

Finale (All Singers)

“These Green Mountains” by Diane B. Martin
arr. By Stefanie Weigand, Guest Conductor
Accompanied by Alison Cerutti

These green hills, these silver waters
Are my home, they belong to me.
And to all of her sons and daughters,
May they be strong and forever free.

Let us live to protect her beauty
And look with pride on the golden dome.
They say home is where the heart is,
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SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS’

**VERMONT YOUTH CHORAL
CONCERT**

AND TOWN MEETING

ON THE ARTS

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Dibden Center for the Arts

Vermont State University–Johnson

Dear Friends:

Welcome to our sixth Choral Concert and Town Meeting on the Arts, featuring student choruses from across Vermont.

These Vermont students have put in a tremendous amount of work learning not just how to sing as individuals, but how to work together as a chorus. Tonight, we get to appreciate their talent here in the beautiful Dibden Center for the Arts at VSU–Johnson.

All too often, music education is not given the recognition it deserves. Study after study has shown that access to high-quality arts and music education increases overall academic achievement and can make a tremendous difference in a student's life. Access to the arts not only broadens one's horizons, but can create opportunities that students might not otherwise have. Tonight's event is a chance to celebrate some wonderful young singers from Vermont and the dedicated adults who teach and mentor them.

I would like to thank our guest conductor, Stefanie Weigand; Isaac Eddy for facilitating this afternoon's workshops; choral directors Jodi Sanders of Shelburne Community School, Christiana Athena-Blackwell of Main Street Middle School, Sadie Jones of Montpelier High School, Mikayla Kelemen of Winooski Middle/High School, Christina Maynard of BFA-Fairfax, Aimee O'Meara of Spaulding High School, Daniel Johnstone of Lamoille Union High School, Susanne Norwood of Lyndon Institute, and Dr. Sherrill Blodget of VSU-Castleton; Alison Cerutti for providing accompaniment, and all of the music teachers, parents, and family members who have made this event possible.

Mostly, I want to thank the students for their incredibly hard work. We are all very proud of them. Enjoy the show!

Sincerely,



Shelburne Community School Choir

"Fascinating Rhythm" by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin
"Naughty" (from Matilda the Musical) by Tim Minchin
"Yonder Come Day" (Georgia Sea Islands) arr. by Adam & Matt Podd

Main Street Middle School Choir

"Stick Season" by Noah Kahan, arr. by Christiana Athena-Blackwell
"When I'm Gone" by A. P. Carter arr. by Christiana Athena-Blackwell

Winooski Middle/High School Choir

"A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri
"Love to Go" by Lost Frequencies
"Amazing Grace" by The Five Strings

Bellows Free Academy Fairfax High School Chorus

"Day of Fire and Sun" by Sara Crellin
"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" (Traditional) arr. by J. David Moore

Spaulding High School Chorus

"Dawn" by Francis Ledwidge and Jacob Narverude
"The Night Will Never Stay" by Eleanor Farjeon and Judith Herrington
"Dies Irae" (a 13th-Century Latin Hymn), arr. by D. Farrell Smith

Lamoille Union High School – Jamtones

"Cold As Ice" by Mick Jones and Lou Gramm, arr. by Samuel Goodell
"Dúlamán" (Traditional Irish) by Michael McGlynn

Lyndon Institute Select Chorus

"I Love My Love" by Gustav Holst
"Moonlight in Vermont" by Karl Suessdorf, arr. by Darmon Meader

Vermont State University-Castleton: Chamber Choir

"Voice On the Wind" by Sarah Quartel
"Earth Song" by Frank Ticheli
"Hope Lingers On" by Lissa Schneckenburger, arr. by Andrea Ramsey

Montpelier High School Choir

(Finale)