

VocalEssence Commissions

(as of September 29, 2009)

COMPOSER	TITLE	YEAR
Dominick Argento	The Choirmaster's Burial	2009
Eric Whitacre	Nox Aurumque	2009
Sabina Covarrubias	La Ofrenda	2009
Sabina Covarrubias	The Cloud Forest	2009
Sabina Covarrubias	La Cumbia Nieve	2009
Jorge Córdoba Valencia	World Premiere	2009
Jorge Córdoba Valencia	Aleluya!	2009
Jorge Córdoba Valencia	Imágenes del Quinto Sol	2009
Jorge Córdoba Valencia	Encontrarás a Dios	2009
Jorge Cózatl	Trabalenguas	2009
Jorge Cózatl	Tu Nombre	2009
Jorge Cózatl	Stiidxa Binni Záa	2009
Jorge Cózatl	Xtoles/K'ay yum K'in/Canto al Sol/Song to the Sun	2009
Scott Ethier	A Mother's Carol	2008
Peter Hilliard	Christ's Nativity	2008
Diego Luzuriaga	The Child of the Andes	2008
Kitty Brazelton	O JOY!	2008
Richard Rodney Bennett	My Dancing Day	2008
Matthew Brown	Sweet Was the Song	2007
Stephen Main	The Darkest Midnight in December	2007
Carol Barnett	The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass	2007
Conrad Susa	Love-Song Serenade	2007
Daniel S. Godfrey	Psalm Dances	2007
Eric William Barnum	. . .For In Elysium	2007
Diego Luzuriaga	Un Nacimiento (A Nativity Scene)	2006
John Christian Rommereim	Calm on the Listening Ear of Night	2006
Francis Grier	The Passion of Jesus of Nazareth	2006
Alvin Singleton	Truth	2006
Jocelyn Hagen	See Amid the Winter Snow	2005
Paul Gibson	It Fell Upon the High Midnight	2005
Cary John Franklin	Gloria	2005
David Grant, scriptwriter	Honoring Gordon Parks	2005
James Sclater	The Piping Carol	2004
Keith Bradshaw	Soft the Light	2004
Aaron Jay Kernis	Music Is a Gift	2004
Michael Abels	Ode to Harmony	2004
Patrice Rushen	Herald the Day	2004
Patrice Rushen	Fanfare et Fantaisie	2004
Rosephanye Powell	Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child (arrangement)	2004
Tina Davidson	Hymn of the Universe	2004
Tom Nazziola	Another Spring	2004
Alan J. Higbee	In the Bleak Midwinter	2003
Thomas Fielding	Behold the Dark and Bitter Night	2003
Cary John Franklin	How Excellent Is Thy Name	2003
Cary John Franklin	A Carol	2003

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Sandra Hyslop, author	Force of Nature: The Roland Hayes Story	2003
Sir Richard Rodney Bennett	This Day	2003
Stephen Paulus	Make We Merry	2003
Mary Lynn Place Badarak	Brightest and Best	2002
Paul Lohman	Angels Heard on High	2002
David Morrow	I Can't Tarry (arrangement)	2002
Dominick Argento	Sanctus (new orchestration)	2002
Michael Abels	Fairest Lord Jesus (arrangement)	2002
Patrice Rushen	Of Dreams and Other Possibilities	2002
Patricia Hampl, author	narration, Aaron Copland's Billy the Kid	2002
Sir Richard Rodney Bennett	A Farewell to Arms	2002
Stephen Paulus	Love Opened a Mortal Wound	2002
Cary John Franklin	Loss of Eden (co-commission with Opera Theatre of St. Louis)	2002
Libby Larsen	Barnum's Bird (co-commission with Library of Congress)	2001
Clive Muncaster	Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep	2001
Sergey Khvoshchinsky	The Christmas Silence	2001
Elena Ruehr	Gospel Cha Cha (text of Langston Hughes)	2001
Randall Davidson	The Poor Richard Madrigals	2001
Brian Holmes	The Shepherd and the King	2000
Emily Maxson Porter	I Sing the Birth	2000
Judith Bingham	Otherworld (co-commission with The Three Choirs Festival, Hereford, England)	2000
Jonathan Santore	This Holy Christmas Night	1999
Robert Ross	What Child is This?	1999
Einojuhani Rautavaara	In the Shade of the Willow	1999
Stephen Paulus	Awakening	1999
Joan Griffith	Sweet Noel	1998
Richard E. Voorhaar	The Virgin's Cradle Hymn	1998
Aaron Kernis	Ecstatic Meditations	1998
Jonathan Bailey Holland	Persephone, Falling	1998
Jonathan Bailey Holland	The Narcissus Flower	1998
Michael Abels	More Abundantly	1998
Randall Davidson	The Story of the First Nowell	1998
Robert Morris	Ties that Bind	1998
Alvin Singleton	Gospel	1997
J. D. Steele	God is Not Dead	1997
Larry Farrow	Witness (arrangement)	1997
William C. Banfield	Symphony No. 7: Reveries, A Summer's Circle	1997
Evelyn Simpson Curenton	Two Psalms	1996
Joseph Jennings	To An Old Woman, Homeless and Indistinct	1995
Libby Larsen	Seven Ghosts	1995
Moses Hogan	The Battle of Jericho	1995
Randall Davidson	The Fourth Wise Man	1995
Dominick Argento	Spirituals and Swedish Chorales	1994

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Michael Abels	Frederick's Fables, Part I	1994
Michael Abels	Frederick's Fables, Part II	1994
Stephen Paulus	Meditations of Li Po	1994
David Baker	Images, Shadows and Dreams: Five Vignettes	1993
Conrad Susa	Carols and Lullabies	1992
Eskil Hemberg	Psalm 96	1992
Eskil Hemberg	Thou Who Art Over Us	1992
William C. Banfield	Job's Song	1992
Alf Houkom	Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child	1991
Daniel Kallman	Let Us Sing Night and Day	1991
Randall Davidson	A History of Evil	1991
David Baker	Witness: Six Original Compositions in a Spiritual Style	1990
Joyce S. Moorman	In Time of Silver Rain	1990
Carol Barnett	The Last Invocation	1988
Mark Bryn	Four Ukrainian Carols	1988
Randall Davidson	Moving, At a Distance	1988
Randall Davidson	The Young Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra	1988
Peter Schickele	<i>Oedipus Tex</i> (S. 150)	1988
Cary John Franklin	With a Poet's Eye	1987
Daniel Kallman	Julefest	1987
Steve Barnett	Hear, O Israel, Be Not Afraid	1987
Janika Vandervelde	The Mystic Trumpeter	1986
Jon C. Nelson	Small Song	1986
Libby Larsen	Coming Forth into Day	1986
Cary John Franklin	Intimations	1985
Cary John Franklin	Away in a Manger	1985
David John Olsen	I Wonder as I Wander	1985
Peter Schickele	Birthday Ode to "Big Daddy" Bach	1985
Randall Davidson	We Three Kings	1985
Robert Wetzler	Noel, My Jesus (orchestrated version)	1985
Steve Barnett	Go Tell It on the Mountain	1985
David John Olsen	Song of the Chattahoochee	1984
Gregory Youtz	Every Stone Shall Cry	1984
Paul Schoenfield	Tehillah (A Song of Praise)	1984
Libby Larsen	Ringeltanze (orchestrated version)	1983
Edward Barnes	Songs of St. Columba	1982
Libby Larsen	In a Winter Garden	1982
Cary John Franklin	Hold Fast to Dreams	1981
David Baldwin	Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing	1980
Hiram Titus	The Burning Babe	1980
Dominick Argento	A Thanksgiving to God, for His House	1979
Dominick Argento	Jonah and the Whale	1973