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SINGING CITY PRESENTS STREET REQUIEM

On **Sunday, October 21 at 3 p.m.**, under the direction of **Artistic & Music Director Jeffrey Brillhart**, Singing City will perform the **Philadelphia premiere** of "**Street Requiem**." This **50-minute cantata**, written in 2014 by Australian composers Kathleen McGuire, Andy Payne, and Jonathon Welch, features a **powerful variety of musical styles**, ranging from **gospel to South African freedom music**. It was written to bring a sense of **peace, remembrance and hope** to communities struggling with **homelessness**.

The concert will take place at **Old First Reformed United Church of Christ**, 151 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia. The performance features soloists **Corrin Altomare**, mezzo-soprano and **Colin Doyle**, tenor. Special guests **Rabbi David Straus** and **Rev. Rebecca Fitzpatrick** will lead the choir and audience in a remembrance of those who have lost their lives on the streets. A collection of clothing and other items will benefit the **Bethesda Project**, a local organization that serves the homeless in Philadelphia. There will be an audience Q&A with Liz Hersh, Director of Homeless Services for the City of Philadelphia, following the concert.

There will be a display of work from **Shoot From Within Photography-Perseverance With Dignity**, a series of images depicting homeless people in Philadelphia. Of this series, photographer Chris Brown says, "I wanted to catch the soul of the person through their eyes. I don't want someone to say, 'I pity them.' My photographs aren't about pity. They're about empathy."

Tickets are \$25; \$10 for students, available at www.singingcity.org.

About Singing City

For over half a century, Singing City has been Philadelphia's premier avocational chorus, committed to bringing people of diverse races, creeds and backgrounds together under the common purpose of music making. Singing City grew out of the [Fellowship House](#) movement, and has been deeply engaged not only in creating a community of mind and purpose in Philadelphia, but also in other civil rights and social justice movements since the 1950s.

In addition to its deep commitment to inclusion and community building, Singing City has consistently achieved the highest levels of performance practice and artistry. The chorus has performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Leningrad Philharmonic, and Israel Philharmonic, and has to its credit a number of critically acclaimed national and international concert tours and festival appearances. The 80-member strong chorus is led by Artistic & Music Director [Jeffrey Brillhart](#) and continues to fulfill its original mission, which today encompasses educational programs for youth, the Singing City Children's Choir and T-VOCE (Teen Voices of the City Ensemble), and programs for under-served populations.

Mission

Through Performance, Arts Education, and Fellowship, Singing City is a force for social impact, bringing people together and lifting the human spirit through the artistry of choral music.

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