



Mosaic Harmony Hosted Fourth Annual Concert for United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week

For a fourth consistent year, Mosaic Harmony hosted **The Annual United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week Concert** on February 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Rodef Shalom, located in Falls Church, Virginia, U.S.A. The concert was held in celebration of *2019 United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week* and as part of *Mosaic Harmony's 25th Anniversary season*. The concert featured dynamic music performances by Mosaic Harmony, ADAMS BEAT, Old Bridge & Charles Wesley UMC Combined Choir; Shir Harmony, the Temple Rodef Shalom, Olam Tikvah and Immanuel Presbyterian Combined Choir, and The Washington DC Temple Choir.

The program included a brief ceremony, led by Cantor Rachel Rhodes, ending the Jewish sabbath. To begin the concert, all the choirs combined on stage to form one enormous and energetic group, singing "Help Me Make Peace." The choirs reunited again at the conclusion of the event to sing "Harmony." Both of these songs were written and directed by Rev. David K. North. Singing together truly encapsulated this event's interfaith vision for enriching community unity and fostering collective harmony.

Under the direction of Rev. David K. North, Mosaic Harmony performed a special arrangement of "Khumbayah", and debuted an original song "I Believe in the Humanity of Humanity." Written by our Rev. David K. North, this song proclaims that although harm, illness, poverty, and hatred are not unique to any nation, love and humanity empowers any community to thrive.

ADAMS BEAT, a small group of children practicing the faith of Islam, energetically sang "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers and "We Shall Not be Moved" with the audience. Rev. David K. North lovingly stepped in as substitute director, directing a total of six performances over the course of one evening..

The Old Bridge United Methodist Church & Charles Wesley United Methodist Church choirs combined for the evening to beautifully sing "The Gift of Love" and "We Will Walk in the Light," with both performances directed by Matt Duckery.

Shir Harmony, a sizeable children's choir native to Temple Rodef Shalom, sang with excitement "Let There Be Love", as well as two Jewish hymns "Hashkiveinu" and "Oseh Shalom," directed by Cantor Rachel Rhodes.

The Temple Rodef Shalom, Olam Tikvah, and Immanuel Presbyterian Choir combined to form one choir for the evening. Directed by Frank Conlon, the combined choir beautifully sang two Psalms in Hebrew, "Samachti B'omrim Li - Psalm 122" and "Hinei Mah Tov - Psalm 133".

The Washington DC Temple Choir, formerly The Mormon Choir of Washington D.C., sang harmonic renditions of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." Under the direction of David Hardin and Gary Clawson, The DC Temple Choir's flawless sound echoed across the worship area, spreading the message blessings and light across all people.

The event was free to the public, and in honor of *2019 United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week*, more than one thousand dollars in donations were made to support UNICEF Syria refugee and rescue missions.



Mosaic Harmony is an interfaith community choir and small 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, where people find love and acceptance regardless of color, religion, sexual orientation, or any other differences. For 25 years and more, we continue to celebrate diversity and inclusiveness, sharing our message through the powerful medium of song, and inspiring our audiences to embrace ALL people.

Mosaic Harmony's concerts are high-energy, inspiring performances that leave audiences feeling uplifted and encouraged. Music performed by the choir includes traditional and contemporary gospel to new music written by its dynamic and talented director, the Reverend David K. North. Mosaic Harmony draws on the rich heritage of African-American inspirational music to demonstrate and encourage unity in the midst of diversity. Mosaic Harmony brings together people of diverse cultures, ages, backgrounds, and multiple faith traditions to celebrate humanity. Our mission is to unify the world, one song at a time. Winning this award would allow Mosaic Harmony to expand our exposure, deeper and beyond the Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

For more information from this event and about Mosaic Harmony please visit:

<https://mosaicharmony.org/events/4th-annual-interfaith-harmony-week-concert/>

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<https://www.instagram.com/p/BtZvaFYAww/>

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