

President's Message

Dear Patrons,

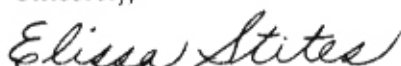
Several years ago I attended a production of Phantom of the Opera in Seattle, Washington. As the orchestra began to play the exquisite overture, I was at once struck with the beauty and complexity of the music Andrew Lloyd Webber had created. He perfectly captured the unique blending of melody, harmony, and lyrics to spiral the listener into a world of euphoria. He manipulated the emotional highs and lows to leave the audience drained at the end of the performance. I had never really paid much attention to this composer, but now I am an enthusiastic supporter. I hope the pieces we present tonight from Webber's many Broadway musicals will bring joy and delight to your musical soul as they do to mine.

I would like to thank all those people who worked diligently on our March Madness Silent Auction. I also want to thank those of you who came and supported our fundraiser to help us continue bringing these quality productions to the Walla Walla area. Without you we could not be a vital part of the arts community.

Our final presentation at the First Congregational Church will feature Songs of the British Isles along with the Children's Chorus led by Mrs. Julie Jones. To lend an element of authenticity we have an area bagpiper performing during portions of the concert. You are all invited to come and join us in the rousing, toe-tapping arrangements of the folk songs from England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. You could even wear your kilt if you have one. Please come and join us on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 PM.

Now I invite you to let the cares of the day slip away as you allow Andrew Lloyd Webber's music to encapsulate your emotions and lift you out of the mundane into the "Music of the Night".

Sincerely,



Elissa Stites

ARTISTS

CONDUCTOR

Christine Janis Dr. Janis received her doctorate in vocal performance and master's in vocal pedagogy from the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. While completing her graduate degrees, Dr. Janis sang professionally with the Columbus Light Opera, Opera/Columbus, and the Cantari Singers. She also performed with the OSU Opera Theatre in roles such as Adele in *Die Fledermaus*, Giannetta in *L'Elisir d'Amore*, and Margot in the *The Desert Song*.



In 1990 Dr. Janis was awarded a scholarship to attend The American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. A review of her performance in a Schumann Liederabend called her singing "sensitive and warmly conveyed". At the Spoleto USA Festival in 1985, she sang in the American premier of Handel's opera *Ariodante* which was nationally broadcast on NPR. As an undergraduate at Westminster Choir College, she was a member of the Westminster Choir and had the privilege to sing under Kurt Mazur, James Levine,

Leonard Bernstein, Robert Shaw and Riccardo Muti with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic.

Dr. Janis studied conducting with Joseph Flummerfelt, Frauke Haaseman, Allen Crowell, and Maurice Casey and has served as choir director for both adult and children's choirs in churches in New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Washington.

From 1994 to 1999 Dr. Janis taught voice at Whitman College, and for seven years served as choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Walla. She is currently teaching voice privately at home and at Walla Walla College, and is choir director at St. Silouan Orthodox Church in Walla Walla.

Since coming to the Walla Walla valley in August of 1994, Dr. Janis has been active as a solo performer. She has been heard in recital and as soloist with the Whitman Chorale, the Walla Walla Mastersingers, and the Mid-Columbia Symphony. Dr. Janis is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Kappa Phi and is past president of the Inland Empire Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Pianist

Kristin Vining-Stauffer Ms. Vining-Stauffer joins the Society for our two spring performances. She is an Adjunct professor of Music at Walla Walla College and has served as rehearsal pianist for many local musical productions.

Kristin teaches students of piano at all three of the area colleges. She studied piano with Leonard Richter, and was a French major at Whitman College. Welcome aboard, Kristin!

Program

Music of the Night

Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

Tuesday March 19, 2002 7:30 p.m.

WA-HI Performing Arts Auditorium

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

arr. R. Emerson

Steve Janis, Roy Holt, Missy Peterson

Jesus Christ Superstar

I Don't Know How to Love Him

Elissa Stites

Everything's All Right

Audrey Renaud

Cats

Mr. Mistoffelees

Rose Stauffer, Desiree April-Segura, Debbie Rood,

Vic Walker, David Williams, Bill Kreiger

Memory

Nancy LaBerge

arr. M. Huff

The Song of the Jellicles

Song and Dance

Unexpected Song

Phyllis Bonds

Evita

Don't Cry for Me Argentina

Debbie Rood

arr. A. Billingsley

Starlight Express

There's Me

Lovee Morkert, Bill Kreiger

Starlight Express

Christine Janis

Phantom of the Opera

arr. E. Lojeski

Leo Lapke, Diane Marr Longmire

Sunset Boulevard

With One Look

Liz Conover

Aspects of Love

Seeing is Believing

Love Changes Everything

arr. F. Shaw

arr. E. Lojeski

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Tenor

Ray Fleenor	Cindy Hallock	*Roy Holt	*Steve Janis
*John Junke	*Terry Koch	*Bill Kreiger	*Bill McCaw
	Vic Walker		*David Williams

Bass

*Rob Beck	William Brennen	Alan Butts	Ron Corrado
Casey Cramer	Dave Doshe	*Leo Lapke	*Albert Marshall
	Lyle Roof	Jim Rowan	*Jonathan Webster

* denotes chorus members singing with the small group for:

Seeing Is Believing

Don't Cry For Me, Argentina

