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TRUENORTH CULTURAL ARTS PERFORMS A CONCERT OF PEACE ***Event on Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm at St. Joseph Church in Avon Lake***

Avon Lake, OH – The TrueNorth Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will be performing **A Concert of Peace** on Saturday, May 4th, 7:30 pm at Avon Lake St. Joseph Catholic Church, 32929 Lake Road, featuring Ralph Vaughan Williams' ***Dona Nobis Pacem***. This is a Non-Ticked Event / Free-Will Donation.

Ralph Vaughan Williams' ***Dona Nobis Pacem*** features soloists Janine Porter, soprano, and Timothy LeFebvre, baritone. The TrueNorth Chorale and Chamber Orchestra is under the direction of Artistic Director, Rick Fortney.

Dona Nobis Pacem is powerful music that calls on us to remember our shared humanity and work for peace. The words come from poems by Walt Whitman, Scripture, and even from a speech to British Parliament.

Written in 1936, Vaughan Williams produced his plea for peace by referring to recent wars during the growing fears of a new one, WW II. It may seem that after almost 88 years since Vaughan Williams composed and premiered the work, perhaps we haven't made much progress as we face the seemingly countless instances of armed conflicts that have occurred in that time, most recently the tragedy happening in Ukraine. Through this music, hope is instilled, embracing the day where there may be an end to war ... *Dona Nobis Pacem* ... Grant us peace.

The TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra collaborates with the TrueNorth Chorale and other soloists with multiple concerts throughout the year. The Chamber Orchestra present a wide array of programs primarily focused on classical music, but many performances each year offer very unique programming. The Chorale and Chamber Orchestra have produced and hosted concerts to raise awareness and funds for various causes throughout the years, such as cancer awareness, hunger, and various national crisis events honoring our fallen heroes and supporting those who suffer.

Timothy LeFebvre is a Professor of Voice and Director, Division of Vocal Studies, at Oberlin Conservatory. Nationally acclaimed baritone Timothy LeFebvre has wide-ranging experience from the operatic stage to the concert hall.

Janine Porter, lyric coloratura soprano, has performed extensively with the former Cleveland Opera on Tour, E.J. Thomas Hall, Tri-C Western Campus, Stocker Center and

TrueNorth Cultural Arts. Janine has extensive concert and oratorio solo work with TrueNorth Cultural Arts, Lorain County Community College, Choral Spectrum, and Cleveland Messiah Chorus. Janine enjoys teaching voice at Lorain County Community College, TrueNorth Cultural Arts and at the Tri-C Western Campus.



TrueNorth is a multidisciplinary arts organization committed to building and strengthening individuals and communities through the performing, visual and the literary arts. Our vision is two-fold: To educate, equip, and empower individuals so they can embrace and succeed in the creative arts; and to envision and encourage communities where creative arts and art appreciation flourish. To learn more visit www.TNCArts.org

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