# Independence Forever!

The Chester Chamber Singers of the Chester River Chorale

Douglas Cox, Director Sammy Marshall, Accompanist Assisted by Michelle Sensenig

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arr. Tadd Russo

Chester William Billings
The Liberty Song William Boyce, lyrics John Dickinson
America William Billings
Columbia Timothy Dwight
Yankee Doodle Traditional
Blowin' in the Wind Bob Dylan
We Shall Overcome Traditional

Susan Brockman, Piccolo; Doug Webber, Field Drum

#### Colonial American Folk Songs

The Nightingale arr. Dan Forrest

Caitlin Patton, violin

Soldier, Soldier, Won't You Marry Me? arr. Robert DeCormier

### Memorial Day Remembrance

Momma, Look Sharp Sherman Edwards

arr. Ralph Hunter and DDC

Soloist: Nevin Dawson

America, a Musical Memorial Joel Dulyea

Soloist: Bonnie Keating

God Bless America Irving Berlin

arr. John Oddo and Kirby Shaw

Soloist: Helen Clark

## Sing Along Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lyrics on the next page

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosemond Johnson arr. Lloyd Larson

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, Let us march on till victory is won, Victory is won!