



CANTARE PRESENTS



SEASON FINALE

## *UNTIL ALL OF US ARE FREE*

A POWERFUL CHORAL REFLECTION ON FREEDOM  
IN AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

OAKLAND, CA (2 April 2026) — As the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, **Cantare**, the East Bay's leading intergenerational choral organization, caps off its season with *Until All of Us Are Free*, a powerful pay-what-you-will concert. The program explores the meaning of freedom in America through music spanning centuries and genres, featuring Cantare's Adult Chorale under the direction of Founding Artistic Director **David Morales** alongside the Aurora Choir of high school singers led by **Julie Haydon**. Together, the ensembles offer a moving exploration of the promise of freedom, and the continuing work required to make liberty and equality a reality for everyone. *Until All of Us Are Free* will be presented one night only, **Saturday, May 16, 2026**, at **Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church**, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. For tickets (pay-what-you-will) or more information, visit <https://cantare.me/allofus2> or call **510-836-0789**.

"*Until All of Us Are Free* brings together performers of all ages, offering a unique opportunity to engage deeply with history and with one another," said Founding Artistic Director **David Morales**. "The concert underscores Cantare's commitment to community, dialogue, and the power of collective voices. The collaboration between adult and youth ensembles highlights how the ideals of freedom and civic responsibility continue to resonate with, and be shaped by, the next wave of artists and audiences."

"The lyrics of our repertoire remind us that liberty can only define our nation when it is shared by all," said Director of Children's and Youth Choirs **Julie Haydon**. "Our Aurora students are eager to raise their voices in this important conversation about freedom and the ongoing work that remains in our continued pursuit of justice for all."

With a program spanning centuries and genres, *Until All of Us Are Free* celebrates themes of unity, self-governance, individual rights, and the pursuit of happiness. Works range from William Billings' Revolutionary-era anthem *Chester* and Howard Hanson's expansive setting of Walt Whitman's *Song of Democracy* to contemporary selections such as *Keep Marching* from the Broadway musical *Suffs*, Garth Brooks' *We Shall Be Free*, and The Black Eyed Peas' *Where Is the Love*, alongside soaring spirituals that reflect Americans' enduring quest for freedom. Paying tribute to those who have served in the Armed Forces, Cantare will present a medley of iconic military anthems, alongside stirring arrangements of the Black national anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, and *America the Beautiful*.

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence announced the American colonies' separation from Great Britain and introduced the revolutionary principle that all people are endowed with the

unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The document helped inspire democratic movements around the world and remains one of the most influential political texts in history. Yet the Declaration's promise of equality was not fully realized at the nation's founding. Over the last 250 years, generations of Americans including abolitionists, suffragists, civil rights leaders, and countless others, have worked to expand the freedoms envisioned in the Declaration to people who were originally excluded from them. Marking the nation's 250th anniversary, *Until All of Us Are Free* invites audiences to reflect on this ongoing story of freedom and democracy.

### **ABOUT CANTARE**

Cantare, the East Bay's premier intergenerational choral organization, is an Oakland-based nonprofit choral organization dedicated to building community through the transformative power of music. Through adult choirs, youth ensembles, in-school music education programs in Oakland, and a summer camp, Cantare serves singers of all ages while fostering artistic excellence, empathy, and cross-cultural understanding through choral music. All Cantare's youth programs are 100% tuition free to the 2,300 student participants.

### **FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:**

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**WHEN:** 7:30pm, Saturday, May 16, 2026

**WHERE:** Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr, Lafayette, CA 94549

**TICKETS:** For Pay What You Will tickets (\$25 suggested), Pay It Forward tickets (\$50 or more suggested), with all fees included; the public may visit <https://cantare.me/allofus2> or call 510-836-0789.

**INFO:** For more information, the public can visit [cantareconvivo.org](http://cantareconvivo.org)

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