



Oh the Joy of Friends Who Sing

**Tacoma Singing Society**  
Stanford Marie  
George Nymphs and Shepherds Kocsár  
Brad Jan Bob Mary Full of Grace  
Amanda Svenk Folkvisa Alexander Ruth Brian Elliott Karen  
Heather Rachmaninoff Nigh and Day  
Debbie Beverly Carrie Farmer Webbe Verdi Grace  
Laura Olivier Tanya Christie Erin  
Shirley Birds and Bees

# T A C O M A S I N G I N G S O C I E T Y

Saturday, June 20 7:30pm

**MASON  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2710 N MADISON ST  
TACOMA, WA 98407**

**AN EVENING OF CHORAL MUSIC**  
under the direction of Megan Oberfield  
with special guest Laura Strong, Baritone Saxophone  
South Sound Choir Academy  
[sschoiracademy.org](http://sschoiracademy.org)

## The Program

— *Mary Full of Grace* —

from **Quattro Pezzi Sacri** by Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

### I. Ave Maria

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.*

### III. Laudi alla Vergine Maria

*Virgin mother, daughter of your Son, humble and exalted above all beings, constant vessel of eternal counsel.*

*You are she who so ennobled human nature, through whom His Creator did not disdain the incarnation.  
In your womb was love rekindled, from whose warmth, in eternal peace, this flower did germinate.*

*You are to us the brightest torch of charity, and amongst mortals a bubbling fountain of hope.  
Lady, your greatness and worth are such, that to seek for grace without coming to you would be like trying to fly without wings.*

*Your graciousness not only succours those in need, but also frequently freely anticipates our desires.  
In you there is mercy, pity and magnificence, reunited in you in flesh and in spirit. Hail.*

*-Dante Alighieri from "Divina Commedia - Paradiso, canto XXXIII  
translation by Paul Gordon*

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### Bogoróditse dyévo (Ave Maria)

Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

*Virgin mother of God, hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
For thou hast brought forth the Saviour who redeemed our souls.*

### Salve Regina

Miklós Kocsár (b. 1933)

*Hail holy queen, mother of mercy,  
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To you do we cry poor banished children of Eve,  
To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate your eyes of mercy toward us.  
And after this, our exile,  
Show us the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

— *Nymphs and Shepherds* —

### Fair Phyllis

John Farmer(1565-1605)

### On a Hill there Grows a Flower, Op. 53 No. 1

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

### Corydon, Arise!, Op. 49 No. 2

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

**What the Bee is to the Flow'ret**, *Op. 78 No. 2*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

**Eight Partsongs**, *Op. 119* words by Mary Coleridge (1861-1907), *music by* Charles Villiers Stanford

**The Swallow**, *No. 6*

**The Blue Bird**, *No. 3*

*featuring* Anne Jones & Heather Urschel

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**Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major** J. S. Bach (1685-1750), *arr. for baritone saxophone* by James R. Kasprzyk

I. Prélude

II. Allemande

III. Courante

VI. Gigue

Laura Strong, baritone saxophone

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**The Long Day Closes**

*words by* Henry (1808-1872), *music by* Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

**Esti Dal**

Zoltán Kodály (1882-1867)

*Evening darkness overtook me near the woods; I have put my coat under my head (as a pillow),*

*I have put my hands together to pray to the Lord, like this:*

*Oh, my Lord, give me a place to sleep, I am weary with wandering,*

*With walking around and hiding, with living on foreign land.*

*May Lord give me a good night, may he send me a holy angel,*

*May he encourage our hearts' dreams, may he give us a good night.*

**Stars of the Summer Night**

*words by* Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *music by* Isaac B. Woodbury

**O Night**

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

**Swiftly from the Mountain's Brow**

*words by* John Cunningham (1729-1773), *music by* Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

## Glädjens blomster

*Flowers of joy in the muck of the earth, alas, will never grow! And love itself is treacherous to the peace of the heart.  
But there above, for hope and faith they flower eternally. Can you not hear how the spirits whisper gently of them to the heart?*

## Och jungfrun hon går i ringen

*And the maiden she joins the ring-around wearing a red-golden ribbon. She ties it to the arm of her lover.  
Oh my dear small girl don't tie it so tight. I promise to not flee away.  
And the girl goes and loosens the red-golden ribbon. So quickly vanished that boy into the woods.  
Then they fired towards him with 15 rifles. And if you want something from me you have me here.*

## Tjuv och tjuv, det ska du heta

*Thief, thief you shall be called, for you stole my beloved,  
But, I have a delightful comfort, that I will soon get her back again.  
So I think, tra la la.*

Swedish folksongs, arr. by Hugo Alfvén

**Tacoma Singing Society** is an auditioned ensemble that meets weekly, January to June to sing and socialize. In the coming year we will be joining forces with South Sound Youth Choirs and launching a new multi-generational handbell ensemble to form South Sound Choir Academy, a non-profit organization aiming to provide and promote *Music for a Lifetime*. For more information visit [sschoiracademy.org](http://sschoiracademy.org).

**Megan Oberfield**, Artistic Director of Tacoma Singing Society, is also Music Director for Puget Sound Revels, where she orchestrates a variety of seasonal celebrations throughout the year, culminating in The Christmas Revels. She teaches choir and general music in Tacoma Public Schools. Megan teaches private voice lessons, studies opera, rings handbells, composes, arranges, and performs in various venues. She is a graduate of Westminster Choir College where she studied Music Education and Voice, and holds a Master of Music Education, Kodály Emphasis, from Silver Lake College.

### SOPRANO

Beverly McCarter  
Ruth Chaffee  
Erin Longley  
Heather Urschel  
Anne Jones  
Laura Strong  
Shirley Schultz

### ALTO

Tanya Carter  
Carrie Washburn  
Amanda Franzman  
Debbie Birkey  
Christie Smith  
Grace Rawsthorne  
Jan Jiles  
Marie Paxton  
Karen Carr

### TENOR

Alexander Garzon  
Olivier Soustelle  
Bob Matthews

### BASS

George Edman  
Brian Franzman  
Elliott Barnett  
Brad Cloven



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