Sunday Evening, January 20, 2013, at 8:30
Isaac Stern Auditorium / Ronald O. Perelman Stage

Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY)
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THE SOUNDS OF
WAR AND PEACE:
CHAPTER 1

DISTINGUISHED CONCERTS ORCHESTRA
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Francisco J. Núñez, Composer/Conductor
Music for Future Peacemakers

KARL JENKINS  “Kayama” from Adiemus: Songs of Sanctuary

LÉO DELIBES  “Dôme Épais” from Lakmé

arr. Núñez

FRANCISCO J. NÚÑEZ  Three Dominican Folk Songs
    Brinca La Tablita (Jump the Blocks)
    Duérmete Mi Niño (Sleep my Baby)
    Arroz Con Leche (Rice Pudding)

FRANCISCO J. NÚÑEZ  Movements I, II, & III from Misa Pequeña
    Para Niños (A Children’s Mass)

(This evening’s program continues on the following page.)

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.
AARON SIEGEL    The Light Come Down
TRADITIONAL   Sesere Eeye
JIM PAPOULIS  Oye
JIM PAPOULIS    Give Us Hope
                arr. Nuñez

Intermission

Jonathan Willcocks, Composer/Conductor

JONATHAN WILLCOCKS    A Great and Glorious Victory
                      (Carnegie Hall Premiere)
                      Preparation
                      Conflict
                      Storm
                      Reconciliation
                      DANIEL SHIRLEY, Tenor

Please hold your applause until the end of the last movement.
This program spans the globe representing the rhythms and sounds found in music from diverse cultures. The message of hope is embodied in each song. "Songs of Sanctuary" was conceived in the European classical tradition with the intention that the vocal sound be more akin to those heard in ethnic or world music. The "words" are invented; and in this respect the work is a vocalise, albeit one in which the vowels and consonants are specified, including a "tribal" sound of children.

"Dôme Épais" is a duet composed by Léo Delibes (1836–91) from his opera Lakmé, set in India during the mid-19th century. In a sacred garden surrounding a ruined Hindu temple, Lakmé summons her servant Mallika to accompany her in a boat on the little river nearby. They plan to pluck a blue lotus flower to gain the god’s protection, and they float away beneath a shady dome singing this gentle duet.

These Three Dominican Folk Songs are found in most Spanish speaking countries. Here they are arranged in the form of songs for children. According to folklore, "Brinca La Tablita" (Jump the Blocks) was taught to children to help them learn the rudiments of arithmetic. The child is depicted as jumping in the park, and at the end, the child falls down and giggles.

"Duérmete Mi Niño", a poignant lullaby, has been sung by many generations and in many variations. This variation was created and sung by the composer’s mother. The text tells the story of a mother who assures her child that it is safe to fall asleep. A guardian angel has been sent to protect the child and watch over its dreams.

"Arroz con Leche" is about a young man called Rice Pudding who is searching for a young widow to marry—someone who can sew, stitch, and satisfy his domestic needs. He meets a widow, but ironically, she is a princess. As protocol dictates, it is now she who does the choosing.

Francisco J. Núñez dedicated Misa Pequeña Para Niños (A Children’s Mass) to the memory of his father Emanuel F. Núñez. The text, written in Spanish, is drawn from the five parts of the Catholic Ordinary Mass. Each movement is inspired by the call and response between a Priest and a congregation during a mass. The mood is solemn and pleading throughout, except...
for the second movement “Gloria A Dios,” based on a joyous call that ends in loud and exuberant declarations. The last two movements are a cappella, and the work ends with a final Amen.

Aaron Siegel wrote “The Light Come Down” as an homage to Bascom Lamar Lunsford, whose music he first encountered via the Smithsonian Folkways Anthology of American Folk Music. He was excited by the power of Lunsford’s vocal phrasing and banjo picking, as well as the origins of his inspiration—something mysterious, simple and straightforward, yet elusive.

Sesere Eeye is a traditional song and dance from the Torres Strait Islands in Northern Australia. It is popular with choirs around the world. The dance is authentic but the meaning of the words has been lost over the years.

Jim Papoulis wrote “Oye” while working in Mexico with young children from economically challenged areas. The children spoke little English but were easily reached through music and rhythms. When asked if they had a message they would want to convey to the world in song, their answer was very simple: to listen. Oye is the Spanish translation of “listen.”

“Give Us Hope” by Jim Papoulis focuses on combining classical and jazz music with the rhythms and influence of worldbeat, folk, and multi-ethnic sounds. This piece is from his project Sounds of a Better World: Small Voices Calling, a series of songs focusing on children that examines how small steps can be made to improve the world. Today “Give Us Hope” has become an anthem, sung by children worldwide.

JONATHAN WILLCOCKS A Great and Glorious Victory

Born 1953, in Worcester, England

The Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 was more than a historic and decisive naval victory. In the decades preceding, the principal protagonists—England, France, and Spain—had at times been allies as well as opponents in warfare. The well-known events of October 21, 1805, during which the combined French and Spanish fleet was defeated by Lord Nelson’s fighting men (and women), were immediately followed by a less documented event—a severe storm that threatened the lives of all those who had survived the battle. In the face of such universal mortal danger, sailors of all three nations set aside enmity and sought to save each other from shipwreck and drowning, the injured and imperilled being cared for regardless of nationality, with many receiving refuge on the surviving ships of other nations.

A Great and Glorious Victory seeks not only to celebrate the events that ensured lasting fame for Lord Horatio Nelson, from whose words the title is taken, but also the ultimate victory for humanity in the face of the greater forces of nature. The text is drawn from contemporary accounts of Trafalgar, familiar hymns and the Book of Common Prayer, together with the words of the Latin Requiem Mass.

The piece was commissioned in 2005 by the Portsmouth Choral Union to mark the bicentenary of the battle of Trafalgar and the death of Britain’s greatest naval captain. The work is scored for tenor soloist, chorus and orchestra of trumpets,
timpani, percussion, strings, and organ—mirroring the orchestra chosen by Haydn for the Mass that bears Lord Nelson’s name. A recording of the work, conducted by the composer, was recently released by Priory Records PRCD 877. Tonight marks its Carnegie Hall premiere.

Text

A Great and Glorious Victory
JONATHAN WILLCOCKS

1. Preparation

Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,
Star of our night, and hope of every nation,
Hear and receive thy Church’s supplication,
Lord God almighty.

Lord, thou canst help when earthly armour faileth,
Lord, thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
Christ, o’er thy rock nor death nor hell prevaleth;
Grant us thy peace, Lord.

Grant us thy help till backward they are driven,
Grant them thy truth, that they may be forgiven;
Grant peace on earth, and, after we have striven,
Peace in thy heaven.

—P. Pusey (1799–1855)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end;

Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants.

Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and from the violence of the enemy, that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessing of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy name.

—Abridged from the Book of Common Prayer
2. Conflict

Dies irae, dies illa,
solvet saeclum in favilla
Teste David cum Sybilla.
Quantus tremor est futures,
quando judex est venturus,
cuncta stricte discussurus.

Day of wrath, day of anger
Will dissolve the world in ashes,
As foretold by David and the Sibyl.
Great trembling there will be
When the Judge descends from heaven
To examine all things closely.

May the Great God, whom I worship, grant to my country, and for the benefit of Europe, a great and glorious Victory; To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend.

—Admiral Lord Nelson

“A sail on the starboard bow”
“England expects that every man will do his duty”
“more than one sail”
“a forest of masts rising from the ocean”
“Engage the enemy more closely”

—Admiral Lord Nelson and William Robinson

Muskets, pistols, prickers, reamers, flints, cartridges, powder horns, cutlasses.

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Great trembling there will be
When the Judge descends from heaven
To examine all things closely.

“How goes the battle? How goes the day with us?”
“It will be all over with me soon.”
“Thank God, I have done my duty”

—Admiral Lord Nelson

Lacrymosa dies illa,
qua resurget ex favilla
Judicandus homo reus.
Huc ergo parce, Deus.
Pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem.
Lacrymosa, dies illa,
dona eis requiem

That day of tears and mourning,
When from the ashes shall arise,
All humanity to be judged.
Spare us by your mercy, Lord,
Gentle Lord Jesus,
Grant them eternal rest.
That day of tears and mourning,
Grant them eternal rest.
3. Storm

There came a ‘great sea and a fresh wind’, a ‘strong gale’, there ‘blew a perfect storm’. ‘A violent gale of wind’, ‘the worst hurricane I ever saw’. ‘Left to the mercy of the waves’
—Admiral Collingwood, Captain Charles Tyler, Captain Edward Codrington, Midshipman James Robinson, and Midshipman George Barker

Look down, we beseech thee, and hear us, calling out of the depth of misery. Save, Lord, or else we perish. Rebuke the raging winds and the roaring sea, that we, being delivered from this distress, may live to serve thee, and to glorify thy name all the days of our life. Hear Lord, and save us.

—Abridged from the Book of Common Prayer

4. Reconciliation

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Grant them eternal rest.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem semper nam. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Grant them eternal rest forever.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine cum Sanctis tuis in aeternum quia pius es. Let eternal light shine on them, Lord, As with Your saints in eternity, Because You are merciful.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Amen Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Grant them eternal rest. Amen
O Trinity of love and power.
Our brethren shield in dangers hour;
From rock and tempest fire and foe,
Protect them whereso’er they go;
And ever let there rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

—W. Whiting (1825–78)

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest,
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o’er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

(Audience Sings)
The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren ‘neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth’s proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

—J. Ellerton (1826–93)
THE ARTISTS

FRANCISCO J. NÚñEZ, Composer and Conductor

Francisco J. Núñez, a 2011 MacArthur Fellow, is a conductor, composer, leading figure in music education, and the founder of the award-winning Young People’s Chorus of New York City, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this season. Mr. Núñez also leads the all-men’s University Glee Club of New York City—as its fifth conductor since its inception in 1894. He is a sought-after guest conductor by professional orchestras and choirs and as a master teacher and advisor for choral workshops, demonstrations, and festivals. His music and arrangements are published by Boosey & Hawkes. This is Mr. Núñez’s second appearance with DCINY.

JONATHAN WILLCOCKS, Composer and Conductor

Jonathan Willcocks is the conductor and musical director of Guildford Choral Society, the Chichester Singers, and the Southern Pro Musica professional chamber orchestra. His freelance conducting engagements have taken him to many parts of the world, including Australia, South Africa, Singapore, New Zealand, Europe, Canada, and the United States. Throughout his career, Mr. Willcocks has maintained a strong interest in music education, most recently as director of the Junior Academy, Royal Academy of Music in London, who awarded him an honorary degree in recognition of his work in the development of talented young musicians.

As a composer, Mr. Willcocks’ music is published by Oxford University Press, the Lorenz group of companies, MorningStar, and Prime Music (represented in the USA and Canada by MorningStar). His published music includes major choral works, works for children’s choir, many shorter pieces (including anthems and secular choral music), and instrumental works. There are now many recordings of Mr. Willcocks’ music and his music is frequently performed and broadcast in many parts of the world. This is Mr. Willcocks’ debut performance with DCINY.
Daniel Shirley is emerging as an audience favorite known for his wide range of tenor characterizations on the operatic and concert stages. As a 2010–11 and 2011–12 resident young artist with Florida Grand Opera, he performed Prunier in *La Rondine*, Tybalt in *Roméo et Juliette* (covering Romeo), and covered Don Ottavio in *Don Giovanni*. Of his recent performance as Tybalt, it was said that “his pure and solid tone indicated that he might have had the equipment to be effective in the title role.” As a 2009 and 2011 apprentice artist with Santa Fe Opera, he covered Gualtiero in *Griselda* and Don Ottavio in *Don Giovanni*. Upcoming engagements include his debut with Madison Opera as Acis in *Acis and Galatea*, a return to Chicago’s Music of the Baroque as tenor soloist in *Israel in Egypt*, and will cover the roles of Peter Quint and Prologue in *The Turn of the Screw* with New York City Opera.

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The Music of Karl Jenkins
Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage, Carnegie Hall
Jonathan Griffith, DCINY Artistic Director and Principal Conductor
Jenkins: Songs of the Earth (US Premiere)
Jenkins: The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace (with film)
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Presidents’ Day
Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage, Carnegie Hall
Bluegrass 57@7
Nancy Menk, Guest Conductor
Barnett: The World Beloved, A Bluegrass Mass
Joseph Martin, Composer/Conductor
The Music of Joseph Martin
Pepper Choplin, Composer/Conductor
The Music of Pepper Choplin
Monroe Crossing, Guest Artists
Featuring Distinguished Concerts Singers International

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St. Patrick’s Day
Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center
Splashes of Gold
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Scott Kuhlman, Director of Bands
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