

## Montgomery Philharmonic 2017 - 18 Our 12th Season : Old Friends ... New Friends

### Concert 2, Sunday, December 10, 2017 : Old Friends ... New Friends

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#### **About John Leavitt**

John Leavitt is a composer, conductor, pianist, and teacher, whose music continues to captivate listeners and musicians of all ages. He received his undergraduate degree (music education) from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, a master's degree (piano & composition) from Wichita State University, and the Doctorate of Musical Arts (conducting) from The Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Leavitt is a lifetime member of the American Choral Directors Association and a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, from which he has received annual recognition for his achievements in composition.

In 2010, Dr. Leavitt was the recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Art's "American Masterpieces," to write a new choral work in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the State of Kansas. His music has been performed in 30 countries across the globe and his recordings have been featured nationally on many public radio stations.

An extraordinary composer, performer, and clinician for church and school music literature, Leavitt continues to teach, lecture, and guest conduct numerous workshops, festivals, and symposia. He serves as a regular guest conductor in major venues throughout the United States, including Carnegie Hall in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. He has served as artistic director for the National Capitol Choral Festival in Washington, DC, and the Chicago Sings Choral Festival. His compositions are represented in nearly every major music catalog in the United States.

#### ***Oseh Shalom (The One Who Makes Peace) (2002) – John Leavitt***

"The One Who Makes Peace," the beloved Jewish prayer that served as the basis for the text, conveys the underlying emotion that makes this work so passionate and effective. Its simple message of peace is enhanced with soaring melodies and lyric instrumental lines.

#### **Text:**

Oseh shalom bimromav

Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

V'al kol V'al kol Yisrael

V'imru, amen.

**Translation:** The one who makes peace in the heavens, may He make peace for us and for all Israel and let us say Amen.

**Instrumentation** – Choir, piano, clarinet, violin



1. Sing to the Power - Minnesota Boychoir, Todd Price & Mark Johnson

2. If Angels could Sing: Songs of the Season - John Fleischman, Jr., Western New York Children's Chorus, Elenora Seib, Catherine Sutherland, Casey Perley, Alex Safford, David Goldstein, Christy Halligan & Ann Violanti

#### **YouTube.com Links –**

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