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MAINSTREET A CAPPELLA

NICOLE CECILIANI, UNIVERSITY CHORUS CONDUCTOR

DR. JOOYEON CHANG, COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 | 7:30 PM

GRIFFIN CONCERT HALL



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY CHORUS

Gropen

arr. Gjermund Larsen

Jessica Rosado, violin

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

True Light

Keith Hampton

River Brooks & Emma Rieger, *soloists*
Matthew Tabor, music education conductor

Breakfast With a Preacher

an original by Jenny Henry

Jenny Henry, vocals & guitar

My Wild Irish Rose

arr. Floyd Connett

God Only Knows

arr. Clay Hines

River Brooks, Nathan Crane, Nathan Larson, & Jorge Rico

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Takin' it Back

arr. Ryan Lizerbram

Alyssa Banister, soloist

I Know a Place

arr. Shams Ahmed

Lexi Carlson, soloist

The End of Love

arr. Elliott Von Wendt

Juno

arr. Brett Castro

Floren Kahan, soloist

Would You Go With Me

arr. Deklin Herman

Matt Doole, soloist

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Jolene

Dolly Parton

Shannon Glynn, *vocals & guitar*

Arms

arr. Kam Carlson & Emma Rieger

Kam Carlson, *vocals* & Emma Rieger, *vocals and piano*

Dance, Dance My Heart

Emma Lou Diemer

Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?

Kyle Pederson

The Music of Living

Dan Forrest

UNIVERSITY CHORUS TEXTS

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Love that will not let me go.

— Adapted from *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*, by George Matheson (1882)

True Light

Keith Hampton

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Alright God is light.
He lives in us as True Light.

In the beginning out of the darkness
God created true light.
He lives in us as True Light.
Almighty God is light.
He lives in us as True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die,
and don't desert my mind.
But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.*

He lives in us as True Light.
You are the one who judges right from wrong.

Your glory excites no envy.
But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.*

He lives in us as True Light.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.
God gave the world True Light!

Hold on to the true light.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.
God gave the world True Light!

God's love, God's grace, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.
God gave the world True Light!

*— Words of *Grigor Narekatzi (951–1003)* from the *Book of Mournful Chants*

Dance, Dance My Heart
Emma Lou Diemer

Dance, dance my heart!
Dance today with joy.
The strains of love fill the days and the nights with music,
And the world is listening to its melodies:

Mad, mad with joy,
Life and death dance to the rhythm of this music.
The hills and the sea and the earth dance.
The world of man dances in laughter and tears.

Why put on the robe of a monk,
And live aloof from the world in lonely pride?

Behold! My heart dances in the delight of a hundred arts;
And the Creator is well pleased.

Dance, dance my heart!
Dance today with joy.
Dance, dance my heart!

—Adapted from text from *One Hundred Poems of Kabir*, Translated by Rabindranath Tagore

Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?
Kyle Pederson

What is instead of more violence,
we let our weapons fall silent?
No more revenge or retribution;
no more war or persecution.
It could be beautiful

What if instead of our judgement,
we soften our hearts that have hardened?
Instead of certainty and pride
we love and sacrifice.
It could be beautiful.

Can we see the other as our brother?
Can we sing the darkness to light
sounding chords of compassion and grace?
Set the swords of judgement aside,
let mercy's eyes see the other human face.

— *Kyle Pederson*

The Music of Living
Dan Forrest

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
teach me to sing the words to your song.
I want to feel the music of living;
and not fear the sad songs,
but from them make new songs
composed of both laughter and tears.

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
teach me to dance to the sounds of Your world.
I want to move in rhythm with Your plan.
Help me to follow Your leading,
to risk even falling, to rise and keep trying,
for You are leading the dance.

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
teach me to sing the words to your song.

—, *Anonymous*

UNIVERSITY CHORUS PERSONNEL

Soprano

Rachel Beller
Ariel Caprioglio
Cailee Chapman
Annaka Christensen
Amanda Dulle
Jinx Edwards
Abigail Fennell
Jenny Henry
Brooke Jensen
Kyleigh Kieler
Brynn Kilcoyne
Kailey Kinney
Eleanor Lee
Allaria Lopez
Allie Parker
Reagan Rademacher
Bella Reitano
Chloe Rogoff
Maddy Share
Sarah Skiles
Katelyn Taylor
Katalina Ugarte
Kennen Wageman
Megan Wainwright

Alto

Kam Carlson
Cara Fabian
Scarlett Garsombke
Shannon Glynn
Emma Hinchliffe
Margaret Lonborg
Melanie Matthews
Maddi Passett
Lily Peterson
Alexa Pizzuti
Jaydin Riedel
Emma Rieger
Celeste Tari
Anna Wikowsky

Tenor

Ryder Ballard
River Brooks
Jude Connors
Nathan Crane
Nathan Larson
Jorge Rico

Bass

Ryan Bergman
Jeremy Bishop
Angel Bustillos
Carson Evans
Kodi Holt
Xander Johnson
Henry Larson
Aaron Murphy
Ayden Perkins
Levi Shafter
Matthew Tabor
Gabriel Weldon

ABOUT MAINSTREET A CAPPELLA

Mainstreet A Cappella is Colorado State University's competitive A Cappella group. Earning the title of Mid-West Champions from Varsity Vocals in the 2021 ICCA tournament, Mainstreet has continued to maintain high standards of musicality while keeping the fun, love, and passion of this musical family alive.

PERSONNEL

Lauren Haid, *soprano, President*

Sydney Poisson, *soprano*

Alyssa Banister, *mezzo soprano, Vice President*

Lexi Carlson, *mezzo soprano, Performance Director*

Allison Lydic, *mezzo soprano*

Ashlee Espinoza, *alto*

Floren Kahan, *alto*

Hayley Price, *alto*

Lydia Soto- Rodriguez, *alto*

Alessandro Hernandez, *tenor*

Luke Marshall, *tenor*

Deklin Herman, *baritone, Music Director*

Landon Huey, *baritone*

Matt Doole, *bass*

Michael Spacone, *bass*

Ryan Lizerbram, *vocal percussion*

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