

# Austin Cantorum presents

# **VIGIL**

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 7:30pm First English Lutheran Church

Adrienne Pedrotti Bingamon, Artistic Director
Joseph Choi, Piano
Katie Gleason, Operations Manager
Lester Tanquilut, Marketing Consultant
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#### **Singers**

Benedict Anwukah
Isaac Arterburn
Brigid Becker
Adrienne Pedrotti Bingamon
Natalie Brennan
Claudia Carroll
Daniel Cooper
Katie Gleason
Robin Harwell
Jenny Houghton
Angela Irving
Mark Istratie
Kylie Jensen

Will Konitzer
Heather Lewis
Stephen Maus
Joel Nesvadba
Juli Orlandini
Daniel Robertson
Holt Skinner
Ross Tarpley
Chris Tuggey
Cassidy Wallace
Jennifer Wang
Braden Weitzel
Nooshin Wilson
Erin Yousef
Andy Young

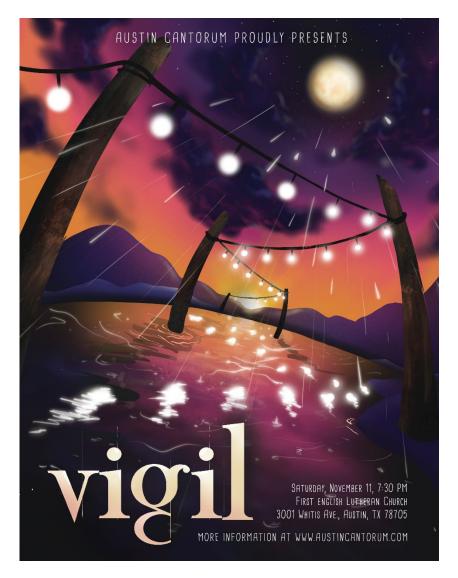
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Eric Johnson

Michel Kennell

Thank you!





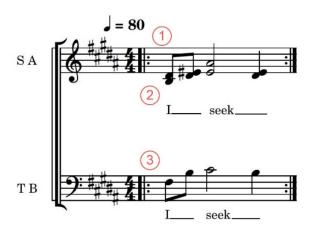
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**I. I Seek** ft. Juli Orlandini



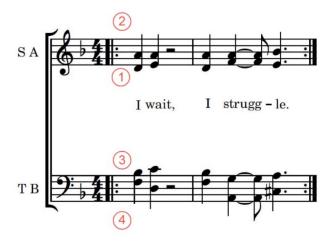
O Do Not Move

John Tavener

Spaséñiye sodélal

Pavel Chesnokov

#### II. I Wait, I Struggle



The Waiting Sky

Oliver Tarney

Me Renovare

Will Todd

Tristis est anima mea

Carlo Gesualdo da Venosa

Peace on Earth

Errollyn Wallen

ft. Cassidy Wallace

### III. I Step Out of My Body

ft. Claudia Carroll



Earth Seen From Above

Meredith Monk

La Vallée des Cloches

Maurice Ravel

Pyramid Song

Radiohead, arr. Geoff Lawson

## Good evening and welcome to VIGIL!

We are so excited to create this choral experience with you tonight and we thank you for joining us. We at Cantorum believe that choral music connects us to something simultaneously primal yet otherworldly. We feel a sense of sanctity when many voices unite together, but sometimes choral music can present as specifically religious and we know that doesn't resonate with everyone. Tonight, we are striving to create a sacred yet non-religious experience so that everyone can feel that connection no matter their religious inclination.

During the pandemic, I was lucky enough to have a couple of lifelines that really kept me going when all the music opportunities went away overnight. One lifeline was singing with friends in parking garages or in my backyard around a campfire, but another very important one to me was a socially distanced compline service at St. David's Episcopal Church every Sunday evening. It kept me grounded and connected at a really scary time even though I'm not particularly religious myself. So I wanted to try and create this experience for people who don't necessarily subscribe to any creed.

Tonight, we hope that we won't be the only ones singing. Please join us in singing our secular "liturgy", small repeated musical moments that we hope will allow you to consider and reflect and take you on a centering journey. These are made for everyone: if you want something easy, join in on humming or singing the starting note and hold it as long or as little as you like. If you like singing but don't read music, just listen a few times and then join in once you've got the melody in your head. There are parts for most people's vocal ranges so sing whatever part feels right for you. Most importantly, there's no such thing as messing up, so do what makes you happy.

One last admission from me: I say that this is a non-religious event, but you'll notice a few pieces on the program that look pretty religious. Well, that's because I really, really like those pieces. (a) But also, I think there's a way to appreciate this music from a non-religious perspective and I hope you'll agree. If you want more information on any of the music, check out the program notes by scanning the QR code on the back of this program.

Thank you again so much for being present in this moment with us!

--Adrienne Pedrotti Bingamon, Artistic Director

#### IV. I Cherish All of My Experiences



Sancta Trinitas

Nana Forte

Abendlied

Josef Rheinberger

I Would Be True

**Undine Smith Moore** 

ft. Benedict Anwukah



Sacred Water, Sacred Soil

Moira Smiley

ft. Heather Lewis, Chris Tuggey, Isaac Arterburn

**Bright Morning Stars** 

Shawn Kirchner

ft. Eric Johnson

Ring Out Wild Bells

Jonathan Dove