

# Continuum

/kən'tɪn.ju.əm/ noun

a continuous sequence in which adjacent elements are not perceptibly different from each other, although the extremes are quite distinct



## The Long Path

Peace is a perpetual composition. Explore the beauty of the present and the peace that comes with embracing the journey.

**In Concert On**

**November 23rd, 2024**

**2pm and 7pm**

**Holy Trinity Church**

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# A Note from the Artistic Director



Welcome to the 2024/2025 Orpheus Project season. We are so glad you're here! Our first offering is this year's Continuum concert, titled *The Long Path*. Working towards peace is walking the long path. Just like with music, the journey unites us even when there is no clear destination. In this Continuum concert, our path includes a juxtaposition of medieval and Renaissance tunes played instrumentally alongside contemporary

vocal music.

The first piece on our program is *De pacem Domine* (Give us peace in our time, O Lord) by Arvo Pärt. This piece was written directly after the Madrid train bombings of 2004 in memory of the victims, and is still performed annually in Spain in remembrance.

Orpheus Project's new ensemble, **The Lyre of Orpheus**, will play two sets of various medieval and Renaissance dances and songs. Many thanks to Christopher Koch for the inspiration to take this step!

Based on a suggestion by my wife Kristin for a vocal piece that uses her specific set of crystal bowls, I have composed a piece for this concert. For musical interest and texture, I decided that adding a harp part would add a layer of color that helps contrast with the three voices and bowls. *This We Have Now* is cast in three movements that express Joy, Love, and Peace. The text I used comes from the poetry of Rumi, the 13th century Sufi poet, as well as two different well-known Sanskrit mantras. The first movement, *Joy*, is in Sanskrit and the second movement is an English translation of Rumi. In the third, I combine Rumi with a Sanskrit mantra, hoping to illuminate the feeling of peace found in both texts.

Be sure to join us for the rest of our season! Next up we have a concert of music featuring **local composers** on February 8 and 9, 2025. Ten composers bring their newest music to Kūnēix Hídi Northern Light United Church for an unforgettable performance.

During the weekend of April 19, we will share **A Tangle of Rainbows**. This program includes the beautiful and meaningful *Quartet for the End of Time* by Olivier Messiaen in its entirety for the first time for Juneau audiences. This work was written and premiered in a WWII prisoner of war camp, and displays both the despair and hope of living in the middle of such a cataclysmic event. Elena Levi and Ben Holtz join Orpheus Artistic Director Todd Hunt and Fairbanks Pianist Jamila Hla Shwe in this monumental piece. Also on the program is another chamber work for flute and piano by Olivier Messiaen, played by Sally Schlichting and Kyle Farley-Robinson. Produced in cooperation with the Con Brio Chamber Series.

Finally, stay tuned for information coming soon about an Orpheus-sponsored contemporary dance group!

Enjoy the concert!

William Todd Hunt

## **Performers**

### **Singers**

Marian Call  
Kristina Paulick  
Paul Shipper  
Skiba Wuoti

### **Recorders**

Todd Hunt  
Rick Trostel

### **Harp and Hurdy-gurdy**

Sarah Cleary

### **Crystal Bowls**

Kristin Mabry

### **Percussion**

Paul Shipper

# Program

*De pacem Domine*

Arvo Pärt

Skiba Wuoti, Marian Call,  
Kristina Paulick, Paul Shipper

Sarah Cleary, Harp

Medieval and Renaissance dances

Various

The Lyre of Orpheus

*This We Have Now*

William Todd Hunt

1. *Joy*

Text

2. *Love*

Sanskrit Mantras and

3. *Peace*

Poetry by Rumi

Marian Call, Skiba Wuoti, Sopranos

Kristina Paulick, Alto

Kristin Mabry, Crystal Bowls

Sarah Cleary, Harp

More medieval and Renaissance dances

Various

The Lyre of Orpheus

# Text and Translations

## *De pacem Domine*

Give peace in our time, O Lord  
Because there is none other  
that fighteth for us  
But only thou, O God.

## *This We Have Now*

### *1. Joy*

#### **Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu**

May all beings everywhere be happy and free, and may the thoughts, words, and actions of my own life contribute in some way to that happiness and to that freedom for all.

### *2. Love*

There is no love in me without your being,  
no breath without you.  
Without this longing humanity falls away.  
We are the night ocean filled with glints of light.  
We are the space between the fish and the moon,  
while we sit here together.  
Two strong desires:  
One, to drink of you long and deep,  
the other, To linger indefinitely in bliss.

### *3. Peace*

This we have now is not imagination.  
This is not grief or joy.  
Not a judging state,  
or an elation, or sadness.  
Those come and go.  
This is the presence that remains.

#### **Shanti Mantra**

May peace radiate there in the whole sky  
as well as in the vast ethereal space everywhere.  
May peace reign all over this earth,  
in water and in all herbs, trees and creepers.  
May peace flow over the whole universe.  
May peace be in the Supreme Being Brahman.  
And may there always exist in all peace and peace alone.  
Aum peace, peace and peace to us and all beings!



## Upcoming Events

**Christmas Brass** - November 30

Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church

**JSO Holiday Cheer with Vox Borealis** -

December 14 and 15 - TMMS

**JSO Virtuosity with John Unzicker, soloist** - January 25, 26 JDHS

**LoCo - Local Composers Concert** - February 8, 9.

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