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## **STEPHEN PAULUS**

### ***A Lyrical Life***

May 11-23, 2016

Craig Hella Johnson and Conspirare will pay tribute to the accomplished, Grammy® award-winning composer [Stephen Paulus](#) (1949-2014), known for his lush melodies, elegant craftsmanship and a mastery of writing for the human voice to create gorgeous compositions. Conspirare singers will bring their finesse to a specially selected program from Paulus's bountiful repertoire. Expect to hear rarely performed choral gems as well as favorites such as *Pilgrims' Hymn* and *Hymn to the Eternal Flame*. This program will also feature a five-movement 2007 Conspirare commission, *Poemas de Amor* and the world premiere of *Turn* by contemporary composer Tarik O'Regan.

Mr. Paulus was a cherished member of the choral arts community and a mentor and inspiration for choral composers everywhere. He wrote over 400 works for chorus, including 12 operas, and in 1973 co-founded the Minnesota Composers Forum, now known as the American Composers Forum. In 2016 Mr. Paulus was posthumously awarded the Grammy® for Best Contemporary Classical Composition.

*Stephen Paulus : A Lyrical Life* will be toured in Texas, Minnesota and Canada. Please see dates below for concert details. As part of Conspirare's ongoing outreach program the group will be conducting choral workshops for six high schools in Minnesota, and presenting a concert for staff and volunteers at the Center for Victims of Torture headquarters in St. Paul.

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#### **Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 7:30pm**

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fredericksburg, TX

Pre-concert talk by Joshua Shank one hour prior to the performance

**Tickets:** [www.conspirare.org](http://www.conspirare.org) or 512.474.5664

#### **Thursday & Friday, May 12-13, 2016, 8pm**

St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Austin, TX

Pre-concert talk by Joshua Shank one hour prior to the performances

**Tickets:** [www.conspirare.org](http://www.conspirare.org) or 512.474.5664

#### **Monday, May 16, 2016, 7pm**

Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, St. Paul, MN

**Tickets:** [www.ordway.org/conspirare](http://www.ordway.org/conspirare)

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 7:30pm**

Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

***Free & Open to the Public***

**Saturday, May 21, 2016, 8pm**

PODIUM Choral Conference & Festival, Winspear Centre, Edmonton, AB, CA

**Tickets:** [www.podiumconference.ca](http://www.podiumconference.ca)

**Monday, May 23, 2016, 8pm**

Taylor Centre for the Performing Arts, Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB, CA

**Tickets:** [www.podiumconference.ca](http://www.podiumconference.ca)



Celebrating their 23rd season, Conspirare is a Grammy® award-winning vocal ensemble that creates exceptional concert experiences and recordings. With the world-class artistry of its extraordinary voices and the incomparable direction of conductor Craig Hella Johnson, Conspirare is one of the finest choirs performing today. Inspired by the power of music to transform lives, Conspirare performances are musical magic. [conspirare.org](http://conspirare.org)

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