

THE NORTHERN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Farewell Concert

Peakes Auditorium

May 28, 1972

PROGRAM

I

Prayers From The Ark	Ivor R. Davies
1 Noah's Prayers	
2 The Prayer of the Little Bird	
3 The Prayer of the Raven	
4 The Prayer of the Dove	
5 The Prayer of the Mouse	
6 The Prayer of the Cat	

Chorus

William R. Mague, Conductor

II

Sing We And Chant It	Thomas Morley
So Well I Know Who's Happy	Orazio Vecchi
Come and Trip It from "L'Allegro"	G. F. Handel
My True Love Hath My Heart	Jean Berger
Just As The Tide Was Flowing	Vaughn Williams
from "Sea Songs"	
Now Is The Month Of Maying	Thomas Morley

Madrigal Singers

Mrs. Priscilla H. Mague, Director

III

Mr. Tubbs	Dick Fenno
Mantilla Lace	DeRosa
That's It	McDunn
Colored Lights	Moss

Stage Band

Richard Ordway, Leader

IV

Grand March from Aida	Verdi
Overture to Fidelio	Beethoven
Songs of Wales - Suite in three Movements	Davis
Symphony No. 1 (Finale)	Borodin
Overture to Magic Flute	Mozart

Concert Band

Aime' M. Simoneau, Conductor

PRAYERS FROM THE ARK

Carmern Bernos de Gasztold

Ivor R. Davies

Noah's Prayer

Lord, what a menagerie!
Between Your downpour and these animal cries
One cannot hear oneself think!
The days are long, Lord.
All this water makes my heart sink.
When will the ground cease to rock under my feet?
Master Raven has not come back.
Here is your dove.
Will she find us a twig of hope?
Guide Your Ark to safety, some zenith of rest,
Where we can at last escape from this brute slavery.
Lead me until I reach the shore of Your covenant. Amen

The Prayer of the Little Bird

Dear Lord, I don't know how to pray by myself very well,
But will you please protect my little nest from wind and rain?
Put a great deal of dew on the flowers, many seeds in my way.
Make Your blue very high---Your branches lissome.
Let Your kind light stay late in the sky,
And set my heart brimming with such music, that I must sing.
Please, Lord, Amen.

The Prayer of the Raven

I believe, Lord, I believe.
It is faith that saves us, You have said it!
I believe the world was made for me,
Because as it dies, I thrive on it.
My undertaker's black is in keeping with my cynical old heart.
Raven land is between You and that life down there,
For whose end I wait to gratify myself.
"Aha!" I cry. "Avant moi le deluge!"
What a feast!
I shall never go back to the Ark.
Oh let it die in me this horrible nostalgia. Amen.

The Prayer of the Dove

The Ark waits, Lord, on Your will and the sign of Your peace.
I am the dove.

Simple as the sweetness that comes from You.
The Ark waits, Lord; it has endured,
Let me carry it a sprig of hope and joy,
And put at the heart of its forsakenness
This, in which Your love clothes me,
Grace immaculate, Amen.

The Prayer of the Mouse

I am so little and grey, dear God,
How can you keep me in mind?
Always spied upon, always chased,
Nobody gives me anything, and I nibble meagerly at life.
Why do they reproach me for being a mouse?
Who made me but You?
I only ask to stay hidden.
Give me my hunger's pittance safe from the claws of that
devil with green eyes. Amen.

The Prayer of the Cat

Lord, I am the cat.
It is not exactly that I have something to ask of You!
No--I ask nothing of anyone.
But if you have by some chance, in some celestial barn,
A little white mouse or a saucer of milk,
I know someone who would relish them.
Wouldn't You like someday
To put a curse on the whole race of dogs?
If so, I should say Amen!

PARTICIPANTS

Victoria Bedi	Beatrice Milewski
Nancy Boyington	Charles Nason
Richard Brado	Carolyn Nolette
Walter Barnie	Dawn Noonan
James Brown, III	Henry Noonan
Bruce Brown	Janice Ordway
Terri Carver	Richard Ordway
Ralph Cheney	Steven Orlofsky
Glenn Correll	Janice Patterson
Crosby Damon	Lewis Park
Roger Eddy	Mary Parsons
Patricia Eames	David Pease
Kathleen Fish	Scott Rapaport
William Forbush	David Roberts
Dean Fernald	David Salley
Frederick Hamilton	Sandra Sloan
Debbie Hardy	Donald Saunders
Louis Harper	James Shepard
Susan Hartt	Gregory Stephens
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Cynthia Hudson	Sharon Stevens
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