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The Righteous A world premiere production by Gregory Spears and Tracy K. Smith

A chamber concert featuring Del Sol String Quartet in collaboration with Santa Fe Opera

Del Sol Quartet

Hyeyung Sol Yoon, Benjamin Kreith violin Charlton Lee viola Kathryn Bates cello

Say (2016)

Shelley Washington (b.1991, USA)

String Quartet no. 2 (2022)

Gregory Spears (b.1977, USA)

String Quartet no. 4 "Amazing Grace" (1973)

Ben Johnston (1926–2019, USA)

Sharon Rhutasel-Jones spoken word

Sharon Rhutasel-Jones taught for half a century. When she retired from teaching, she became a writer. She has written two books, *Living by Ear: a Memoir of a Wayward Teacher* and *The Teacher Who Learned from Cats*. She also began writing poetry. Her works appear in various journals and anthologies including *Stepping Stones, Modern Haiku, Frogpond, Bearing the Mask, Weaving the Terrain,* and the *2023 Anthology of Southwestern Poets* published by the UNM Press.

Celebration of Silence:: Two Minutes

Spiral X "In Memoriam" (2007)

Chinary Ung (b.1942, Cambodia)

Gregory Spears' The Righteous: Faith, Politics, and Power

Del Sol Quartet explores undercurrents of *The Righteous*, a world premiere by Gregory Spears and Tracy K. Smith at the Santa Fe Opera, where a story of biblical proportions unfolds in 1980s America. David, a preacher turned Governor, struggles to reconcile spirituality with ambition. His desire for more transforms relationships with those he holds most dear.

This program offers fresh ways of hearing faith, compassion and identity, and includes music by Shelley Washington, Gregory Spears, Ben Johnston and Chinary Ung. Spears' own String Quartet No. 2 was originally commissioned and premiered by Chatter in 2022.

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