~ the musical tale of a nasty dragon ~

A Story and Song Cycle for Children’s Chorus

Lyrics by Jack Prelutsky
Music by Laurie MacGregor
Story and Narration by Markell Kiefer

Thursday, May 24, 2012
11:00 am

Richard R. Green Central Park School
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Starring
3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students of
Richard R. Green Central Park School
Northport Elementary School

Featuring
Isabella Dawis, narrator
Julie Johnson, bass flute, flute, piccolo,
Doug Haining, alto sax, clarinet
David Wright III, tenor sax
Dave Graf, trombone
Don Stille, accordion
Elena Orsak, violin, viola
Emily Gerard, harp, percussion
Todd Price, piano
Gary Raynor, string bass, electric bass
Nathan Norman, drum set, congas
Randy Martens, timpani, percussion
Kylan Duff, percussion

Conducted by Laurie MacGregor
The Dragons Are Singing Tonight

Prologue
Summoning the Dragons Julie Johnson, bass flute

Once They All Believed in Dragons
Dragon Ballad Isabella Dawis, soloist

I Am Waiting Waiting Waiting
Dragon Reggae 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

Nasty Little Dragonsong
Slow Dragon Swing 3rd Grade

I Have a Dozen Dragons
Lively Dragon Swing 4th Grade

If You Don’t Believe in Dragons
Dragon Ballad 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades
Lillian Allsman, Darius Muhen, Mary Ngo, soloists

My Dragon’s Been Disconsolate
Dragon Round 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

I Wish I Had a Dragon
Dragon Rock 5th Grade

My Dragon Wasn’t Feeling Good
Dragon Blues Richard Arce Rojas, Jasenia Leon, Margret Myers-Guy, Cecelia Nichols, Diarylin Sosa Ortiz

A Dragon Is in My Computer
Menacing Dragon Swing 5th Grade

I Have a Secret Dragon
Lively Dragon Swing II 3rd Grade

I Am My Master’s Dragon
Dragon Ballad Bryce Bonine, soloist

I Made a Mechanical Dragon
Dragon Cha Cha Cha 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

A Dragon’s Lament
Dragon Foxtrot 4th Grade
I Am Boom!

Dragon Tango 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

Once They All Believed in Dragons (Reprise)

Dragon Ballad

Isabella Dawis, soloist
Lillian Allsman, Jose Alvarado,
Eunice Balogun, Abel Bediye, Alicia Collins, Johnny De La Paz Jimenez,
Avis Eason, Joseph Gonzalez,
Angelo Harris, Lola Jeffries,
Berenize Mendez-Perez,
Geanou Moua, Nancy Nguyen,
Joshua Onye Kwere, Kao Raduenz,
Kayla Thao, Seth Thao, Stacy Vang,
Betsy Vergara Blas, Kaozoua Yang

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Dragon Waltz 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

Joannie Amaro, Jordan Carter,
Jennifer Del Rio Castaneda,
Jaylon Johnson, soloists

The composer thanks the children and the Dragons Band, as well as residency artists Julie Johnson and Mark Johnson, and music educators Corina Miller (Green Central Park) and Kristin Hiykel (Northport) for their collaboration, musicianship, and excellence in teaching.

Production Staff

Sound by Phillip O'Toole
Technical assistance by Tyson Forbes
TigerLion Arts videography by Kevin Obsatz
Green Central Park videography by Jeremy Mattson
Photography by Muffy MacMillan
Dragon t-shirt design by Sky Brooks
Music Educators – Corina Miller and Kristin Hiykel
Production Assistant - Julie Steiner
Executive Producer and Residency Coordinator - Laurie MacGregor
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*The Dragons Are Singing Tonight* School Residency Program is presented by TigerLion Arts in conjunction with its world premiere musical adaptation of Jack Prelutsky’s award-winning book of dragon poems. To kick off the program, the children in grades 3-5 from Green Central Park and Northport attended matinee performances of the show at the Southern Theater in February, with funding provided by the Target Field Trip Grants program.

In March, more than a thousand students in grades K-5 and grade 7 worked with artists from *Puppet Farm Arts* and *In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre* to create a variety of dragon puppets using recycled materials. Children marched their dragons in school parades at the end of the residencies.

In April and May, *Minnesota Boychoir* director Mark Johnson, *Dragons* flutist Julie Johnson, and *Dragons* composer Laurie MacGregor worked with music educators to prepare the children for this performance of *The Dragons Are Singing Tonight*. The young singers are accompanied by the musical production’s original *Dragons* Band.

### Special Thanks

Green Central Park Principal Catalina Salas and Assistant Principal Patty Fetter, and Northport Principal Patrick Smith and Assistant Principal Brendon Schwirtz for their assistance and support for the Arts in our schools

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Tyson Forbes and Julie Steiner for transporting the instruments

### Additional Thanks

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Student artists, for the dragons decorating the Green Central Park hallways

Christopher Lutter-Gardella, for his assistance in hanging the dragons

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Green Central Park Board Staff

Green Central Park and Northport 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Staff

Green Central Phys. Ed. Staff Tonyus Chavers and Diane Krueger, for use of the gym

Green Central Park Lunch Staff - Mary Rogers

Green Central Park Parent Liaison - Braulio Carrasco

Vocal Music Student Teacher - Lynette Simpson

Concert Volunteers - Nancy Gibson, Emmie Hester, and Muffy MacMillan

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