



When Voices Unite

Let's meet the Children's choir of the Strasbourg Opera and sing together to launch the " All Together in Dignity " project 'When Voices Unite'

Tuesday 11 April – 11am to 1pm

Swan Youth Service St. Agatha's Hall, Dunne Street, Dublin 1

**Let's break the silence and sing together
to leave no one behind!**

Programme

From 11am - Welcome by the team of the Swan Youth Service and by ATD

Songs by the « Petits Chanteurs de Strasbourg »

Response with songs by the young people of NYP2

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Response with songs by Roma young people from Musicantia - Crosscare

Singing together and formal launch of "When Voices Unite" project

Hallelujah – Haendel - Hallelujah – Cohen - This Land is your Land

Questions and answers between participants

Sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee

The Inner City Song

Written By Don Baker - About the life in Dublin Inner City in the 1980's

The old man sits and wonders just what can he do
He's lived there in this neighborhood since nineteen-twenty-two
He's forced to leave his home to make (Em)way for their plans
And he knows that they dont care or give a damm

So he takes a stroll down Monto whats left of it today
Remembering his childhood and the games he used to play
Now all he's got are memories and they are but a few
And it seems the money grabbers want them too

Chorus

And living in a one room slum aint easy
Raising seven children on the dole
No place for kids to play while you build your motorway
Is Loughlin house the playground of today

Dublin's inner city is a sorry sight to see
A mass of filthy buildings strife and poverty
The people find it hard to make ends meet most of the time
And you're surprised that they should turn to crime

Chorus

The greedy speculators are waiting to move in
With their lawyers and their legal talk the chances are they'll win
They make their public speeches and give the (people some old line
But you know we wont be fooled so easily this time

Chorus

We Are Humanity – The NYP2 Band

I come from Eritrea, and we come from Poland,
We come from Mauritius, and we from Ireland.
We all live together, in peace and harmony
Here in Dublin city, we are humanity.

Chorus

We are one , but we are many,
We come, from every land and sea,
We share a dream, and sing with one voice,
I will, you will, we'll end world poverty

We gather here together, on this October day,
We want the world to listen, to what we've got to say,
Millions live in hunger, millions live in fear ,
The cries of children dying, some refuse to hear.

Chorus

Yes, we must all stand together, or at least we must all try.
To help our fellow human beings, and listen to their cry.
So let's stand beside our refugees, and keep an open door
Let's open up our hearts and minds, and stand beside the poor.

Chorus

Let's make the world a better place, where everybody shares,
Where peace and justice they prevail, and everybody cares.
We can talk about our values, and preach solidarity ,
But we are all just hypocrites, unless we end world poverty.

Chorus

Yours - Ella Henderson

I wear your winter coat
The one you love to wear
So I keep feeling close
To us beyond compare
The moment we can have
You catch me in your eyes
That beauty on my pillow
That holds me in the night
And I will find my strength to untame my mouth
When I used to be afraid of the words
But with you I've learned just to let it out
Now my heart is ready to burst
'Cause I, I feel like I'm ready for love
And I wanna be your everything and more
And I know every day you say it
But I just want you to be sure, that I'm yours
And if I've been feeling heavy
You take me from the dark
Your arms they keep me steady
So nothing could fall apart
And I will find my strength to untame my mouth
When I used to be afraid of the words
But with you I've learned just to let it out
Now my heart is ready to burst
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And I wanna be your everything and more
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But I just want you to be sure, that I'm yours, that I'm yours

Take Me Home, Country Roads - John Denver

Almost heaven, West Virginia
Blue Ridge Mountains
Shenandoah River,
Life is old there
Older than the trees
Younger than the mountains
Blowin' like the breeze

Chorus

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain momma
Take me home, country roads

All my memories gathered 'round her
Miner's lady, stranger to blue water
Dark and dusty, painted on the sky
Misty taste of moonshine
Teardrops in my eye

Chorus

I hear her voice
In the mornin' hour she calls me
The radio reminds me of my home far away
And drivin' down the road I get a feelin'
That I should have been home yesterday, yesterday

Chorus x 2

Take me home, now country roads, Take me home, now country roads

Hallelujah - Leonard Cohen

Now I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?
It goes like this, The fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
The baffled king composing "Hallelujah"

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Your faith was strong but you needed proof
You saw her bathing on the roof
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you
She tied you to a kitchen chair
She broke your throne, and she cut your hair
And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Maybe there's a God above
But all I've ever learned from love
Was how to shoot somebody who outdrew you
And it's not a cry that you hear at night
It's not somebody who's seen the light
It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Baby I have been here before
I know this room, I've walked this floor
I used to live alone before I knew you
I've seen your flag on the marble arch
Love is not a victory march

It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

There was a time you let me know
What's really going on below
But now you never show it to me, do you?
And remember when I moved in you
The holy dove was moving too
And every breath we drew was Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

You say I took the name in vain
I don't even know the name
But if I did, well really, what's it to you?
There's a blaze of light
In every word
It doesn't matter which you heard
The holy or the broken Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you
And even though, It all went wrong
I'll stand before the Lord of Song
With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

THIS LAND IS MADE FOR YOU AND ME

"This Land Is Your Land" is one of the United States' most famous folk songs. Its lyrics were written by American folk singer Woody Guthrie in 1940 based on an existing melody, a Carter Family tune called "When the World's on Fire". Text below has been written/adapted by Fergus McCabe

**This land is your land this land is my land
From Europe's plains to Asia's highlands
From American shores to African Islands
This land is made for you and me**

We share this world this world is one
Its lands and seas to us all belong,
To deny this truth is just all wrong
This land is made for you and me

Chorus

Throughout this world migrants are crying
Throughout this world refugees are dying
Throughout this world many are denying
That this land is made for you and me

Chorus

The land of the brave, home of the free'
Use to welcome migrants and refugees
Now angry voices disagree
That this land was made for you and me

Chorus

Yes we live in troubled times,
But hope and history will one day rhyme
And the bells of justice they will chime
That this land was made for you and me

Chorus

Launch of “When Voices Unite” Project

With events taking place internationally, the ATD global “**When Voices Unite**” project seeks to celebrate the **dignity of people living in poverty** and allows them to sing alongside professional choirs and members of the community from all walks of life. The spirit of this event is captured by **Joseph Wresinski**, the founder of the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October) and of **All Together in Dignity** (www.atdireland.ie):

“Whether they sing their love, pain, dreams or memories, women and men, between the lines, first sing their thirst for dignity...whether in the Guatemala’s aldeas, as in Haïti’s dells, or in African, Asian or European slums, everywhere I could hear families living in extreme poverty singing for their dignity.”

This launch is the first in a series of singing events that will run from April through October with the project concluding on the 30th anniversary of the **UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty, October 17th 2017**. The final singing event will be broadcast by radios worldwide as people from all backgrounds come together to sing and **unite their voices against poverty and social exclusion**.

Les Petits Chanteurs de Strasbourg: The Maîtrise (singing school) is pursuing its development within the Opéra national du Rhin (Strasbourg, France), and performing concerts throughout Europe in the frame of its own season. Under the direction of Luciano Bibiloni, the singing school accepts choir members aged from 7 to 18 years following an audition. The choir often makes recordings and in 2016 recorded an album with several renditions of ‘Hallelujah’, some of which will be performed at the event.

This project is currently supported by: the Impact Joe Lucey Small Grants Fund, the French Senate (thanks to French Senator Hélène Conway-Mouret), the Fondation ATD in Paris and private donations. ATD is still looking for €4,000.00 to cover the full costs of the project.

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