James Alevizos Lauren Anderson Mary Arena John Blick Stacey Bongiorno Erin Bonier Lauren Caruso Erin Christman Sara Colopy Moni Dewan Kirk Domke Kristin Dressler Tracy Erchul Erin Fly Sean Francey Lauren Fuller Andrea Haas Liz Hoffman Erin Horrigan John Kocher Chris Lehman Joe Mace Bill McGurk Jim Merritt Josh Neumann Nick Obrochta Christy Palmer Rebecca Parker Lindsay Peters Kristin Piefer Chuck Reitz Brendon Shoemaker Annie Szymanski Marieda Willkommen Jenny Wipert

Phil Olson - director Betty Dethmers - accompanist

Ludwig Moy - violin 1 Carl Rozas - violin 2 Shauncey Ali - viola Kevin Bate - cello

## **PROGRAM**

## REVERENCE AND IRREVERENCE

I. Cantique de Jean Racine......Gabriel Faure Broude Bros. #801

II. Ave Maria......Jean Mouton Theodore Presser #352-00040 (POP)

III. Hosanna in Excelsis......Brent Pierce Plymouth Music BP-122

IV. Short Poems, Thoughts, and Messages (Premier)
Sigmund Snopek III (1996)
Commissioned by the BCHS Chamber Choir.
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1. That Spider

2. Always Keep Your Dreams

3. Weather Report

4. ISM

5. I Don't

6. The Hum

7. Procrastination

8. Time Machine

9. Cereal Commercial

10. Rings

11. OB1

12. Thought

V. There is a Balm in Gilead William L. Dawson c. 1939 Tuskegee Press #105

Lindsay Peters - soprano

Composer's Notes on Short Poems, Thoughts, and Messages by Sigmund Snopek III

These choral pieces germinated years ago when my little brother, Shaun (who was four years old at the time) said, "Rings are pictures on your fingers". His poem inspired me at the time and I wrote it down intending to use it eventually. Last spring I was a bit stumped with my choral commission from Phil Olson and his choir. They wanted something short and succinct. Shaun's poem came back to me and I thought, "Let's set his poem and my short poems and any short poem that seemed to be fun, thoughtful, provocative, or catchy." So here they are, 12 settings of "Short Poems, Thoughts, and Messages". Musically, these settings are a combination of my interest in popular songs and post modern idioms. I would like to write another 89 short pieces to make this a collection of 101. Enjoy!

Sigmund Snopek

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