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Dave Moen, Willmar  
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Jeff Tengwall, Brooten

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*Percussion:* David Anderson

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**DIRECTED BY JOHN D. JAHR**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

*Peace Lutheran Church*  
**NEW LONDON**

**Sunday, November 22, 2015  
4:00 p.m.**

*Bethel Lutheran Church*  
**WILLMAR**



# True Colors

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## Let the River Run

(from “Working Girl”)  
Carly Simon  
arr. Kirby Shaw

## The Colors of My Life

(from “Barnum”)  
Cy Coleman, Michael Stewart  
arr. John Leavitt

## Colors

Brian Pearson  
Soloists: Stephanie Pierce, Kristine Carlson,  
Jean Urban, Megan Morrison, Dan Schell

## True Colors

Billy Steinberg, Tom Kelly  
arr. Mac Huff  
Soloists: Cynthia Koll Tengwall, Peggy Lister

## De Colores

arr. Vicente Chavarria  
(Sung in Spanish)

Translation:

In colors the fields clothe themselves in spring.  
In colors are the little birds that come from outside.  
In colors is the rainbow that we see shine.

And that is why  
the great loves of many colors  
are pleasing to me.

In colors brilliant and fine the dawn is clothed.  
In colors are the thousand reflections that the sun treasures.  
In colors the diamond is dressed that we see shine.

And that is why...

Sings the rooster with his “kiri-kiri”  
Sings the hen with her “kara-kara”  
Sing the chicks with their “pio-pio”

And that is why...

## Stained Glass

Joseph M. Martin, Heather Sorenson

## Colors of the Wind

(from Walt Disney’s “Pocahontas”)  
Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz  
arr. Mac Huff

## The Pink Panther

Henry Mancini  
arr. Jay Althouse

## Secondhand White Baby Grand

(as performed on the NBC Drama “Smash”)  
Marc Shaiman, Scott Wittman  
arr. Andy Beck  
Soloist: Jackie Cunningham

## That Old Black Magic

Johnny Mercer, Harold Arlen  
arr. Steve Zegree

## We Can Mend the Sky

Jake Runestad  
Soloist: Cheryl Schmidt

Libretto

Let My Dream Come True  
by Warda Mohamed

In my dream I saw a world  
free of violence, hunger, suffering;  
a world filled with love.  
Now awake in this world,  
I beg, let my dream come true.

(Soo baxa.)  
Let’s go

(Naftu orod bay kugu aamintaa.)  
To save your life, run with all your might.

(When invited, please join the chorus  
in singing this refrain:)

If we come together,  
we can mend a crack in the sky.

From the composer:

My sister is an English teacher at the Minnesota International Middle School in Minneapolis, which provides a safe and inclusive environment for East African immigrant students to learn (many of whom are Somali). Most of these students came to the USA to escape the violent civil war that has plagued Somalia since 1991. Seeking a better life for their children, these students’ parents risked their lives to come to the USA – a valiant act of love. I wanted to tell their story through music and so I asked my sister to have her students

write poems about their experiences leaving their home and coming to the USA. I received over 100 poems that contain passion, pride, emotion, and vivid stories of the sights and sounds that these young people have experienced. I sifted through these texts and found the powerful words of 14-year-old Warda Mohamed that became the backbone of the composition. Using Warda’s poem and two Somali proverbs, “We Can Mend the Sky” is a musical depiction of one’s journey as an immigrant and an affirmation of hope as we all embrace the diversity around us

## Blue Skies

Irving Berlin  
arr. Roger Emerson

## The Color Purple

(from “The Color Purple”)  
Brenda Russell, Allee Willis, Stephen Bray  
arr. Rollo Dilworth  
Soloist: Joely Palmer

## What a Wonderful World

George David Weiss, Bob Theiele  
arr. René Clausen  
Soloist: Kristen Pierce

## Truly Brave

Sara Bareilles, Jack Antonoff,  
Billy Steinberg, Tom Kelly  
arr. Mac Huff  
Soloists: Philip Studer, Nanette Serbus

Truly Brave is a special mash-up of two great songs: Brave and True Colors. As a part of the NBC Today Show’s “Shine a Light” series, Hoda Kotb brought together Sara Bareilles and Cyndi Lauper to create this arrangement to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer. Most importantly, it captures the heart-breaking strength and live-for-the-moment attitudes that kids with cancer have to have.

For the original Today Show “Shine a Light” video,  
go to [www.crowdrise.com/hoda](http://www.crowdrise.com/hoda)

American Cancer Society—[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Pediatric Cancer Foundation—[www.pcfweb.org](http://www.pcfweb.org)

## Intermission

## Over the Rainbow

(from “The Wizard of Oz”)  
Harold Arlen, E.Y. Harburg  
arr. Mark Hayes

## O My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose

words by Robert Burns  
traditional Scottish tune  
arr. Simon Carrington

## Orange Colored Sky

Milton Delugg, Willie Stein  
arr. Deke Sharon  
Soloist: Brad Schmidt

## Yellow Submarine

John Lennon, Paul McCartney  
arr. Mark Brymer

## Bein’ Green

Joe Raposo  
arr. Paul Langford  
Flute: Nanette Serbus

Written for Sesame Street by Joe Raposo in 1970 and made famous by Kermit the Frog, this song celebrates acceptance, individuality, and diversity. Also recorded by Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, and many other performers, it has an enduring message for every generation. “It’s not that easy bein’ green...but green is the color of spring...”

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