



THE TABERNACLE CHOIR AT TEMPLE SQUARE

Press Release

9/11 | COMING TOGETHER

A Special 20th Anniversary Commemoration

SALT LAKE CITY – Award winning journalist Jane Clayson Johnson will narrate a special 20th anniversary broadcast with The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square, commemorating how the world united in compassion after the 9/11 tragedy. The 30-minute special, “9/11 | Coming Together,” will be streamed on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 8:46 a.m. (mountain) at the same time the first plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City in 2001. An encore airing of the special will take place on Sunday, September 12 at the usual broadcast time of the Choir’s weekly *Music & the Spoken Word* broadcast.

Johnson is known for her work at CBS News, ABC News, and the NPR program “On Point.” As the events of 9/11 unfolded, Johnson and her co-anchor Bryant Gumbel were at the assignment desk in New York City for the CBS News *The Early Show*.

“Having had a front row seat as a news commentator,” said Johnson, “it is an honor for me to be part of this ‘Coming Together’ special commemorating human kindness during the tragedy of 9/11. In a way, this concert parallels the challenges in today’s world and reminds us that embracing each other with love and respect can help heal the human heart.”

Her commentary introduces music by the Choir and Orchestra from previous *Music & the Spoken Word* broadcasts including, “You Raise Me Up,” “Peace Like a River,” “Wayfaring Stranger,” “Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep,” “One Person,” “Angels Among Us,” and “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”

Interwoven with the music and narration are interviews with people throughout the United States and the world speaking in their own languages about how people united during this difficult time with aid, compassion, understanding, and tolerance for each other.

Mack Wilberg, music director for The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square said, “Music is an integral part of this commemoration because it can touch the human heart in a unique and

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personal way. We hope listeners of this special feel peace, gratitude, love, and closer to the divine.”

Like many, the Choir is forever linked to the catastrophic events of 9/11. On that day, the Choir and Orchestra were scheduled to present a private concert in the Salt Lake Tabernacle to a business convention. Instead, the concert became a public memorial service, as then-Church President Gordon B. Hinckley spoke as part of a program filled with several patriotic selections by the Choir and Orchestra.

Three days later, the Choir performed at two memorial services conducted by the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Salt Lake Tabernacle in observance of a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Since then, the Choir and Orchestra have commemorated the events of 9/11 each year as a reminder of how the world united across cultural boundaries in aid, compassion, and understanding.

Viewing Information

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Time: 8:46 a.m. (mountain): To be streamed at the symbolic time of the first plane crash in to the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City on The Choir’s [YouTube Channel](#), [Facebook page](#), [TheTabernacleChoir.org website](#), as well as [Broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](#), and the BYUtv mobile app.

Additional Times: 9:00 a.m. (mountain) on KSL TV, the BYUtv cable channel and BYUtv.org. and 3:30 p.m. on the BYUtv cable channel and BYUtv.org.

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Encore Stream and Special Broadcast of *Music & the Spoken Word*

Time: 9:30 a.m. (mountain) on the Choir’s [YouTube Channel](#), [Facebook page](#), [TheTabernacleChoir.org website](#), [Broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](#), KSL TV (Channel 5); KSLTV.com, KSLTV mobile app, BYUtv cable channel, BYUtv.org and BYUtv mobile app.

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