

Hastings Choristers presents...



THE PEACEMAKERS

by Sir Karl Jenkins

Conductor, Paul Holley OAM

Sunday 9 June 2019

7 pm

**Glasshouse
Port Macquarie**



PROGRAM

HASTINGS CHORISTERS - CANTORUS

Two Announcements
If You're Happy
Hallelujah
Cantate Dominum
The Sound of Our Home
Ave Maria
Londonderry Air
Blue Skies

Accompanist - Jonathan Hingston

Jaakko Mäntyjärvi
Trad.
Leonard Cohen, arr. Roger Emerson
Karl Jenkins *Adiemus: Songs of Sanctuary*
Paul Jarman
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Trad. Irish, arr. Bob Chilcott
Irving Berlin, arr. Steve Zegree *Trumpet: Glenn Moore*

FRANCESCA PLENTINGER

Se Florindo è fedele

Accompanist - Robyn Ryan OAM

Alessandro Scarlatti

ABIGAIL FRENCH

Polish Dance

Accompanist - Lydia Wills

Edmund Severn

GREGORY MITCHELL

Beautiful City

Steven Schwartz *Godspell*



INTERVAL

THE PEACEMAKERS - Karl Jenkins

With massed choir and orchestra, conducted by Paul Holley OAM

1. Blessed are the Peacemakers

Blessed are the Peacemakers for they will be called the children of God. *Jesus Christ – Matthew 5: 9*

2. Fanfara

'Peace' in various languages:

Frieden	German	Shalom	Hebrew
Mir	Russian	Salam	Arabic
Peace	English	Shlamah	Aramaic
Pace	Italian	Salam	Arabic
Pax	Latin	Rauha	Finnish
He ping	Mandarin	Irini	Greek
Heddwch	Welsh	Vrede	Dutch
Heiwa	Japanese	Béke	Hungarian
Shanti	Hindi	Fred	Swedish
Paz	Spanish	Pokój	Polish
Paix	French		

3. Peace, peace!

Peace, peace! he is not dead, he doth not sleep –
He hath awakened from the dream of life –
'Tis we, who lost in stormy visions, keep
With phantoms an unprofitable strife.
Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822),
Shalom. Shanti. Shlama. Salam.
'Peace' in Hebrew, Hindi, Aramaic and Arabic

4. I offer you peace

I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings. My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love ... an eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind.
Words attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, (1869-1948)

5. Inner peace

We can never have peace in the world if we neglect the inner world and don't make peace with ourselves. World peace must develop out of inner peace.
Peace starts within each one of us. When we have inner peace we can be at peace with those around us.
His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet (b.1935)

6. Healing Light: a Celtic prayer

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.
Amen.
Anon.

7. Meditation: Peace is ...

Peace is the fragile meeting of two souls in harmony.
Peace is an embrace that protects and heals.
Peace is a reconciling of opposites.
Peace is rooted in love, it lies in the heart
Waiting to be nourished, blossom and flourish
Until it embraces the world.
May we know the harmony of peace.
May we sing the harmony of peace.
Until in the last of days we rest in peace.
Terry Waite CBE (b. 1939)

8. Evening Prayer

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Bless this bed that I lie on.
Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
Four corners to my bed,
Four angels there are spread;
Two at the foot, two at the head;
Four to carry me when I'm dead.
I go by sea, I go by land:
The Lord made me with his right hand.
Should any danger come to me,
Sweet Jesus Christ deliver me.
He's my branch and I'm the flower
Pray God send me a happy hour;
And should I die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take. *Anon.*

10. Fiat pax in virtute tua

Fiat pax in virtute tua et abundantia in turribus tuis.
Propter fratres meos et proximos meos loquebar pacem de te.
Psalm 122: 7-8
Peace begins with a smile. If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. *Mother Teresa (1910-1997)*
Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes I will now say,
Peace be within thee. *Psalm 122: 7-8*
The important thing in life is the traces of love that we leave behind when we have to leave unasked and say farewell.
Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)
And the true servants of the All-Merciful walk the earth with humility, and when the ignorant address them they say, 'Peace'. *Qur'an 25: 63*

11. He had a dream *Elegy for Martin Luther King Jr.*

He had a dream that all mankind could live together in peace and harmony.
He had a dream that people of different colours and creeds could live together.
He had a dream that ... *Karl Jenkins*
... every valley shall be exalted, every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40: 4-5*
That was his dream. He had a dream.

12. The Dove *for Astrid May*

Dove of peace fly here to find us,
Feathers softly stroking the earth.
Dove of peace so soft, so silent,
Please protect each innocent birth.
Dove of peace we reach to touch you,
Pure and white, please comfort our fears.
Spread contentment gently near us,
Spread your wings and dry all our tears.
Dove of peace fly here to find us,
Feathers caught in circles of light.
Dove of peace so soft, so silent,
Turn each day to sweet sleep each night. *Carol Barratt*

13. The Peace Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

O Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, harmony;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sorrow, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Anon., associated with St Francis of Assisi (c.1181-1226)

14. One Song

No more war, ...
Karl Jenkins
... better is peace than always war, better is peace than ever more war.
Sir Thomas Malory (1405-1471)
All religions. All this singing. One song. Peace be with you.
Rumi (1207-1273)
Blessed peace, blessed peace, take away torment and be at peace.
Please make our future a world without war.
Give us a future that we can call our own.
Grant us a life where love and peace surround us.
Bended knees, folded hands, listen to prayers from many lands.
Crying for mercy and pleading for peace.
Shalom.
Sing one song, sing peace be with you.
Give us a future free from dark despair.
Pilgrims who take the light of the world to share.
No more war, no more war.
Carol Barratt / Karl Jenkins

15. Let there be justice for all

After climbing a great hill one finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended.
Let there be justice for all. Let there be peace for all. Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all. Let each know that for each the body, the mind and the soul have been freed to fulfil themselves.
Nelson Mandela (1918-2013), from The Long Walk to Freedom (1995).

16. Dona nobis pacem

Lord give us peace.
Dona nobis pacem
Ordinary of the Mass
The world is but one country, and mankind its citizens.
We are all fruits of one tree and leaves of one branch.
Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892)

17. Anthem: Peace, triumphant peace

Peace, triumphant peace shall reign on Earth some day.
Pray for peace and make your words echo round the world for peace one day, on Earth one day, that wondrous day when the world has peace, glorious peace, such peace.
When will such lasting peace arrive on that wondrous day on this our Earth?
May all our paths meet up and lead to one holy place where peace shall reign in our hearts, one wondrous day when the world has peace, glorious peace, such peace.
Carol Barratt
How wonderful it is that no-one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
Anne Frank (1929-1945)
Embrace the spirit of peace and thousands of souls around you will be saved. *St Seraphim of Sarov (1759-1833)*

Karl Jenkins and The Peacemakers

Welsh composer and musician Sir Karl Jenkins was born in 1944, the son of a chapel organist and choirmaster. His achievements in music led to him being awarded an OBE in 2005 and being made a Knight Bachelor in 2015.

Jenkins' choral work *The Peacemakers* is in seventeen movements and its world première took place in Carnegie Hall, New York City on 16 January 2012, with Jenkins himself conducting. Of the piece Jenkins wrote, 'The Peacemakers is dedicated to the memory of all those who lost their lives during armed conflict: in particular, innocent civilians. When I composed *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* for the millennium, it was with the hope of looking forward to a century of peace. Sadly, nothing much has changed.

'One line, from Rumi (the 13th-century Persian mystic poet whose words I have set) sums up the ethos of the piece: 'All religions, all singing one song: Peace be with you'. Many of the 'contributors' are iconic figures that have shaped history, others are less well known.

'Having decided on *The Peacemakers* as the textual core and title of my new work the search was on to find messengers of peace. A handful of obvious figures came to mind, figures that have changed the world, such as Gandhi, Mandela and Martin Luther King, followed by such iconic and inspiring people as Mother Teresa and Anne Frank. Having sourced suitable and pithy text from these the net was cast to find other 'peacemakers'. I had been aware of Albert Schweitzer as a boy, in part because my organist father had recordings of him playing Bach, and I had previously set the Persian mystic poet, Rumi, in my *Stabat Mater*. I felt I needed something from the Abrahamic religions, so there are words from Christ, the Qur'an, Judaism and St Seraphim of Sarov (a Russian Orthodox monk), while St Francis of Assisi is included by association. I also quote from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah in my homage to Martin Luther King, as he did in his 'I have a dream' speech. English poets, Shelley and Malory are heard, as is Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í faith. Carol Barratt added further text with the odd sentence from me. I feel privileged that Terry Waite CBE has contributed some wonderful words, especially written for *The Peacemakers*.'



The Peacemakers Weekend

Musical Director Robyn Ryan OAM
Rehearsal accompanist Lydia Wills
Orchestra leader Margie Cassegrain
Sectional tutors Robin Carter, Sally Glover,
Glenn Moore, Robyn Ryan

The Massed Choir

120 singers from across NSW (aged from 15 to 80) have come to Port Macquarie for this "from scratch" weekend, working with Paul Holley to prepare Karl Jenkins' work over two challenging yet extremely rewarding days.

Orchestra

Violin 1	Margie Cassegrain
	Abigail French
Violin 2	Tony Rutter
	Evelyn Chee
Cello	Louise Rourke
Double Bass	Dave Morely
Soprano Saxophone	Carol Irving
Flute	Natasha French
Keyboard	Lydia Wills
Percussion	Jess Ciampa

Paul Holley OAM

Paul Holley is a choral conductor, educator and motivator. His personal warmth and passion for choral music have inspired many singers to discover and develop their skills and achieve personal fulfilment. Presently Paul is the Associate Director of *Voices of Birralee* and conducts *Birralee Blokes* and *Resonance of Birralee* in Brisbane. Both these ensembles have toured nationally and internationally, representing Australia at festivals and competitions. Paul is also the Principal Conductor of the national youth choir, *Gondwana Chorale*.

Paul regularly features as guest conductor and clinician at festivals, conferences and music competitions throughout Australia. In 2010, Paul was a guest conductor at ANCA's Choralifest, also held in the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie,



(Photo credit: Maxine McCabe)

and in 2013 he returned here to inspire us all to perform Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man*. Hastings Choristers is delighted to welcome Paul back to the Mid North Coast to workshop and conduct *The Peacemakers*.

Young performers

It is a mission of the Hastings Choristers to encourage singing and musicianship in young people and to this end we have invited three of the most talented young musicians in the Hastings area to perform with us. Francesca Plentinger, Abigail French, and Gregory Mitchell have between them received many, many awards and are balancing hours of practice with a full school load. Abigail will be sitting both HSC Music 2 and Associate in Music (AMusA) exams later this year in Violin - no mean feat. Francesca is studying towards Grade 6 Voice exams, and Gregory Grade 5. As well as their solo performances tonight, both Francesca and Gregory are singing in the massed choir, and Abigail is playing first Violin during the Peacemakers. We are delighted they are all enriching our concert, and we are sure you will hear much more from them in the years to come.

Hastings Choristers

was formed in 1990 as a community choir to promote the art and practice of choral singing in the Hastings region. Since then, under the direction of **Robyn Ryan OAM**, its reputation for excellence has resulted in invitations to perform in several regional venues and in Sydney. Next year, Hastings Choristers will celebrate 30 years of singing and performing.

For more information, please visit our website: www.midcoast.com.au/~choristers/ or email us at hastingschoristers@gmail.com

We rehearse on Monday evenings during school term times from 6.30 - 8.30 pm at MacKillop Senior College. You will be warmly welcomed if you want to come along and give it a try. Our next concert will be quite different, being a jazzy affair at Sails Port Macquarie on Sunday 15 September.



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Special thanks to the many members of Hastings Choristers who have worked so hard to bring all aspects of the weekend and concert together. Thanks as well to all the fantastic musicians in our orchestra and our sectional tutors who have given generously of their time, some travelling quite a distance to be here. Finally, a huge round of applause to the singers of the Massed Choir who have worked long and hard over the past two days.

Kerryn, Adele, Gillian, Robyn - The Peacemakers Organising Team



The purchase of music and orchestral costs for the Peacemakers have been supported by a generous bequest from the late Ms Joy Fisher. Hastings Choristers is grateful to Ms Fisher and her family for their support of choral music.

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