The Allegheny College Music Department presents

The Allegheny Choirs

James D. Niblock, director

Saturday, December 7, 2019
Last Words of David
Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Oy es Día de Placer
Tomas Pascual (c. 1595-1633)/arr. Jody Noblett
Jakob Drozd, Elizabeth Forrey, Gina Furst, Jacob Sutter, percussion

Today is a day to rejoice and to sing. Come everyone! Come everyone and dance!
We rejoice this day for the sake of pleasures. Therefore, in Him we have such mysteries of great joy.

Erev Shel Shoshanim
Josef Hadar (1926-2006)/arr. J Klebanow

It is an evening of roses; let us go out to the grave. Myrrh, spices, and incense are a carpet for you to tread,
and a breeze of roses is blowing. Let me whisper a song to you quietly, a song of love. It is dawn. A dove is cooing.
Your hair is filled with dew. Your lips are like a rose to the morning. I'll pick it for myself.

Psallite from Musae Siniae
Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Sing to Christ the only begotten Son of God. Sing to the Redeemer, our Lord, the child lying in the manger. A little child lies in the small crib;
All the holy angels serve the child and sing to him sweetly.

~College & Community Chorus~

Sicut cervus
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

As the hart yearns for the water springs: so long my soul for thee, O God! My soul has thirsted for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before his presence? My tears have been my bread by day and also by night,
while it is said to me daily: Where is your God?

Riu, Riu, Chiu
Anon. (1556)/arr. Noah Greenberg

Riu, riu, chiu, the riverbank protects it, As God kept the wolf from our lamb. The rabid wolf tried to bite her, but God Almighty knew how to defend her;
He wished to create her impenetrable to sin, Nor was this maid to embody original sin. Many prophecies told of his coming, and now in our days have we seen
them fulfilled. God became man, on earth we behold him, And we man in heaven because He so willed. A thousand singing angels I saw passing, Flying
overhead, sounding a thousand voices, Escalating, "Glory be in the heavens, And peace on Earth, for Jesus has been born.

Georgia on My Mind
Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1981)

Michelle Raymond, soprano; Luis Mendoza, tenor; Mitch Lachat, bass; James Tokasz, bass

Harvester’s Song from Six Madrigals
Jean Berger (1909-2002)

~Chamber Choir~

Nigra Sum
Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

I am very dark, but comely, O daughters of Jerusalem. Therefore the King loved me, and brought me into his chamber:
Art thou whom I love? Arise, my love, and come: for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers have appeared in our land, the time of pruning is come. Alleluia!

La Marche des Rois
Trad. French/arr. Ron Jeffers

This morning I came upon a procession of three great Kings a-travelling upon a wide road. All laden with gold, there followed closely great warriors and
guardian of the treasure bearing shields. The three great Kings!

A Girl’s Garden from Frostiana
Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

~Women’s Ensemble~
**Intermission**

**The Star-Spangled Banner**  
Trad. English/arr. James D. Niblock

**Gao Shan Qing**  
Trad. Taiwanese/arr. Reed Criddle  
Nicholas Viall, Kevin Burkhart, Brian Compton, tenors  
The mountain is green; the stream is blue. The maidens of Ali Mountain are as beautiful as the water;  
the young men of Ali Mountain are as strong as the mountain. The mountain is always green; the stream is always blue.  
The maiden and that youth will never be separated—Like the Bi River always encircling the green mountain.  

**The Long Day Closes**  
~Men's Ensemble~  
Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

**Cantique de Jean Racine**  
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

O Word, equal to the Most High, our only hope, eternal light of the earth and heavens. We break the silence of the peaceful night. Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us. Spread over us the fire of your mighty grace, so that all evil might flee at the sound of your voice. Dispel the sleep of a languishing spirit that leads it to forget your laws. O Christ, look favorably upon this faithful people, assembled now to bless you.  
Receive the songs they offer to your immortal glory, and may they return, fulfilled by your gifts.

**El Rorro**  
Trad. Mexican/arr. Jeffery Van  
Jim Froman, guitar

**Valiant-for-Truth**  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**Leron, Leron Sinta**  
Trad. Filipino/arr. Saundra Choi  
Leron, Leron my dear, blossoms of the papaya tree, with a bamboo basket, he’d gather some fruits. But when he reached the top (of the tree), the branch broke. Oh, what a trick of fate, he had to search for another. Wake up, nephews, let’s pick some tamarind fruits.  
Take the bamboo basket, to put the ripe ones in. Upon reaching the top (of the tree), the branches swayed heavily.  
Hold on tight, nephews, as you might fall. The one I will love is a fearless man. He has seven guns and nine knives.  
The journey be will take is the distance of a table. A plate of noodles is his fee.

~Choir~

**Non è tempo**  
Marchetto Cara (c. 1465-1525)

There is no time for waiting, (even) when it is calm and breezy, as you see, in a moment, everything changes.

**Shepherd! Shake off Your Drowsy Sleep!**  
Trad. French/arr. Carolyn Jennings

~Combined Choir~

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