



Songs of Darkness and Hope

The Messalonskee Public Schools
Choral Program

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"Songs of Darkness and Hope" was the culmination of a project conceived and created by choral music teacher Pam Rhein of the Meesalonskee Public Schools - Rural School Unit #18 in Oakland Maine for the "Shoah Student Education Initiative" of the Maine State Holocaust and Human Rights Center in the state capital of Augusta. The songs are composed from poems written by interred children found on the walls of concentration camps after WW2, along with a few camp work songs found in the Center's historical archives.

Sung by over 400 students from 5th grade through high school, combined choirs and select auditioned choirs conducted by high school choral teacher Kevin Rhein, the creation of this album was a moving experience in education which changed the lives of those involved, students and teachers alike, many of whom were moved to tears upon hearing the pre-production master. Both Pam and Kevin Rhein, husband and wife, were selected as Maine State Music Teacher of the Year. The uniqueness of this album is due to many aspects relating to the holocaust and human rights, so very important in our world today. It is safe to say that few albums of this nature and significance have ever been produced in such a rural school district, with some of the pieces stunningly performed due to the quality of the music educators in this school district.

TRACK LISTING:

Sim Shalom: arr. John Leavitt Published Hal Leonard Corporation 2015 (3:06)
Mastersingers

Ani Ma'Amin: arr. Caldwell and Ivory Published by Earthsongs 2005 (6:01)
7th and 8th Grade Chorus

ZoZain Sholem: traditional Public Domain arr. Pam Rhein 2015 (2:20)
5th Grade Chorus

Dodi Li: Doreen Rao published by Boosey and Hawkes 1986 (2:03)
6th Grade Chorus

Shiru L'Adonai: David Neches published by Brilee Music Publishing
Company 2015 (1:21)
All Choirs

Inscription of Hope: Z Randall Stroope Heritage Music Press 1994 (3:55)
High School Chorus

At Terazin: Joel M. Hardyk Published G. Schirmer Inc. 1980 (3:42)
Ladies Chorus

The Butterfly: Joel M. Hardyk Published G. Schirmer Inc. 1980 (3:31)
Ladies Chorus

Peat Bog Soldiers: (arranged from the archives of the National Holocaust
Museum by Kevin Rhein 2016) (2:09)
Men's Chorus

Dachaulied: Jura Soyfer and Herbert Zipper Public Domain (3:21)
Men's Chorus

Make Them Hear You: Ahrens and Flaherty Published WB Pen and
Perseverance Music Corporation and Hilsdale Music Inc. 2015 (4:05)
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