

Da Camera Singers

“Soothing Music for a Summer Afternoon”

Sunday, July 9, 2017, 3 p.m., Heath Union Evangelical Church

PROGRAM

A Prayer Before Singing	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
Linden Lea	Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Text: W. Barnes
Innsbruck, ich muß dich lassen	Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517) Text: Anonymous
Ave Maria	Gregorian Chant
Ave Maria	Jacobus Handl Gallus (1550-1591) Text: Marian Prayer
O Magnum Mysterium	Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)
Graduale: Os justi	Anton Bruckner (1824-1896) Text: Psalm 37:30-31
Quatre Motets	Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
Four Motets on Gregorian Themes	
1. Ubi Caritas	
2. Tota Pulchra Es	
3. Tu es Petrus	
4. Tantum Ergo	
Northern Lights	Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978) Text: Song of Solomon 6:45
Schaffe in mir, Gott (final movement)	Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Da Camera Singers: Sheila L. Heffernon, Conductor

Soprano

Nancy Babb
Caralyn Ballou
Sara Boy
Judy Nissenbaum
Heather Tower
Sara Tower
Pat Vittum

Alto

Kathryn Aubry-McAvoy
Priscilla Drucker
Patter Field
Jessica Mix Barrington
Kay Moran
Joan O'Brien
Suzan Smith

Tenor

Donald Freeman
David Jean
Ross Goodwin-Brown
Edward O'Neil
Ben Williams

Bass

Frank Couvares
Jim Perkins
Peter Shea
Ted Thornton

Sheila L. Heffernon is chair of the Performing Arts Department at Northfield Mount Hermon School, where she directs the choral program. She has traveled with her choirs to Russia, Germany, Austria, Korea, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, and Canada, as well as throughout the United States, performing at the White House, the Kennedy Center, and at the National and Grace Cathedrals. At Northfield Mount Hermon, Ms. Heffernon holds the Bertha Bristol Tracy Chair in Music for excellent teaching, and has been conducting Da Camera Singers for 12 years. She has been on the music education faculty at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and has served as organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Turners Falls for more than 20 years.

The Da Camera Singers, a group of amateur music-lovers based in Amherst, has performed a wide variety of choral music throughout the Pioneer Valley since its founding in 1973. Under Ms. Heffernon's direction Da Camera has performed the Bach *B Minor Mass* and *World Beloved*, a Bluegrass Mass by Carol Barnett, and established its commitment to new music by commissioning and premiering a new piece of choral music annually.