



Join the Global Family Virtual Choir

A Project by the World Children's Choir

Sondra Harnes, Artistic Director • James Selway, Associate Director

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Our first Worldwide Sing-along Virtual Video project begins July 6, 2021

Love Sings A New Song for the World

Love sings a new song for the world, a song of hope, a song of joy...

This wonderful song written by James Selway for World Children's Choir includes vocal parts for child trebles, soprano, alto, tenor and bass.

Hear the song: <https://www.globalfamilyvirtualchoir.org/>

Anyone can join - prior vocal or choral training is not required.

We are inviting children and adults from every country on every continent to sing together online. We believe art and music are vehicles for social change. We believe everyone can learn to sing with beauty, artistry, and joy. Singing beautiful songs of love and hope can help heal our hearts, minds and bodies; break through our differences; inspire us to work together; and give us the strength to carry on. Join us in our mission to use singing as a vehicle to increase compassion, tolerance, and understanding, and building unity around the world.

Registration (USD \$5.00, starting July 6) and recordings for the virtual video will be made on the Easy Virtual Choir website using your computer, iPhone, iPad, or Android phone. All participants give permission for their images and videos to be used in production of the virtual video.

Resource materials for singers included with registration:

1. Instructions
2. PDF of printed music for voice part
3. audio recording (individual part) of the song to practice with at home

Participants can also practice with the guide video on the Easy Virtual Choir website. Participants may elect to attend or watch recordings of four online rehearsals/sing-alongs on Zoom (live or recorded depending on where you live). Rehearsals for children will be held separately from rehearsals for adults. The fee for all four rehearsals will be USD \$40. Registration will be on globalfamilyvirtualchoir.org/book-online.

The lyrics will be translated into several languages in case choirs in other countries would like to make their own virtual video. Further information will be available on the choir's website.

Visual artists, young and old, are invited to upload art inspired by the song on another portal, to be announced.

Sondra Harnes, Artistic Director, is a lyric soprano, pianist, voice teacher, and conductor. Her mother taught her to sing when she was six months old. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Southeast Missouri State University, Master of Music from The Catholic University of America, and sang in the Professional Studies Program at the Juilliard School. During her distinguished career she won many contests, performed on radio and television, appeared with numerous symphony orchestras, oratorio societies, opera companies, and in concerts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, United Nations, and Carnegie Hall. She has coached professional singers and given private lessons, master classes, and workshops for voice students of all ages; conducted choirs and operettas productions throughout the United States, Canada, and Bermuda. She developed her singing program for young children at the Montessori School of Mclean in Virginia. In March of 1990 at the request of several World Bank families, Ms. Harnes founded the World Children's Choir. She conducts rehearsals, season concerts and special event performances. She has produced five World Children's Choir CDs, and three recordings that help children learn how to sing.

James Jillson Selway, Associate Director, is a graduate of The Juilliard School and The Catholic University of America. Mr. Selway maintains a Suzuki piano studio of 35 students. He is organist and Youth and Children's Choir director at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Arlington, Virginia. As piano clinician specializing in Suzuki piano, Mr. Selway has taught piano and given music theater workshops at many institutes and workshops in the United States, Canada, and Bermuda. Mr. Selway has performed in opera and oratorio. Mr. Selway is the composer of many pieces for voice, treble and mixed chorus, and for solo piano. "With One Dream," written after September 11, 2001, has been recorded by the World Children's Choir and has been published by Warner Brothers. He has composed many songs for World Children's Choir, and for both adult and youth choirs at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

World Children's Choir

The World Children's Choir serves as a voice for children worldwide — giving voice to the interests of all children, celebrating cultural diversity through music, promoting positive international relations, and asking people to work together to create a peaceful, healthy world for children. The children learn how music and art expresses emotion, creates shared experiences, bridges differences, tells stories, produces beauty and enriches others. We believe that working together to produce beautiful music and other kinds of art enables the children to create friendships based on mutual understanding and respect. By bringing children from many cultures and nations together in song today, we can sow the seeds of a more peaceful world tomorrow. The choir has been appointed to the Artists Roster of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Performances have been given for former U. S. Presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush and; Queen Noor of Jordan, Queen Sofia of Spain; Justices of the United States Supreme Court; on numerous other occasions at the White House, the Kennedy Center, on Capitol Hill; for national and international television broadcasts; and in international concert tours and cultural exchanges.