

Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioned Works

Choral Arts Ensemble (CAE) is committed to the creation of new choral works and, in keeping with that, has entered into over 75 commissions since 1995. Composers are local, regional, and national - experienced, new, men and women. The commissions come from CAE, individuals, or a consortium. We have also premiered pieces not commissioned by us, and our Artistic Director will consider these new works as they arise.

1 SONGS OF EDGAR ALLAN POE - SCOTT WARNER

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble, with assistance from the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council/Minnesota State Legislature.

Premiere: May 1996

First Place winner, 1997 Chautauqua Singers Regional Choral Composition Contest

2 PSALM SET (PSALMS 46 & 130) - JOHN FERGUSON

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble, with assistance from the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council/Minnesota State Legislature.

Premiere: May 1996

Published: St. Olaf Choral Series Augsburg Fortress 11-10748

3 THE CANTICLE OF BROTHER SUN - DANIEL KALLMAN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble, with assistance from the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council/Minnesota State Legislature & McKnight Foundation

Premiere: May 1997

Available at kallmancreates.com

4 PRIME - JEFFREY VAN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: May 1997

Published: Walton Music

5 TO GOD ALL PRAISE AND GLORY - CAROLYN JENNINGS

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: May 1998

Published: Kjos (8921)

6 ALL THIS NIGHT - RENE' CLAUSEN

Commissioned for Choral Arts Ensemble by Peter Dyck through the Rochester Area Foundation

Premiere: December 1998

Published: Rene Clausen Choral Series Mark Foster Music Co. (MF 587)

7 O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM - DANIEL KALLMAN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble, with assistance from the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council/Minnesota State Legislature

Premiere: December 1999

Available through kallmancreates.com

8 EACH DAY - STEPHEN PAULUS

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: May 2000

Active listing in Paulus Publications catalog (stephenpaulus.com)

9 ANTE LUCIFERUM GENITUS - CARY JOHN FRANKLIN

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: December 2000

10 MELTED INTO DREAMS - CAROL BARNETT

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: March 2001

Available through carolbarnett.net

11 THE GLORY AND THE DREAM - RICHARD RODNEY BENNETT

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble as part of an international collaborative choral commission

Premiere: March 2001 (all commissioning choirs of this piece premiered it in March 2001)

Published: Novello & Co., Ltd.

12 WHAT SWEETER MUSIC CAN WE BRING - KENNETH JENNINGS

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble, with assistance from the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council/Minnesota State Legislature

Premiere: December 2001

Inaugural piece of the [Mary Joyce Frantz Memorial Christmas Carol](#) series

Published: Matthew and Michael Culloton Choral Series, Santa Barbara Music Publishing

Included on CAE CD *There is No Rose: Ten Carols commissioned in memory of Mary Joyce Frantz*

13 LITTLE BLACK TRAIN - ALF HOUKOM

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: May 2002

Included on CAE CD *Simple Gifts*

14 BLACK IS THE COLOR OF DORIAN GRAY - JACKSON BERKEY

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: May 2002

Included on CAE CD *Simple Gifts*

15 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY - DANIEL KALLMAN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble, with assistance from the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council/Minnesota State Legislature

Premiere: December 2002

Second annual **Mary Joyce Franz Memorial Christmas Carol**

Included on CAE CD, *There is No Rose: Ten Carols Commissioned in memory of Mary Joyce Frantz*

Available through kallmancreates.com

16 AIR, AND YE ELEMENTS - ALF HOUKOM

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: March 15, 2003

17 HOLD ON - ROBERT MORRIS

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: May 3, 2003

18 NEAR THE SNOW, NEAR THE SUN - KEVIN DOBBE

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2003

Third Annual **Mary Joyce Frantz Memorial Christmas Carol**

Included on CAE CD, *There is No Rose: Ten Carols Commissioned in memory of Mary Joyce Frantz*

19 AUTUMN - JOSHUA SHANK

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: May 2004

Published: Donald Brinegar Choral Series, Santa Barbara Music Publishing

20 THERE IS NO ROSE - RENE' CLAUSEN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: October 2004

Fourth Annual **Mary Joyce Frantz Memorial Christmas Carol**

Published: Santa Barbara Music Publishing

Included on the 2005 CAE CD *Never Be We Mute* and the 2010 CD *There is No Rose: Ten Carols Commissioned in memory of Mary Joyce Frantz*.

21 WHERE IS LOVE - ARR. JOSHUA SHANK

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: February 2005

Published: Hal Leonard

Included on the 2007 CAE CD *Seasons of Love*

22 PIED BEAUTY - DALE WARLAND

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: May 2005

Included on the 2005 CAE CD *Never Be We Mute*

23 THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS - DAVID CHERWIEN

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: October 2005

Published: National Lutheran Choir Series, Morningstar Music Publishing

24 TO THE NEW JERUSALEM - ARR. MATTHEW CULLOTON

Commissioned for Choral Arts Ensemble by Anonymous donor

Premiere: October 2005

Published: Matthew and Michael Culloton Choral Series, Santa Barbara Music Press

Commissioning opportunity from the 2005 Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction

25 ALL THIS NIGHT MY HEART REJOICES - Z. RANDALL STROOPE

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2005

Fifth Annual **Mary Joyce Frantz Christmas Carol**

Published: Colla Voce Music, Inc.

Included on CAE CD, *There Is No Rose: Ten Carols Commissioned In memory of Mary Joyce Frantz.*

26 RIVER MOONS - JOHN MUEHLEISEN

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: May 2006

Published: Matthew and Michael Culloton Choral Series, Santa Barbara Music Publishing

Included on the 2008 CAE CD *This Shining Night*

27 MARY AND GABRIEL- ABBIE BETINIS

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2006

Sixth Annual **Mary Joyce Frantz Christmas Carol**

Included on CAE CD, *There Is No Rose: Ten Carols Commissioned In memory of Mary Joyce Frantz.*

Available through abbiebetinis.com

28 NO RAIN- JOCELYN HAGEN

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: March 2007

Available through Independent Music Publishers Cooperative (imp.coop)

29 THE NEW MOON - DAVID N. CHILDS

commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble Commissioning Club

Premiere: May 2007

Published: Matthew and Michael Culloton Choral Series, Santa Barbara Music Publishing

Included on the 2008 CAE CD *This Shining Night*

30 THERE WAS A TIME - ERIC WILLIAM BARNUM

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: October 2007

Published: Matthew and Michael Culloton Choral Series, Santa Barbara Music Publishing

31 CALM ON THE LISTENING EAR OF NIGHT - DAVID DICKAU

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2007

Seventh Annual **Mary Joyce Frantz Christmas Carol**

Published: Matthew and Michael Culloton Choral Series, Santa Barbara Music Publishing

Included on CAE CDs *Hail Minnesota!*, *Joy to the World*, and *There is No Rose*.

32 MUSICA DEI DONUM - STEPHEN CHATMAN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: May 2008

Published: E. C. Schirmer Music

Included on CAE CD *Hail Minnesota!*

33 OLD WATERS – J. DAVID MOORE

Commissioned by the American Composers Forum as part of their **Minnesota Voices** project celebrating Minnesota's Sesquicentennial

Premiere: May 2008

Included on CAE CD *Hail Minnesota!*

Available through Independent Music Publishers Cooperative (imp.coop)

34 THE SNOW LAY ON THE GROUND - FRANK FERKO

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2008

Eighth Annual **Mary Joyce Frantz Christmas Carol**

Published: E. C. Schirmer Music

Included on CAE CD, *There Is No Rose: Ten Carols Commissioned In memory of Mary Joyce Frantz.*

35 I OFTEN DANCE - PAUL NESHEIM

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: March 2009

36 MISERICORDIAS DOMINI - KENTARO SATO

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Winner, 2008 Commissioning Contest

Premiere: October 2009

37 IF IN YOUR HEART - CRAIG CARNAHAN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2009

Ninth Annual **Mary Joyce Frantz Christmas Carol**

Included on CAE CD, *There Is No Rose: Ten Carols Commissioned In memory of Mary Joyce Frantz.*

Published: 2014 Morningstar Music Publishers (Christmas with The Singers Choral Series)

38 RADIANCE - OLA GJEILO

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: May 2010

39 EVERMORE - PHILIP LAWSON

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2010

Tenth Annual **Mary Joyce Frantz Christmas Carol**

Published: Peters Edition

Included on CAE CD, *There Is No Rose: Ten Carols Commissioned In memory of Mary Joyce Frantz.*

40 BRING A TORCH, JEANNETTE, ISABELLA - ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2010

41 A WORSHIPPER AND A MAN - TIMOTHY C. TAKACH

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Winner, 2009 Commissioning Contest

Premiere: March 2011

42 THEN WE'LL SING HOSANNA - MACK WILBERG

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble & Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester

Premiere: May 2011

Published: 2013 Oxford

43 BUR OAKS - CRAIG CARNAHAN

Commissioned for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN) by Bart & Pam Seebach

Premiere: March 2011

Commissioning opportunity from 2010: A Singing Valentine Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction

Available through craigcarnahan.com

44 MAKE WE JOYE NOW IN THIS FEST - RENE' CLAUSEN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2011

First Annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

Published: 2012 Matthew & Michael Culloton Choral Series Santa Barbara Music Publishing

45 THERE WILL COME SOFT RAINS - BRIAN W. HOLMES

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble Winner, 2010 Commissioning Contest

Premiere: May 2012

Published: 2012 Matthew & Michael Culloton Choral Series Santa Barbara Music Publishing

46 LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS - DAVID DICKAU

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2012

Second Annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

Published: 2015 Hal Leonard/Pavane

47 INFINITE EXPECTATION OF THE DAWN - JOHN ORFE

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble Winner, 2011 Commissioning Contest

Premiere: May 2013

Included on the 2013 CAE CD *Listening to the Voices: Singing Wisdom*

48 THE VOICES - DALE WARLAND

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble as part of a Chorus America consortium commission

Premiere: May 2013

Published: 2015 G. Schirmer

Included on the 2013 CAE CD *Listening to the Voices: Singing Wisdom*

49 ALL THIS NIGHT - ROBERT SIEVING

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2013

Third Annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

50 LIGHT AND SHADOW - KEVIN DOBBE

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: May 2014

51 THE BEAUTIFUL SING – ERIC WILLIAM BARNUM

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: December 2014

Fourth Annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

52 MY SONG - JAKE RUNESTAD

Commissioned by the Choral Arts Ensemble

Premiere: May 2015

Included on the 2015 CAE CD *Our Songs*

53 NOW TALKING GOD – RENE’ CLAUSEN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble as part of a Chorus America consortium commission

Premiere: May 2015

Published: 2015 Hal Leonard

Included on the 2015 CAE CD *Our Songs*

54 TREAD SOFTLY – JEFFREY VAN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: December 2015

Fifth Annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

55 GLORIOUS, GLORIOUS – DALE TRUMBORE

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble as part of a composer-led consortium commission

Premiere: December 2015

56 THE BIRD OF DAWNING – DALE WARLAND

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: December 2016

Published: G. Schirmer

57 TAGORE'S LOST STAR – CAROL BARNETT

Commissioned for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director by Andrew & Alison Good in commemoration of 50th wedding anniversary

Premiere: May 2017

Published: 2018 Hal Leonard

58 CHANGE MY SORROW INTO SONG – DOMINICK DIORIO

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble as part of a Chorus America consortium commission

59 WHAT OUR GOOD GOD FOR US HAS DONE – DANIEL KALLMAN

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: December 2017

Seventh annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

Available through Kallmancreates.com

60 PATHWAYS – JEFFREY VAN

Commissioned for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director by Matt Camrud & Emily Richards in memory of their mother, Cynthia Larson

Premiere: March 2018

61 THE GIFT TO SING - MATTHEW ERPELDING

Commissioned in memory of Daniel and Susan Sinnwell by their family for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: October 2018

62 A KETTERLING CAROL – J. DAVID MOORE

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: December 2018

Eighth annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

Available through j.davidmoore.net

63 IN PURSUIT OF THAT PERFECTION – CAROL BARNETT

Commissioned in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by Noel & Ann Peterson for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: October 2019

64 WELCOME YULE – LINDA KACHELMEIER

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: December 2019

Ninth annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

Commissions 65 - 67 were completed in 2019 & 2020 and were planned to premiere in March, May & December 2020. Due to COVID-19, Choral Arts Ensemble shut down on March 12, 2020, just before the concert scheduled on March 14, 2020. With an entirely virtual 2020 – 2021 season, these commissions were held until the 2021 – 2022 Season. as reflected by the premier dates listed below.

65 I YEARS HAD BEEN FROM HOME – JANIKA VANDERVELDE

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: May 2022

66 LISTENING – KAREN P. THOMAS

Commissioned in celebration of their wedding anniversary by Bill Wiktor & Elaine Case for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: October 2021

Available at karenpthomas.com

67 MY DANCING DAY – PHILIP LAWSON

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: December 2021

Tenth annual [Lloyd Ketterling Christmas Carol](#)

Published by Hal Leonard, 2022

68 JOY NEVER LEAVES – CHRISTOPHER HARRIS

Commissioned by Graphite Publishing for the 2021-22 Commissioning Consortium, which included Choral Arts Ensemble.

Premiere: March 2022

Available through Graphite Publishing

69 SORROW INTO SONG – CHRISTINE DONKIN

Commissioned by Graphite Publishing for the 2021-22 Commissioning Consortium, which included Choral Arts Ensemble.

Premiere: May 2022

Available through Graphite Publishing

70 IN DULCI JUBILO – DANIEL KALLMAN

Commissioned by Jayne Pompeian in honor of Edward Pompeian for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director.

Premiere: December 2022

Available through Kallmancreates.com

71 IT IS MORNING, SENLIN SAYS – ĒRIKS EŠENVALDS

Commissioned by Jane Callahan in memory of Mark Callahan for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: March 2023

Available through Musica Baltica

72 THE LESSON – MARQUES L.A. GARRETT

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: May 2023

73 ORCHARD IN BLOOM – CAROL BARNETT

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: May 2023

Available at carolbarnett.net

74 THINGS WORTH PRAISING – TIMOTHY TAKACH

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: May 2023

Available through Graphite Publishing

75 UNDERNEATH MY FEET – JENNIFER LUCY COOK

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director

Premiere: May 2023

76 SO HALLOW'D IS THE TIME — ĒRIKS EŠENVALDS

Commissioned by Jayne Pompeian in honor of Edward Pompeian for Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN), Rick Kvam, Artistic Director.

Premiere: December 15, 2023

Available through Musica Baltica

77 THE ONCE INVISIBLE GARDEN — DALE TRUMBORE

Commissioned by Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester (MN) in honor of Rick & Jan Kvam's retirement.

Premiere : May 4, 2024