

The Valley Light Opera *Celebrates Amherst's 250th*

1. "Chartless"

Isadore Freed
Mary Jane Disco, soprano
Gretchen Saathoff, piano

2. Twelve Songs of Emily Dickinson

Aaron Copland
Nadine Shank, piano
Six VLO sopranos:
Heather Davies, Mary Jane Disco,
Libby Maxey, Nancy Parland,
Diana Peelle, Chris McKenzie Willenbrock

••••• **Intermission** •••••

William Venman, director
Gretchen Saathoff, piano

3. Five pieces for women's voices:

Two poems of Robert Frost:
"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"
First setting: Vera Kistler
Second setting: Ruth Artman
"The Pasture" Douglas Wagner

Two poems of Emily Dickinson:
"I'll tell you how the sun rose"
Tom Voorhis and Barbara Klemp
"The Grass" Mary Lynn Lightfoot
John Foster, recorder

4. Five pieces for chorus:

Poems of Emily Dickinson:
"Beauty crowds me till I die" Alice Parker
"As imperceptibly as grief" Timothy Snyder
"Mystic Mooring" Alice Parker
"Let down the bars, O Death" Samuel Barber
"Because I could not stop for Death" Leo Collins

5. A shape note piece from 1770:

"Amherst H. M." William Billings

6. A preview of VLO's fall production, *The Pirates of Penzance*:

"When the foeman bares his steel"
W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

Soloists, "When the foeman bares his steel":

Major General.....Glen Gordon
Frederic.....Jonathan Evans
Sergeant.....Joseph Donohue
Mabel.....Libby Maxey
Edith.....Heather Davies

VLO Chorus:

Bart Bales
Esta Busi
Catharine Butterfield
Judy Case
Ed Chang
Heather Davies
Joseph Donohue
Helena Donovan
Jonathan Evans
John Foster
Barbara Freed
Gordon Freed
Glen Gordon
Kate Green
James Hanner
Abby Helzer
Jordan Helzer
Phil Helzer
Virginia Holmes
Marese Dolan Hutchinson
Natalie Imbier
Phyllis Jordan
Elysse Link
Libby Maxey
Paul E. Peelle
Lee Pershyn
Shirley Pion
Beverly Richardson
Lucy Y. Robinson
Mary Ellen Sailer
Richard Stromgren
Bill Tobey
Laurel Turk
Sally Venman
Helen Vivian
Elaine Walker
Jim Walker
Chris McKenzie Willenbrock