

ESSENTIAL VOICES USA

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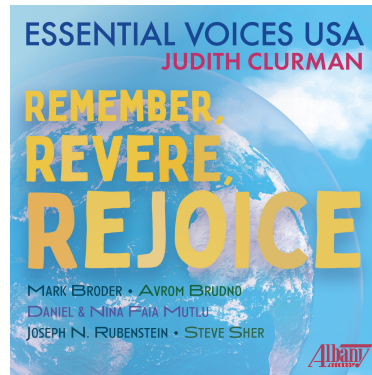
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Judith Clurman conducts her **ESSENTIAL VOICES USA**

Judith Clurman, conductor and music director of **Essential Voices USA** and **Albany Records** (TROY1939) announce the recording release of **REMEMBER, REVERE, REJOICE**, a collection of six works that embrace a range of emotions experienced in Jewish life - the Holocaust (Remember), a psalm setting (Revere), and love poetry and joy (Rejoice).

The selections are: I. **Unter Dayne Vayse Shtern** is a setting of Avraham Sutzkever's poem, by the same name. Sutzkever has been called "The greatest poet of the Holocaust," by The New York Times. In 1946, he served as a witness at the Nuremberg Trials and in 1947, he emigrated to Israel, where he continued to write in Yiddish and champion the Yiddish language. The poem is a description of the poet's agony in a concentration camp. He describes the murder around him and talks directly to God, asking where God is. II. **To Be Alive (Birdsong)** is a choral setting of Mark Broder's song based on an anonymous text by a child, which was found in the Terezin Concentration Camp in 1941. III. **Adonai Roi** is a setting of the psalm of consolation, by composers Daniel & Nina Faia Mutlu. IV/V. Two pieces about love are **Winter Is Past** by Joseph Rubinstein and Steven Sher's **Dodi Li**. VI. **Siman Tov** is a choral setting of the 19th century folk melody; the text wishes someone well and is primarily performed at life cycle moments.

The members of EVUSA that sang on these recordings are: Joseph Beutel, Phillip Cheah, Wendy Gilles, Chole Holgate, Elizabeth Lang, Sreven Moore, Nicholas Prior, Gregory Purnhagen, Elisa Singer Strom, Jason Weisinger, and Katherine Wessinger-Bozic. The ensemble was accompanied by James Cunningham, piano and Coleman Itzkoff, cello.

"Remember, Revere, Rejoice" can be streamed on all platforms.

All of these original pieces and/or arrangements were commissioned by Essential Voices USA. The scores are available for purchase through Hal Leonard. The collection was produced and engineered by Silas Brown with Grady Bajorek, assistant engineer, and made possible with support from the Michael H. Baker Family Fund and individual contributions.

QUOTE

"It is my hope that this music brings you comfort, joy, and hope." - Judith Clurman

TRACKS

Unter Dayne Vayse Shtern	Avrom Brudno, arr. Bill Cutter	3:09
To Be Alive (Birdsong)	Mark Broder, arr. Bill Cutter	3:22
Adonai Roi	Daniel & Nina Faia Mutlu	3:47
Winter Is Past	Joseph N. Rubinstein	2:12
Dodi Li	Steve Sher, arr. Brant Adams	3:48
Siman Tov	Traditional, arr. Bill Cutter	2:14

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Judith Clurman's **Essential Voices USA** (EVUSA) is one of New York's preeminent choral ensembles. EVUSA boasts a talented roster of seasoned professionals and auditioned volunteers, dynamically fitted to the unique needs of each project. They have appeared at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and on NPR'S Tiny Desk Concerts. Their recordings include "America at Heart," "Appalachian Stories," "Celebrating the American Spirit," "Cherished Moments," "Cradle Hymn," "Holiday Harmonies," "Rejoice! Honoring the Jewish Spirit," "May You Heal," "Washington Women," "Winter Harmonies," and "Words Matter." Conductor **Judith Clurman** conducts Essential Voices USA, and the Singing Tree Float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Her work has received Emmy and Grammy nominations and she has collaborated with the major classical orchestras and conductors of the world. She was Director of Choral Activities at The Juilliard School for 18 years and a faculty member for the National Endowment for the Arts/Columbia University Institute in Classical Music and Opera. Judith currently teaches private and ensemble voice at the Manhattan School of Music. Her music and arrangements are published by G. Schirmer, Schott, and Hal Leonard, and have been performed by the Detroit, Houston, National, Toronto, and San Francisco Symphonies and the New York and Boston Pops.

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