

MSO MILWAUKEE
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA




Lullaby Project

CELEBRATION CONCERT

June 1, 2026 | 6:30 pm
Bradley Symphony Center



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 **SOJOURNER**

ABOUT THE MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director Ken-David Masur, is among the finest orchestras in the nation. Since its inception in 1959, the MSO has found innovative ways to give music a home in the region, develop music appreciation and talent among area youth, and raise the national reputation of Milwaukee.

The MSO's full-time professional musicians perform more than 135 classics, pops, family, education, and community concerts each season in venues throughout the state. In January of 2021, the MSO completed a years-long project to restore and renovate a former movie palace in the heart of downtown Milwaukee. The Bradley Symphony Center officially opened to audiences in October 2021. This project has sparked a renewal on West Wisconsin Avenue and continues to be a catalyst in the community.

The MSO's standard of excellence extends beyond the concert hall and into the community, reaching more than 30,000 children and their families through its Arts in Community Education (ACE) program, Youth and Teen concerts, Family Series, and Meet the Music pre-concert talks. Celebrating its 36th year, the nationally recognized ACE program integrates arts education across all subjects and disciplines, providing opportunities for students when budget cuts may eliminate arts programming. The program provides lesson plans and supporting materials, classroom visits from MSO musician ensembles and artists from local organizations, and an MSO concert tailored to each grade level. The ACE program serves 5,500 students, teachers, and administrators in the Milwaukee area every year.

ABOUT THE LULLABY PROJECT

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra is pleased to be one of over 70 organizations across the country and the world to be a Lullaby Project partner, a program of Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute. Pregnant women, parents, and grandparents work with professional teaching artists to write personal lullabies for their children, supporting maternal health, aiding child development, and strengthening the bond between parent and child. The lullabies are then professionally arranged, recorded, and finally shared in a public performance featuring professional musicians and the mothers themselves. The MSO is delighted to partner with Sojourner Family Peace Center to bring this program to Milwaukee.

ABOUT SOJOURNER

The mission of Sojourner is to transform lives impacted by domestic violence. Sojourner is the largest non-profit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, providing crisis housing, system advocacy and individual support to survivors and families who are hurting. Each year, Sojourner serves just under 10,000 individuals. Advocates provide an array of support aimed at helping families affected by domestic violence find a pathway out of violence through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children.

Sojourner and Children's Wisconsin formed a unique partnership to create one of the first co-located child advocacy and family violence centers in the country. Using a proven collaborative model, the Family Peace Center offers a number of co-located and visiting partner organizations and service providers, including the Milwaukee Police Department Sensitive Crimes Unit, Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Jewish Family Services, Advocate Aurora Health, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Goodwill, African American Breastfeeding Network, and others. Families receiving help at the Family Peace Center have access to a wide variety of services to support their efforts to achieve healing, self-sufficiency, and freedom from abuse.

For more information or to access services, visit [familypeacecenter.org](https://www.familypeacecenter.org) or reach out to Sojourner's **24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline (414) 933-2722** or **Textline (414) 877-8100**.

The Program

Trail of Bows

by Desire with Meaghan Heinrich

Arranged by Terry Smirl

Flesh of My Flesh

by Chakaris with Kai Simone

Arranged by Brian Packham

Niqua's Story

by Niqua with Lijia Phang

Arranged by Lijia Phang

Peaceful Rest

by Lotus with Kai Simone

Arranged by Brian Packham

Margie's Lullaby

by Margie with Paul Hauer

Arranged by Georgi Todorov Dimitrov

Carry My Love

by Farrah with Sabrina Raber

Arranged by Sabrina Raber

Good Morning My Loves

by Jessica with Meaghan Heinrich

Arranged by Terry Smirl

Whenever You Need Me

by Eneli with Sheena Lan

Arranged by Brian Packham

There is No Me Without You

by Sarai with Meaghan Heinrich

Arranged by Terry Smirl

Trail of Bows

by Desire with Meaghan Heinrich

Arranged by Terry Smirl

**You can count on me, no matter what
the situation**

Just like disappearing on a vacation

A silent vacation where nobody knows

Just leaving behind your trail of bows

My wild child, you go everywhere with me

Off to the zoo, so much to see on our little
adventure

Let's venture into something new

Giraffes and a hippopotamus for me and you

**You can count on me, no matter what
the situation**

Just like disappearing on a vacation

A silent vacation where nobody knows

Just leaving behind your trail of bows

Let's go see Bill the duck who lives under the bridge

Watch out for the troll who might be in the hedge

Don't let him steal our picnic, that horrible beast

On spaghetti, macaroni, and chicken we will feast

**You can count on me, no matter what
the situation**

Just like disappearing on a vacation

A silent vacation where nobody knows

Just leaving behind your trail of bows

No matter how tough it gets, I'll always be
there

We'll climb the castle to reach our goal

**You can count on me, no matter what
the situation**

Just like disappearing on a vacation

A silent vacation where nobody knows

Just leaving behind your trail of bows

Flesh of My Flesh

by Chakaris with Kai Simone

Arranged by Brian Packham

Flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone
You are the seeds that I have sown
Flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone
You are my legacy that will be carried on
I've dreamt of you for years to come
My little M&M's, I love each and every one
May you carry joy and not fear
Always trust in God, because He's always near
If you should wake up and feel alone
Listen closely, you'll hear my tone
In your hearts so warm and true
I'll always be right there loving you

Mason, so strong and brave at heart
Malani, a gentle work of art
My little Mia shining like a star
Grammy will always be with you, wherever
you are

Flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone
Always in my heart, so you'll never be alone
(2x)

Flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone
You are the seeds that I have sown
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You are my legacy that will be carried on
I've dreamt of you for years to come
My little M&M's, I love each and every one
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If you should wake up and feel alone
Listen closely, you'll hear my tone
In your hearts so warm and true
I'll always be right there loving you

Niqua's Story

by Niqua with Lijia Phang

Arranged by Lijia Phang

There's a lot that I've been through, a lot I've seen
So much over the years since I was a teen
Searching for love in all the wrong places
Would-a made different choices with guidance and love
I was knocked down off my path gave up on myself
I've fought with the devil I've overcome
I followed the sign that God gave me one day
I was weak, but I'm strong now
I've come a long way
I'm unbreakable, unbreakable

So momma says
Don't ignore the signs
Find somebody that loves you for who you are
Truly loves you inside and out on the bad days and good
I raised you all to be loving and caring
Violence is never the answer never the key
Pick your companion wisely
Find someone with a good heart that makes your life better

So Momma says
Take my hand and I will carry you through all the way

Momma promise
Momma has the chance now to do it right this time Momma promise

Peaceful Rest

by Lotus with Kai Simone

Arranged by Brian Packham

Sleep, sleep, sleep, little baby

Sleep, sleep, you can rest now

Sleep, sleep, sleep, little baby

Sleep, sleep, you can rest now

You were loved way before you got here
Long awaited, I thought you wouldn't be here
Precious love, I cherish so much
Joy and fullness is what you bring me

Sleep, sleep, sleep, little baby

Sleep, sleep, you can rest now

Sleep, sleep, sleep, little baby

Sleep, sleep, you can rest now

Careful, so careful I will be
Your life, your dreams
Your hopes, your fears are dear to me
I am here for you and will always be
Every time you need me, I'm a call away
In divine timing God gave you to me
Now I feel that true loving family

One! Two!

One! Two! Three!

You are loved, you are light
You are joy, you are peace
You are Beauty, you are smart
Perfect the way you are
You are loved, you are light
You are joy, you are peace
You are Beauty, you are smart
Perfect the way you are

Loved, light, joy, peace
Beauty, smart, perfect the way you are
Loved, light, joy, peace
Beauty, smart, perfect the way you are

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Margie's Lullaby

by Margie with Paul Hauer

Arranged by Georgi Todorov Dimitrov

Don't ever give up, keep your chin up high
Let go of your doubt 'cause you're safe and sound
I can hear you yell, can you hear my song
Other people have hurts
But that's not your pain 'cause

I'll be there in times of need

I'll be there for you and me

We can learn, we can grow as one
It's not perfect but you're not alone so
Don't ever give up, keep your chin up high
Let go of your doubt 'cause you're safe and sound

I'll be there in times of need

I'll be there for you and me

Carry My Love

by Farrah with Sabrina Raber

Arranged by Sabrina Raber

Life didn't come easy for us

We learned to grow in storms

Learned how to stand when the ground
felt gone

Every step I took I was trying to guard your
hearts

Even when I was scared

Even when I was lost in the dark

None of it was ever your fault

You deserved safety, you deserved peace

You deserved a love that never leaves

If I could change the past

I'd take the pain away

But all I can do now is love you everyday

Oo, Love you everyday

I know the world tells stories

Sometimes loud, sometimes cruel

Maybe you heard, maybe you saw things

And built your truth from the view

But one day when life gets heavy

And love becomes a fight

I hope you see me clearer

In a different light

If I could change the past

I'd take the pain away

But all I can do now is love you everyday

Oo, Love you everyday

Chase your dreams, run to the sky

Don't shrink your soul just to pass people by

Don't let fear tell you who you should be

You are stronger than you even see

If I could change the past

I'd take the pain away

But all I can do now is love you everyday

Oo, Love you everyday

You are my fire, my heart, the reason I rise

You are the light I see in your beautiful lives

If I could take your pain I'd carry it all

But I'll keep loving you through every fall

Good Morning My Loves

by Jessica with Meaghan Heinrich

Arranged by Terry Smirl

Good morning, my loves

The sun is shining

Just look how gorgeous you are

Good morning, my loves

Now don't be anxious

Be confident and you will go far

Damien, Laila, Jordan, and Paydon

Giada, Wyatt, Ava, Montana

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Giada, Wyatt, Ava, Montana

My Boys are easy as can be

You love me and look out for me oh

My girls, you want the fancy things

The shiny clothes and all the blings oh

Without each one of you

This family wouldn't flow oh

I need each one of you

For all this love to grow oh

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Whenever You Need Me

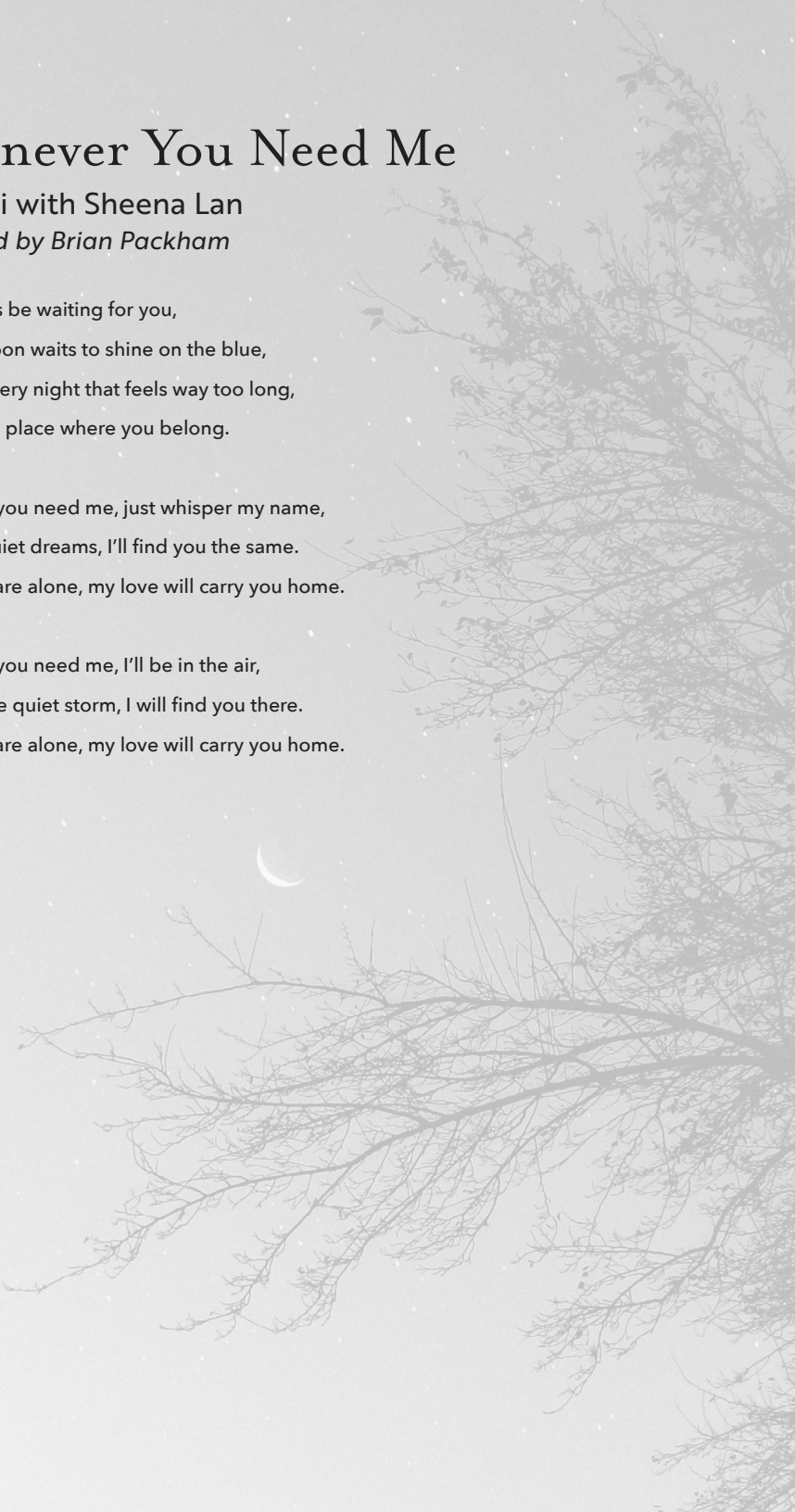
by Eneli with Sheena Lan

Arranged by Brian Packham

I will always be waiting for you,
Like the moon waits to shine on the blue,
Through every night that feels way too long,
I will be the place where you belong.

Whenever you need me, just whisper my name,
Through quiet dreams, I'll find you the same.
When you are alone, my love will carry you home.

Whenever you need me, I'll be in the air,
Through the quiet storm, I will find you there.
When you are alone, my love will carry you home.



There is No Me Without You

by Sarai with Meaghan Heinrich

Arranged by Terry Smirl

I'm grateful for music

I'm grateful for dancing

I'm grateful for playing

And I am so grateful for you

I love you, I love you

Te amo, te amo

Ich lieb' dich, ich lieb' dich

There is no me without you

Our love language is love

Our love language is kisses

Our love language is forgiveness

And I'll always speak our love language with you

I love you, I love you

Te amo, te amo

Ich lieb' dich, ich lieb' dich

There is no me without you

Yo no existo sin ti

Lullaby Project Participants, Performers, and Staff

Songwriter Participants

Chakaris
Desire
Eneli
Farrah
Jessica
Lotus
Margie
Niqua
Sarai

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Paul Hauer*
Meaghan Heinrich
Sheena Lan*
Lijia Phang*
Sabrina Raber
Kai Simone

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Sojourner Family Peace Center*

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*Director of Healing Services,
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*Recording Engineer
Aphorism Productions*

Performing Artists

Robyn Black, tuba*

Jenny Bouton Schaub, flute*

Autumn Chodorowski, violin*

Georgi Todorov Dimitrov, viola*

Teresa Drews, piano

Katelyn Farebrother, voice^

Paul Hauer, violin*

Meaghan Heinrich, voice

Dietrich Hemann, horn*

Ryan Kahlbaugh, drum set

Megumi Kanda, trombone*

Sheena Lan, violin*

Ariel Marks, voice

Miles McConnell, guitar^

Paris Myers, bass*^

Brian Packham, electric bass

Johnny Padilla, tenor saxophone

Kevin Pearl, oboe*

Leah Peavler, voice^

Lijia Phang, violin*

Shinae Ra, cello*

Chris Riggs, percussion*

Kai Simone, voice

Don Sipe, trumpet

Bronte Tani, voice

Fiona Zheng, violin*

Heather Zinninger, flute*

Adrien Zitoun, cello*

Lullaby Songwriter Participants and
their Families

**member of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra*


^member of the MSO Administrative Staff



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