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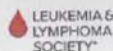
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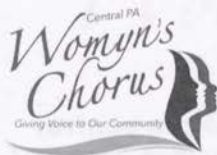
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Tonight, the Chorus performs songs that speak of home: our yearning to have one, find one or create our own. Maya Angelou said, "The ache of home is in all of us – the place we can go as we are and not be questioned." This is the "place" where we are accepted and want to be.

In "We Are Home," we seek a sanctuary and refuge from the outside world. In "Somewhere," we hope for a place for the two of us, with peace and quiet, a time for us to learn and share. However you define home, we hope these songs will remind you all of the homes you have treasured in your lives. May we all know the joys of home.

The Chorus and our volunteers want to take a moment to thank you for the most successful Spaghetti Dinner in our history. You allow us to carry on. We can't sing without your support.

Please look forward with us to our Spring 2019 Concert, where we will again join with the Pennsylvania Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network. In 2007, we collaborated with PAIRWN to present "Land of Our Dreams" to a sold out audience. This spring, we will recognize the many accomplishments of immigrant and refugee women in their continued struggle simply to find and make a new home.

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Amicizia Mov. I Erik Whitehill
Keyboards: Tyler Canonico and Jordan R. Markham

Somewhere Music by Leonard Bernstein
Words by Stephen Sondheim
Arr. by Robert Edgerton

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Please Stay Jake Runestad

Soloist: Laura Edinger

Sponsored by Marsha R. Banks

This Is Me. Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
Arr. by Mac Huff

Soloist: Deb Glorius

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The Road Home, a concept that evokes visions of a maple leaf covered, cobblestone street, leading to the idyllic white-picket fenced house. Unfortunately, for many of us, the road home is much more arduous. The journey is often nonlinear. It's filled with bumps, twists, and turns. Some may make the journey their home. Whether one is returning to their childhood home or trying to create one of their own, the music of this concert will help pave the way.

CPWC is presenting two very special works by two young composers, Jenni Brandon and Jake Runstad, who have used the words of individuals to inspire their music. They have incorporated the tweets and texts of, in Jenni's case, members of a women's chorus and their feelings of community, and in Jake's case, people struggling with depression and mental illness who found a reason not to commit suicide.

We Are Home by Jennie Brandon

This piece was commissioned by Vox Femina Los Angeles. The lyrics were compiled from texts about the experiences of women in this chorus and the joy that came from being a part of a singing community. More generally, the piece reflects what it means to share something important and to come "home."

The CPWC is honored to be performing this song as we strive to provide a similar "home" to womyn in Central PA. Our members have called our organization, "a safe haven," "my antidepressant," "an amazing community of women celebrating life through music," "a lovely group of accepting and wonderful folks," "the highlight of my week," "the first place I felt like I belonged from the start," and "a place where I know I am safe and accepted for who I am." So even though this song was commissioned by a women's chorus in California, it still rings true for this womyn's chorus in Pennsylvania.

SONG NOTES

Please Stay by Jake Runstad*

On his website, Jake writes, "In 2013, suicide took the lives of 41,149 people in the USA alone. Depression affects about 20 million people in the USA, 350 million worldwide. Mental health disorders are serious issues in our culture and it is important that we have open conversation about their existence and that we show support to those who are battling them." He collected hundreds of tweets from #IKeptLiving about why people chose life over death to inspire the text for this work. Jake tells us: "Please Stay" is an anthem for hope — an attempt to destigmatize mental illness and challenge all of us to support those who are battling depression and thoughts of suicide. We can make a difference. We can be the support system that saves a life. To get involved in suicide prevention, please visit Prevent Suicide PA at www.preventsuicidepa.org.

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Musicians



Jordan R. Markham, Artistic Director, studied at The Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University. He is a classically-trained singer, having studied under Grammy-winning baritone William Sharp and soprano Susan Solomon Beckley of Bucknell University. He was a chorister at The National Cathedral and a chorister and soloist in The Handel Choir of Baltimore. Throughout the past decade, Jordan has performed with The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, as well as at Carnegie

Hall, the Boston Symphony Hall, and the Jackie Gleason Theatre. He has been active in the musical scene for the past decade directing, accompanying, and acting in theaters throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland. He is currently serving as Director of Music Ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church of Bloomsburg.

Tyler A. Canonico, Collaborative Pianist, is Minister of Music at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. Until July 2017, he was Organist and Assistant Director of Music at the Christ Episcopal Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and was the Collaborative Pianist for the Alabama Choir School. His education includes a bachelors in Organ Performance and Sacred Music from Lebanon Valley College and a masters in Organ Performance from the University of Alabama.



Anton Saliaris, Percussionist, is a senior at Cedar Cliff High School. He is the drum captain of the West Shore Drumline, president of the Cedar Cliff percussion ensemble, drummer for the Cedar Cliff jazz band, and a member of Cedar Cliff's Chamber Singers. Outside of music, he avidly plays tennis and is a part of the National Honor Society. Anton Plans to major in Music Education at West Chester next fall.



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