"A SONG OF PEACE"

the winter concert of

ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS

DECEMBER 12, 1996
7:30 pm
Armstrong High School Auditorium

ROBBINSDALE ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL

presents

THE WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, 12 December 1996
Armstrong High School Auditorium
7:30 o'clock in the evening

PROGRAM

I.

"Wolcom Yole" ***(Ceremony of Carols)*** — *Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)*

"Laudamus te" ***(Gloria)*** — *Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)*

Translation: We praise you, Lord. We bless you.
We glorify you. We worship you.

"Niska Banja" — *Serbian Folk Song, arr. Nick Page*

Beth Kleineman, soprano - Jenny Kelly, alto

Note: "Niska Banja" is a folk song/dance poular throughout the area once known as Yugoslavia. It reminds us of happier times in a region devastated by war.

CANTORI

"Festival Gloria" — *Sherri Porterfield*

Mark Mickle, Accompanist

"Sansa Kroma" — *Akan Folk Song, arr. Felicia Sandler*

Ensemble: David Ozer, Darrin Johnson, Marle Merkle, Scott Witebsky, Donnie Burkholz, Matt Fleegle

Note: "Sansa Kroma" is a well-known song to children growing up in West Africa. It is a song that teaches children that they will not be abandoned by their village, no matter what happens. It serves as reminder to us of the children in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and other regions with ongoing civil wars.

COMBINED VARSITY CHOIRS

"O, My Luve's Like a Red, Red Rose" — *David Dickau*

"Come On Children, Let's Sing" — *arr. Linda Twine*

CONCERT CHOIR

II.

"Haec est Dies" — *Jacobus Gallus (1550-1591)*

Translation: This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Freshman Madrigal Singers & Sophomore Chamber Singers

"Flower of Beauty" — *John Clement*

Sophomore Chamber Singers

"Sing We, and Chant It" — *Thomas Morley (1557-1602)*

Madrigal Singers

"Los Reyes Magos" ***(Navidad Nuestra)*** — *Ariel Ramirez (b. 1921)*

Translation: Three Kings come riding from afar: Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar.
They bring a poncho and honey cakes for the child.

"Fum Fum Fum" — *arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)*

Paul E.Oakley & Andy French, pianists

"A la Nanita Nana" — *Spanish Carol arr. Norman Luboff*

Translation: Sleep, sleep, my little Jesus. May peace attend thee.
Lord God, who watches o'er thee, sweet dreams will send thee.
To the world, little child, New hope thou art bringing.
All the world thy praises singing. God's angels hov'ring o'er thee sing Alleluia.

" De Mornin Come" — *Jamaican Folk Song, arr. Robert DeCormier*

Tyler Brandt, tenor

Armstrong Chamber Singers

III

"Universi qui te expectant" — *Johann Ernst Eberlin (1702-1762)*

Translation: All the faithful, whose hope is in thee, shall not be put to shame.
Show me thy ways, teach me thy paths,
lead me in thy truth and teach me. Alleluia.
O show us thy unfailing love and steadfast mercy toward us,
and grant to us thy gracious salvation. Alleluia.

"Jingle Bells" — *arr. Sir David Willcocks (b. 1919)*

"Erev Shel Shoshanim" *arr. Jack Klebanow*

Translation: Evening of roses
Let us go out to the grove
Myrrh, fragrant spices and incense
Are a threshold for your feet.
Night falls slowly
And the wind of roses is blowing
Let me whisper you a song, secretly
A song of love.
Dawn, a dove is cooing
Your head is filled with dew
Your mouth is a rose unto the morning
I will pick it for myself

"Prayer for the Children" *Kurt Bestor*

Note: In the late 1970's Kurt Bestor lived in the former Yugoslavia. His time was spent among all of the ethnic groups that co-existed in that country. (Serbians, Croatians, Muslims). He watched in horror, as did the rest of the global community, the senseless conflict and bloodshed of the recent past. He became convicted that the persons suffering the most in this conflict were the innocent children of all sides. This composition is a tribute to those children, expressing hope that real peace might inhabit their land.

SELECT CHOIR

"Song of Peace" *John Horman*

"Hallelujah, Amen" ***(Judas Maccabaeus)*** *George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)*

COMBINED CHOIRS

PROGRAM PERSONNEL

Dennis Jewett, Director Stephanie Trump, Director
Paul E. Oakley, Guest Accompanist
Andy French, Mark Meickle, Nancy Singer, James Wilson, Student Accompanists

You are requested to become involved with RAHS Choir Boosters. Attend the next meeting in the Choir Room on January 9, 1997 at 7:00 PM. We will discuss robe replacement, tour funding, communications and on-going efforts that support our mission to further Choral Education at RAHS.

Tom Bollin, Superintendent, Robbinsdale Area Schools
Denis Biagini, Principal
Charlie Burroughs, Assistant Principal
David Dahl, Assistant Principal
Roberta Johnson, Assistant Principal
Jim French, Music Department Chair
Jeanne Benson, Todd Burkholder, Jim French, Instrumental Faculty
Kim Kroeck, Harriet McCleary, Hal Wildung, Voice Teachers
Shannon Severson, Northwestern College Student Intern