

Schiller Institute NYC Chorus
presents
9/11 Memorial Concert

Beethoven's Agnus Dei
Bitte um inneren und äußeren Frieden

Friday, September 10, 2021
Our Lady of Pompeii Church
Greenwich Village, NYC

PROGRAM

America the Beautiful, arr. Nathaniel Dett	Schiller Institute Chorus
Greetings from Terry Strada	
National Chair, 9/11 Families & Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism	
Schubert: Litanei	Maria Ines Rodriguez Rey, Soprano; Felix Ruiz, piano, video
Schubert: Arpeggione D. 821	Dura Jun, piano/Molly Aronson, cello
Harry T. Burleigh: Deep River	Schiller Institute Chorus
Diane Sare conductor	
Robert Schumann: Gypsy Life	Schiller Institute Chorus
Dura Jun, piano; Nancy Guice, conductor	
Giuseppe Verdi: Va, Pensiero	Schiller Institute Chorus
Dura Jun, piano; John Sigerson, conductor	
Beethoven Op. 123, <i>Sanctus/Agnus Dei</i>	Schiller Institute Chorus
John Sigerson, orchestration and conductor	
Liz Fodor, audio/video editor	
Nancy Guice, project coordinator, <i>Sanctus</i> assistant video editor	
John Scialdone, <i>Agnus Dei</i> assistant video editor	

On Beethoven's 250th birthday in December 2020, the Schiller Institute Chorus presented the virtual performance of the opening *Kyrie* and *Gloria* sections of his *Missa Solemnis*, followed by the daunting *Credo* in April of 2021.

At this 9/11 Memorial concert, we present the fitting final sections of the *Missa Solemnis*, which end with Beethoven's unique *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Beethoven's inscription above the *Dona Nobis Pacem* section reads *Bitte um inneren und äußeren Frieden*, a call for "inner and outer peace," i.e., a plea for both spiritual and worldly peace.

And so, Schiller Institute NYC Chorus has now completed the performance of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, Opus 123, a project begun just before the onset of the deadly pandemic.

It is hoped that this will be performed live in full when conditions allow.

And two tumultuous decades after the 9/11 attack, let us hope that our efforts will help the world find the path to peace through mutual and friendly development of all sovereign nations.