Ensign Symphony & Chorus Presents

The Sound of Rushing Water

Friday
October 23, 2026
7:30 PM

Benaroya Hall S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium
Tickets available at SeattleEnsign.org

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Conductor's Note

Hello and welcome!

Here in the Pacific Northwest we are surrounded beautiful forests, lakes, streams, rivers, mountains, and the Puget Sound. Many of us love to escape the noise of the city and immerse ourselves not only in the beauty of the sights of nature, but the glorious sounds of waves, breezes, and running rivers. The sound of rushing water is used biblically to represent the transcendent nature of the divine. This metaphor has inspired a wealth of remarkable music that strives to express the splendor, power, and peace of the sound of life-giving water. We hope this music refreshes your soul and brings you joy.

Kenneth Owen
Symphony & Chorus Conductor, Artistic Director
Ensign Symphony & Chorus

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Kenneth Owen

Ensign Symphony & Chorus Conductor, Artistic Director



Dr. Kenneth Owen is the chair of the music, art, and philosophy departments at Pierce College Puyallup and is on the Music Faculty. Ken directs the choirs at Pierce College and teaches music theory, music appreciation, and world music courses as well as piano and voice lessons. Under Ken's direction, the Chamber Choir at Pierce College received the American prize in choral performance for colleges and Universities in its division. Ken received a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance and pedagogy from the University of Utah.

Ken went on to study conducting with Dr. Ronald Staheli and to work with the renowned choirs at Brigham Young University. There he received a Master of Music degree in Choral conducting and also studied orchestral conducting. While at BYU, Ken sang with the BYU Singers and sang on their best-selling album "Eric Whitacre", the complete acapella works 1991-2001. At Arizona State University, Ken received his Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting and also studied orchestral

Nathan Rødahl

Guest Ensign Symphony Conductor



Nathan Rødahl is a rising star in orchestral pedagogy and education. He is presently director of orchestras at Port Angeles High School, one of the largest and most prestigious programs in the state, and serves as president of the North Olympic Music Educators. Nathan's conducting credits include: Ensign Symphony & Chorus, the Olympia Chamber Orchestra, the Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia, and the Plateau Community Orchestra (a position he earned at the age of 17).

Nathan has several competitive titles, most notably through the University of Oregon International Conducting Competition where he was selected for extended study and performance under the tutelage of Neil Varon (of the Eastman School of Music).

Nathan earned degrees in orchestral and choral pedagogy at Pacific Lutheran University and counts among his primary mentors: Drs. Jeffery Bell-Hanson, Edwin Powell, Richard Nance, Nikolas Caoile, David Jacobs and Neil Varon.

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Program

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His Voice as the Sound ……. arr. By Ken Owen

The Moldau “Vltava” …… Bedřich Smetana
(From Má vlast)

Nisqually River Run …… Austin Schlichting

Wade in De Water ……..… arr. by Allen Koepke

Bread of Life, Living Water ……. Anette Dickman

All Creatures of Our God and King ... arr. by Barlow Bradford

~ INTERMISSION ~

Let The River Run ……. arr. By Craig Hella Johnson
From Working Girl

Peace Like a River ……..… arr. by Mack Wilberg

Down by the Riverside ..…… arr. by John Rutter

Deep River …… arr. by Mack Wilberg

Shenandoah …… arr. by Mack Wilberg

Thanks Be to God……. Felix Mendelsson
(From Elijah)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ... arr. By Mack Wilberg

Down By the Riverside

I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load
Down by the riverside, I ain't gonna study war no more.

Chorus -

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more.

I'm goin' to lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
I'm goin' to lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside, And I ain't gonna study war no more.

Chorus –

I'm goin' to put on my trav'lin' shoes
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
I'm goin' to put on my trav'lin' shoes
Down by the riverside, And I ain't gonna study war no more.

Chorus –

I'm goin' to put on my long white robe
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
I'm goin' to put on my long white robe
Down by the riverside, And I ain't gonna study war no more.

Chorus –

(Audience invited to sing with us!)

I'm goin' to put on my starry crown
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside
,
I'm goin' to put on my starry crown
Down by the riverside, And I ain't gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more!

Ensign Chorus

Soprano

Emma Anderson
Lynne Hennessey
Rachael Larsen
Patty Lee
Sarah Loveless*
Chanin Mauery
Imani Miller
Melissa Peterson#
Dominique Quong
Sarah Ricks
Megan Robinson
Rachel Shaw
Stephanie Shipley
Renée Smart
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Thuan Stevens
Bonnie Thomas
JoAn Yapyapan-Lim

Alto

Kaydee Baker
Wendy Bird
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Shannon Burch
Anne Christiansen
Kim Church#
Wendy Davis
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Debi Fairbanks
Christine Gifford
Ashleigh Green
Sarah Harris
Carmen Loveless
Sheila Madsen
Melody McBride
Celsea Mortensen
Paige Patterson
Sue Smith
Alisa Tilley
Kathy Varga
Keppi Wood

Tenor

Karen Barkley
David Blackham#
Loren Erickson
Joshua Gates *
Howard Horne
Joe Johnson
Michael King
Stephen Markham
Greg Miller
Brian Morrow
Steve Osguthorpe
Matt Seymour

Bass

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Dennis Haack
Emily Jin
Alexis Bundy

Second Violin
Colin Hetherington
Sarah Hardin
Jessica Ryan
Janet Larsen
Juan Quirgoa
Priscilla Falcao
Mark Woodbury

Viola
Laura Haack*
Mary Jarvis
Kate Irving
Charlotte Hotchkiss
Sophia Ahmed
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Cello
Elisabeth Kirsten

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Anthony Willey*
Peter Yang

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Julie Hughes*

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Susan Jacoby*
Lora Duncan

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Leslie Wilson*
VaNicia Glazier

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Shannon Nelson*
Titan Rodick

French Horn
Erin Shumate*
Ben Gessel
Corinne Drollette
Brena Lever

Trumpet
Aaron Coe*
Todd Gugler

Trombone
John Ochsenreiter*
Lynne Harris

Bass Trombone
LaMont Lee

Tuba
Václav Novák

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