

Choral Concerts Benefitting Refugee and Immigrant Services In Rochester, MN

Choral concerts benefitting refugee and immigrant services in Rochester, MN will occur on Friday, January 14, 7:30 PM and Sunday, January 16, 4:00 PM at Christ United Methodist Church in Rochester, MN. Both concerts will feature, Out of Eden, a cantata for choir, soloists, and organ by Minnesota composer David Kassler. This cantata is a choral setting of poetry and prose by James W. Armstrong, Ramon Gonzalez, Ken McCullough, and Mia Der Vang. The choir is accompanied by organist John Varona. The Open World Learning Secondary School Choirs under the direction of Seth Bovis will also be featured on the Friday evening concert. During the first half of the Sunday concert the audience will be invited to sing childhood songs as taught by individuals who have relocated to Rochester from India, Korea and other lands. The second half of the concert will feature Out of Eden. Audience members will then be invited to a post-concert dialogue. A free-will offering will occur at both concerts. 100% of the offering will support Catholic Charities, the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Foundation, and the Rochester Area Foundation. This concert series is partially funded by a grant from SEMAC made possible by voters of Minnesota through grants from the MN State Arts Board thanks to a legislative appropriation for the arts and cultural heritage fund