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The Combined Choirs and Orchestras
of RAHS and RCHS

Myles Hernandez, Guest Conductor
Director of the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis
Music Director of the Chamber Singers of Iowa City

The earth is our home.

February 25, 1993

7:30 p.m.

RAHS Gymnasium

Program

Combined Choirs and Orchestras

Kids for Saving Earth

Don Hart

The Earth is my home, I promise to keep it healthy and beautiful.

I will love the land, the air, the water, and all living creatures.

I will be a defender of my planet.

United with my friends, I will save the Earth.

Combined Orchestras

Suite for Orchestra
(from *The Water Music*)

George Frederic Handel (1685-1757)

Arr. Harty

Poem: *New Mexico Sun*

Josh Nichols, RCHS '94

Combined High School Choirs and Orchestras

For The Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Poems:

1. *The Bullfrog*
2. *The Possum*
3. *The Buzzard*
4. 'C'

Jenny Biggs, RAHS '93
Nate Grumdahl, RAHS '94
Sarah Janson, RAHS '93
Jennifer Austinson, RAHS '93

Combined Men

The Animals a-comin'

(Barney) Maginal Wright Barney, arr.
Bartholomew

Poem: *Listen*

Shawn Smith, RAHS '93

Combined Varsity and Treble Choir Women

My Heart Soars

The beauty of the trees,
The softness of the air,
The fragrance of the grass,
Speaks to me.

The summit of the mountain,
The thunder of the sky,
The rhythm of the sea,
Speaks to me.

The faintness of the stars,
The freshness of the morning,
The dew drop on the flower,
Speaks to me.

Poem: *Spring*

Ruth Watson Henderson

The strength of fire,
The taste of salmon,
The trail of the sun,
And the life that never goes away,
They speak to me,
And my heart soars!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise to the mighty spirit give,
That we with God in love may live.

Chief Dan George

Beth Allen, RCHS '93

Combined Select Choirs

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Yet once again I could see winter leave,
And springtime advancing,
Buds soon appeared on hedge and tree
And flowers were dancing.
Life in its beauty once again I see,
But must from it sever;
Sad then of heart I wonder if this be
The last spring forever.

Poem: *The Voice of Mother*

arr. P.J. Christiansen

Green was the grass, and the flowers now
shown
Forth, in brilliant
array.
Once more I hear the joyous song of spring,
Of sun and of summer.

A.O. Vinge

Beth Herrington, RCHS '94

All-District Elementary Choir

We are the Children of the Green, Green Wood Charles Forsberg

We are the children of the green, green wood,
And we sing this song of praise.
Happy are we in the green, green wood
Through all our nights and days.

The deer stand in silence listening too.
Rabbit sits so still
For the sun's gentle even song high and true
The chime of the daffodil.

We move to the song of the shimmering dew
Whispering to the night,
Then we sing from canary song high and true
And swim with the bubbling bass.

Song for the Earth

Where will we go when all the trees are gone?
Where will we go to breathe clean air?
Where will we go to run through fields of green
As we celebrate the return of spring?
Where will we go to hear a laughing stream?
Where will the birds be safe to sing?
If we cherish the earth as we cherish a friend,
We can have a green world again.

Will there be food to feed a hungry land?
Will there be fuel to heat our homes?
How will we live with our resources gone?
We have taken much that we did not own.
Where will we go to see the eagles fly?
What will it cost to keep them free?
If we cherish the earth as we cherish a friend,
We can have a green world again.

Poem: *Silence*

Mark Hayes

We are but a guest of Mother Earth.
A few short years and we become earth, too.
We are free to treat her as we choose,
but just be mindful what
we stand to lose.
Where will we go to see a butterfly?
Where will we go to smell a rose?
If we cherish the earth as we cherish a
friend,
We can have a green world again.

Heidi Pearson, RAHS '93

Combined High School Choirs

Sicut Cervus Giovanni Pierluigi da
(sung in Latin)

Palestrina (1525-1594)

As a deer desires water from a brook,
My spirit desires you, O God.

Combined Women

Hotaru Koi Japanese Children's Song
(sung in Japanese)

Ho, Firefly, come, there water is bitter to
taste.
Here water is sweet to your taste
Up this mountain path.

Firefly's daddy struck it rich so he's got lots
of money,
No wonder his tail sparkles in the dark.

Ho, Firefly in the daytime hiding among
the dewy blades of grass,
But when it's night his lantern burns bright.

Poem: *Spring's First Branch*

arr. Ro Ogura (1916-)

Even though we've flown all the way from
India,
Zoom! Those sparrows swarm to swallow us.

Ho, Firefly, come, there water is bitter to
taste.
Here water is sweet to your taste
Up this mountain path.
Look! See a thousand
lanterns sparkling in the dark.

English translation by David Larson

Laura Kania, RCHS '93

Combined High School Choirs and Orchestras

Seeds Grow to Plants

Seeds grow to plants if you add a little
water;
Boys grow to men if you add a
little time;
Trails grow to tracks if you add a little
enterprise;
Each to each and everything
will be all right.

Plants grow to trees if you add a little
sunlight;
Men grow to nations if you
add a little hope;
Tracks grow to roads if you add a little
know-how;
Each to each and everything
will be all right.

Poem: *Arise*

John Rutter

Like grows to love if you add a little
fellowship;
Hope grows to faith if you
add a little trust.
We want to make this land of ours the pro-
mised
land;
Will it to be so and faith
will make it work out right.

We want to grow in the spirit of our fathers;
We want to live in this land
our fathers made.
We want to spread in the wide open spaces.
Give us what we need
And We will make the world
all right.

David Grant

Charles Morgan, RAHS '93

Combined Orchestras

Wildwood Flower (a country hoe-down)

Clebanoff

Personal Comments:

Myles Hernandez

Combined Choirs and Orchestras

The Promise of Living

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

(Thanksgiving song from opera *The Tender Land*)

The promise of living
With hope and thanksgiving
Is born of our loving our friends and our
labor.

We plant each row with seeds of grain,
And Providence sends us the
sun and the rain,

The promise of growing
With faith and with knowing
Is born of our sharing our love with our
neighbor.

By lending a hand, by lending an arm
Bring out from the farm,
Bring out the blessings of harvest.

The promise of living
The promise of growing
Is born of our singing in joy and
thanksgiving.

Give thanks there was sunshine,
Give thanks there was rain,
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the
grain,
O let us be joyful,
O let us be grateful to the Lord for His
blessing.

For many a year we've known these fields
And known all the work that
makes them yield,
Are you ready to lend a hand?
We're ready to work, we're
ready to lend a hand.
By working together we'll bring in the
harvest,
The blessings of harvest.

The promise of ending
In right understanding
Is peace in our own hearts
And peace with our neighbor.
The promise of living
The promise of growing
The promise of ending
is labor and sharing and
loving.

Horace Everett

The Conductor

Myles Hernandez

Myles Hernandez is music director of the Chamber Singers of Iowa City and the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Hernandez was an honors graduate of Haverford College, Pennsylvania. He received his master's degree in choral conducting from Yale University and is completing his doctor of musical arts (DMA) degree in orchestral conducting at the University of Iowa. His teachers have included James Dixon, Tamara Brooks, Otto-Werner Mueller, Marguerite Brooks and Robert Porco.

In 1983, he was appointed chorus master of the International Casals Festival of Puerto Rico, where he prepared the festival chorus for performances with the Puerto Rico, Pittsburgh and Detroit Symphony Orchestras. In this capacity, he has conducted the Minnesota Chorale, the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, and the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia. In 1986, he organized and prepared the festival chorus for the Oklahoma Mozart International Festival under the direction of Ransom Wilson and served as guest conductor of Solisti New York Chamber Orchestra in residence at the festival. He has served on faculties of Puerto Rico Conservatory and Wabash College (IN). His college choirs toured internationally. In 1990, he was artist in residence and guest conductor of the orchestra at Montclair State College, New Jersey. He addressed the 1990 National Conference of the College Music Society in Washington, D.C.



Participating Directors

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Jeanne Benson, Orchestra

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