



## Karl Jenkins' *The Peacemakers* offers messages of peace from world figures in West Coast premiere

**Concert Note:** Conductor Steven Zielke will present a pre-concert talk about *The Peacemakers* in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary, 45 minutes prior to each concert. The talk is open to any individual with a concert ticket.

Peace. Pax. Paix. Pace. Shalom. Salam. Shlamah. Selam. In how many ways can the idea of peace be shared?

In *The Peacemakers* by 21<sup>st</sup>-century composer Karl Jenkins, text will be sung by the Corvallis Repertory Singers (CRS) in more than 20 languages while sharing messages written by iconic historic figures. The performance of this 2011 piece that was first sung in Carnegie Hall is a West Coast premiere for the mid-Willamette Valley. Concerts are **Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 10, at 3 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe, Corvallis.**

Ticket outlets for this production are Grass Roots Books, Troubadour Music Center, and Susan's Garden & Coffee Shop (formerly Schmidt's Garden Center) in Corvallis; and Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany. You may also buy them online at [www.repsing.org](http://www.repsing.org).

"*The Peacemakers* is dedicated to the memory of all those who lost their lives during armed conflict, in particular innocent civilians," writes Composer Jenkins in his preface to the musical score. In addition, the work quotes the Bible, the Qur'an, the Hebrew Scriptures, and St. Seraphim of Sarov. St. Francis of Assisi's "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" and Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" are highlighted into full movements of music.

CRS Artistic Director Steven Zielke explained that Jenkins' work fulfills two CRS' goals –performing a premiere composition by a noted modern composer and the message of peace in our world. "This work is almost a requiem for those people who have died in war.... especially people who are innocent victims of war -- children, civilians, and people who are caught in the violence by no fault of their own.

That message of peace is one of the reasons two local Rotary Clubs -- Corvallis and Greater Corvallis -- have contributed to support the \$11,000 cost to bring this work to the community. One of Rotary's world focus is efforts toward "international peace," and Oregon State University hosts one of the Rotary Peace and Diplomacy Centers for water scholars.

Zielke added: "Terri Waite, the English humanitarian and author from the Anglican church who is one of the authors who contributed words to the composition wrote, and I think this is really perfect, 'Music has the capacity to breathe harmony into the soul. *The Peacemakers* breathes the harmony of peace.'"

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**THE PEACEMAKERS**  
Saturday, November 9 7 PM  
Sunday, November 10 3 PM  
First United Methodist Church  
1165 NW Monroe Ave., Corvallis  
Dr. Steven Zielke, Conductor

A contemporary work blending symphonic and World Music elements with a large chorus. Includes texts from Gandhi, Martin Luther King, the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, and other peacemakers.  
Maestro Zielke will present pre-concert talks on this work 45 min. prior to each performance.

Tickets: \$25 Main, \$20 Balcony  
Outlets: Grass Roots Books, Troubadour, Susan's Garden & Coffee Shop, in Albany, Sid Stevens Jewelers  
high school and college students are admitted free with ticket. (U.S. foreign students are free accompanied by a ticketed adult; subject to availability.)  
Online: [Repsing.org](http://Repsing.org)

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**Madelyn Zuro**

## ***The Peacemakers* features brilliant soloists**

The bell-like soprano soaring above the chorus in next weekend's performance of Karl Jenkins's oratorio *The Peacemakers* is the voice of Madelyn Zuro, a junior at Oregon State University and soprano section leader for the Corvallis Repertory Singers.

Madi will sing the whole of movement 7, "Peace is the fragile meeting of two souls in harmony," with words by the British humanitarian and writer Terry Waite.

She grew up in Keizer, Oregon, listening to country music (a favorite genre of her dad's) and singing musical-theater numbers. Her first solo, in sixth grade, was "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair." Now she studies voice with OSU professor Nicola Zielke, perfecting the more-nuanced breathing and tone control required for the classical repertoire.

"Just last year I realized I could do trills," she says. "And I've gotten much better at producing a continuous legato tone with consistent vibrato."

She still loves musical theater, "but the vocal techniques are really different," she says. "I think of musical theater as a sprint, and classical singing as a marathon."

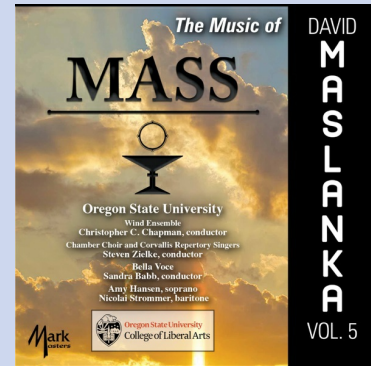
Smaller solos sprinkled throughout *The Peacemakers* feature the voices of soprano Anne Hubble, mezzo-sopranos Gale Hazel and Cynthia McGladrey, and altos Dianne Nelson and Krystina SanGiovanni.

Come and hear these brilliant voices in *The Peacemakers*, by the [Corvallis Repertory Singers](#). The program is on Saturday, Nov. 9 (7 p.m.) and Sunday, Nov. 10 (3 p.m.) at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis. Order your tickets [here](#).

## **Corvallis Repertory Singers is featured in a new recording of *The David Maslanka Mass* by Mark Records of Clarence, NY.**

The recording was released August 30, 2019 and includes acknowledgements of the musical performers: Corvallis Repertory Singers, Oregon State University's Chamber Choir, the Oregon State University Wind Ensemble, and conductor Christopher Chapman (OSU Music Professor at the time).

The combined choirs and instrumentalists gave the West Coast premiere concert of *Mass* at the OSU LaSells Stewart Center on April 20, 2017, with Mr. Maslanka in the audience and guiding rehearsals.



The recording is available for purchase on Amazon at [https://www.amazon.com/Music-David-Maslanka-Vol-Mass/dp/B07W6RPLVX/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=Maslank+mass&qid=1572825516&s=dmusic&sr=1-1-spell](https://www.amazon.com/Music-David-Maslanka-Vol-Mass/dp/B07W6RPLVX/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=Maslank+mass&qid=1572825516&s=dmusic&sr=1-1-spell)

Founded in 2000, the Corvallis Repertory Singers includes nearly 50 area singers, many who have studied voice or are professional singers. In addition to Zielke, Raymund Ocampo serves as associate conductor. The singing group has been recognized for artistic achievement with funds from the Fred W. Fields Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation; the Oregon Arts Commission, an agency supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency; the Benton County Cultural Coalition, with funds provided by the Oregon Cultural Trust; and the Benton Community Foundation.



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