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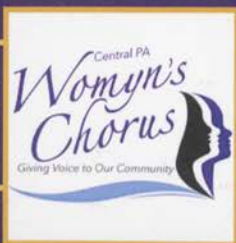
Central PA Womyn's Chorus Presents

# SIMPLY SONDHEIM

A Concert Celebrating the Music of Stephen Sondheim  
Dedicated to the memory of chorus member Charlene Bojalad

SATURDAY, May 14 at 6:30 pm  
Heroes Grove Amphitheater  
5010 Commons Drive, Harrisburg

SUNDAY, May 15 at 3:00 pm  
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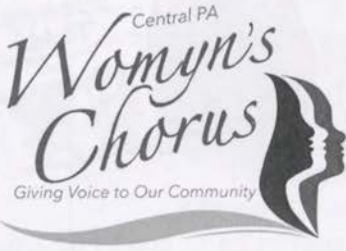
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# Welcome!



The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus is excited to present *Simply Sondheim!* Just as the word "Broadway" evokes the theatre experience – the anticipation of a live performance and being moved by music - the name "Sondheim" presents us the exhilarating experience of unconventional story lines,

strong female characters with depth, unexpected themes delivered with complexity and sophistication.

Stephen Sondheim is one of the greatest American musical theatre composers and lyricists of all time. He reinvented the American musical by introducing a new type of musical heroine in the musical "Gypsy" – helping musical theatre to evolve and tell more nuanced stories of complicated humans. He continued to write strong female characters who bucked the norms of society – Cinderella walking away from royalty in "Into the Woods," Mrs. Lovett enabling the murderous Sweeney Todd so she could profit from his treachery, and Dot from "Sunday in the Park with George" refusing to allow herself to be mistreated by the artist.

Our members are excited to be performing pieces by Sondheim. He wrote interesting music – unique melodies and harmonies, syncopated rhythms, and challenging lyrics which are best performed with precise diction. And I can personally attest, we each put in a ton of time – both individually and in rehearsal together - to bring this music to life for you this weekend! We are thrilled to perform these pieces for you and hope you enjoy the experience of them as much as we have.

Laura Edinger, CPWC President

The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus brings together a diverse group of women, united by the joy of singing, to celebrate and empower women, and to affirm a positive image of lesbians and feminists.



In Simply Sondheim, the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus honors the lyrical work and music of the Broadway musicals of Stephen Sondheim. Stephen Sondheim was a prolific lyricist whose words created complex musical themes and intricate rhyme schemes. His genius produced indelible imprints of musicals that captured his perplexing, passionate, and sometimes aloof characterizations of individuals traveling through life.

Pausing on a Sunday, this performance will take you to a picturesque Sunday in the Park, a portrait of folks with parasols, strolling on the colorful grasses along the waters.

Come with us as we travel Into the Woods of fractured fairy tales to gather our "wishes" to go to the festival of life, knowing that along the way, we will encounter "wolves and witches and giants," fears to distract us our journey. Even though we may feel the Agony of elusive love, and seek potions to reverse spells, we find the care of strangers on our side for No One is Alone. As we emerge from darkness in the Last Midnight, we know that there is a place for us Somewhere.



And if there's a pause on this journey, just Send in the Clowns, until maybe next year, for it's Our Time, we breathe it in, we have worlds to change. When Everybody Says Don't— don't rock the boat, or make a noise - we say don't be afraid, insist on miracles cause we're doing just fine.

We conclude our Sondheim tribute in telling the dark, whimsical Ballad of Sweeney Todd, a demon barber seeking revenge as he contributes to The Worst Pies of London. Deceit and betrayal all play out in hopes for love and justice expressed to Johanna and Pretty Women, in a new life By the Sea. Optimism is expressed that demons will not bring harm Not While I'm Around.

So careful the tales we tell and the spells we make for Children Will Listen, as children are wishes of which way to go, to learn and what to be.

The art of making art - holding onto our vision - bit by bit - we put it together!  
Our Sondheim tribute...



# PROGRAM

Words and music by Stephen Sondheim except where noted

Thanks so much to Rima Cameron  
whose donation made it possible for us to  
purchase the music for this concert.

**Sunday In the Park With George** (1984). Inspired by the French painter Georges Seurat's *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*.

*Putting It Together* . . . . . Arr. by Mark Brymer

*Sunday* . . . . . Arr. by Mac Huff

**A Little Night Music** (1973) Inspired by the 1955 Ingmar Bergman film *Smiles of a Summer Night*.

*Send in the Clowns* . . . . . Arr. by Mac Huff

**Into The Woods** (1987) It intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests.

Medley . . . . . Arr. by Ed Lojeski

Songs include *Into the Woods, I Know Things Now, Agony, It Takes Two, Last Midnight, No More, No One is Alone, and Children Will Listen*

**Merrily We Go Along** (1981) The show is based on the 1934 play of the same name by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart.

*Our Time* . . . . . Arr. Mac Huff

**Anyone Can Whistle** (1964) The show tells a story of an economically depressed town whose corrupt mayor decides to create a fake miracle in order to attract tourists.

*Everybody Says Don't* . . . . . Arr. Mark Hayes



**West Side Story** (1957) Inspired by William Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*, set in the mid-1950s in the Upper West Side of Manhattan in New York City, then a multiracial, blue-collar neighborhood.

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

**Sweeney Todd** (1979) Based on cheap serial stories from the 1800s, the barber murders his clients and his partner bakes them into pies.

Medley . . . . . Arr. by Andy Beck

Songs include *The Ballad of Sweeney Todd*, *The Worst Pies in London*, *Johanna*, *By the Sea*, *Green Finch and Linnet Bird*, *Pretty Women*, and *Not While I'm Around*



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**Artistic Director:** Jordan R. Markham  
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Missy Hunsberger  
Melanie Kesler  
Katie Knorr  
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volunteers, and community involvement.



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# Musicians



**Jordan R. Markham, Artistic Director & Conductor**, studied at The Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. 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 & Organist at St Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**Tyler A. Canonico, Collaborative Pianist**, is hailed as “one of east coast’s finest young concert organists and inspiring church musicians.” Tyler is the Minister of Music and Organist at Market Square Presbyterian Church in downtown Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he leads an expansive music program. In addition to his work, he is the organist for the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, the founder and co-conductor of The Harrisburg Camerata, serves on the American Guild of Organists’ national committee for Pipe Organ Encounters, is the Sub Dean for the Harrisburg AGO Chapter, and is a frequent concert artist and guest conductor throughout the country. His education includes a Master of Music in organ performance from the University of Alabama and a Bachelor of Arts in organ performance and sacred music from Lebanon Valley College. Feel free to visit [www.tylercanonico.com](http://www.tylercanonico.com) for a list of upcoming concerts.





## In Memoriam: Charlene Bojalad

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On Saturday, February 26, 2022, the CPWC lost a beloved member of our chorus family. Charlene was a joyful, spirited presence in the chorus. Quick with a hug and an encouraging word, Charlene was a light, always, and especially during the last two pandemic years.

Charlene had a far bigger presence than her petite frame would suggest, and by entering a room, she brought joy and love to it.

She joined the chorus in fall 2018. She participated in many concerts. In fall 2021, she was recognized for selling the most poinsettias in our seasonal fundraiser.



Charlene L. Bojalad (1959-2022)

This concert is dedicated to Charlene. She will forever be in our hearts, and we will hold her presence with us as we sing her to her new home among the stars.

Charlene is survived by her loving wife, Joyce K. Brackbill, of Camp Hill, her brother, John F. Bojalad and wife Christina of Bartow, FL. She was predeceased by her infant brother, Casey B. Bojalad, and her parents.

The CPWC is so grateful that she chose us, giving so much of herself to the Chorus, engaging her whole heart and soul with each song.

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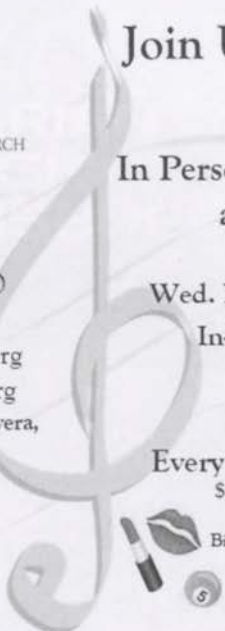
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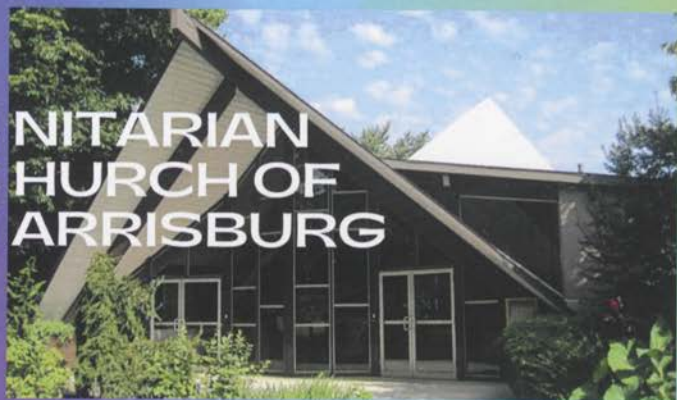
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