

Valparaiso, IN The South Shore Orchestra of Valparaiso will perform in the Yellow River Cantata Concert, an amazing commemorative event, at Chicago's Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. This event, one of the largest of its kind in the world, is hosted by the Greater Chicago Dong Fang Chinese Performing Arts Association and the Asia Culture Center. The Yellow River Cantata Concert will bring multiple regional choirs from several states and the SSO together to perform **Yellow River Cantata** and other music honoring the victory of the 70th Anniversary of World War II (1945-2015) and the peace that ended the war and occupation in China and Europe.

The highly acclaimed and well-loved **Yellow River Cantata** can be called one of the greatest achievements depicted in song and music. **Yellow River Cantata** reflects a desire to preserve the memory of the events that occurred, to honor those who suffered, and to educate future generations in hopes that it may never happen again. Composed by the late Xian Xing Hai in 1939, it began as a passionate protest towards War, but gradually moved towards a plea for World Peace. It has been sung in many countries all over the world.

Also on the program will be the U.S. and North American premiere of the choral piece **Since We Parted** by British/Polish composer Roxanna Panufnik. **Since We Parted** depicts the power of love using the text of love letters written between a soldier and his wife during the war. Music from the film **Schindler's List**, as well as other pieces reflecting World War II Europe will also be performed.

This large-scale production brings together Chinese choirs from Greater Chicago, as well as Missouri, Kansas, Michigan, Indiana, and Minnesota. The Northwest Indiana Choir composed of Northwest Indiana residents will join them bringing the numbers to hundreds of choristers. The South Shore Orchestra, led by Music Director & Conductor Troy Webdell, will also be led by Chinese guest conductor Cao Ding for **Yellow River Cantata**.

The Yellow River Cantata Concert is a truly unique program that is collaborative, commemorative and celebratory. Come experience the riveting voices and soulful music that will raise spirits at Symphony Center on August 22, 2015.

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The Yellow River Cantata Concert

Time: August 22, 2015, 3PM

Address: Chicago Symphony Center 220 South Michigan Avenue Chicago IL 60604

Ticket Price: \$20 General Admission, \$100 Box Seat

Ticketing: <http://www.dongfangarts.org/shopping/index.php>

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