

# FESTIVAL

by

*The Combined Choirs and Orchestras  
of Armstrong and Cooper High Schools  
and The Elementary All-District Choir*

*Kari Janikowski, Soprano • Andy Oakden, Tenor • Thomas Witry, Baritone*  
*RCHS class of '92                      RAHS class of '94                      RCHS class of '78*

*Thomas D. Bollin, Narrator*

*Paul E. Oakley, Guest Conductor*  
*Music Director and Conductor, Bach Society of Minnesota*



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*Thursday, October 24, 1996*

*7:30 p.m.*

*Robbinsdale Armstrong High School Gymnasium*

## Program

### Combined Orchestras

Slavic Dance No. 3 ..... Antonin Dvorak

Welcome.....Denis Biagini

### Elementary All District Choir

The Star Spangled Banner ..... Francis Scott Key

Judas Maccabeus ..... George Frederic Handel

### Text for Judas Maccabeus

#### *Overture*

#### *Chorus*

#### **Mourn, ye afflicted children**

Mourn, ye afflicted children, the remains  
of captive Judah, mourn in solemn strains  
Your sanguine hopes of Liberty give o'er;  
Your hero, friend, and father is no more.

#### *Recitative (Bass)*

#### **I feel the Deity within**

I feel the deity within.  
Who, the bright Cherubim between.  
His radiant glory erst display'd;  
To Israel's distressful pray'r  
He hath vouchsaf'd a gracious ear,  
And points out Maccabeus to their aid:  
Judas shall set the captive free,  
And lead us to victory.

#### *Air (Bass)*

#### **Arm, arm ye brave**

Arm, arm ye brave! a noble cause.  
The cause of Heav'n, your zeal demands;  
In defence of your nation, religion, and laws,  
The almighty Jehovah will strengthen your hands.

#### *Chorus*

#### **We come, we come, in bright array**

We come, we come in bright array,  
Judah, thy sceptre to obey

#### *Air (Soprano)*

#### **O liberty, thou choicest treasure**

O Liberty, thou choicest treasure,  
Seat of virtue, source of pleasure;  
Life, without thee, knows no blessing,  
No endearment worth caressing.

#### *Duet (Soprano and Children)*

#### **Come, ever-smiling liberty**

Come, ever-smiling liberty,  
And with thee bring thy jocund train;  
For thee we pant, and sigh for thee,  
With whom eternal pleasures reign!

#### *Duet (Soprano and Children) and Chorus*

#### **Hail Judea, happy land**

Hail, Judea, happy land!  
Salvation prospers in his hand.

*Air (Tenor)*

**Sound an alarm!**

Sound your alarm, your silver trumpets sound,  
And call the brave, and only brave, around  
Who listeth, follow: —to the field again!  
Justice, with courage, is a thousand men.

*Chorus*

**We hear, we hear the pleasing, dreadful call**

We hear, we hear the pleasing dreadful call,  
And follow thee to conquest: —  
If to fall for laws, religion, liberty we fall.

*Air (soprano)*

**So Shall the lute and Harp awake**

So Shall the lute and harp awake,  
And sprightly voice sweet descant run,  
Seraphic melody to make,  
In the pure strains of Jesse's son.

*Chorus and Children*

**See, the conqu'ring hero comes!**

See, the conquering hero comes!  
Sound the trumpets, beat the drums;  
Sports prepare, the laurel bring,  
Songs of triumph to him sing.  
See the godlike youth advance,  
Breathe the flutes, and lead the dance;  
Myrtle-wreathes and roses twine,  
To deck the hero's brow divine.

*March*

*Chorus*

**Sing unto God**

Sing unto God, and high affections raise  
To crown this conquest with unmeasur'd praise.

*Duet (Tenor and Bass)*

**Oh lovely peace**

O lovely peace, with plenty crown'd,  
Come, spread thy blessings all around;  
Let fleecy flocks the hills adorn,  
And valleys smile with wavy corn.  
Let the shrill trumpet cease, nor other sound  
But nature's songsters wake the cheerful morn.

*Air (Bass)*

**Rejoice, oh Judah**

*Chorus and Children*

**Hallelujah! Amen**

Rejoice, O Judah, and in songs divine,  
With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.  
Hallelujah! Amen!

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### *Participating Directors*

*Armstrong Orchestra*

Jeanne Benson, Director

*Armstrong Choirs*

Dennis Jewett, Director

Stephanie Trump, Director

*Cooper Choirs*

Sheryl Brame, Director

*Cooper Orchestra*

Elizabeth Schulte, Director

*Elementary All -District Choir*

Norma Hammer, Director

Beth Swanberg, Assistant Director

Richard Balkus, Accompanist

## *Paul E. Oakley, Conductor*

Paul E. Oakley is music director and conductor of the Bach Society of Minnesota, where he is also the music director of the Northstar Choral Festival. He is the artistic director and conductor of the Masterclass Conference on Church Music, and appears regularly as an organist, pianist and harpsichordist with the Minnesota Orchestra.

Oakley is in constant and increasing demand as a choral and orchestral conductor, concert organist, lecturer, author, and adjudicator. His concert career has led him throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, continental Europe, Australia, and the Caribbean. He regularly conducts festival choruses, honor choruses, and All-State choruses.

Oakley is also a singer. He has been featured as a baritone soloist in both oratorio and operatic roles, and was twice a Regional winner in the annual competition of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Oakley holds a Master of Music degree in Conducting from Boston University where he was a Dean's Scholar in Music and where he conducted the Repertory Chorus. He holds degrees in Organ Performance and Sacred Music (choral emphasis) from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, where he was the Presser Scholar in Music.



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