inversion?

Auditions are heard upon request.

Email info@firstinversion.org with any questions,
to schedule an individual audition, or to get on our volunteer mailing list.

