



TigerLion Arts  
presents



# THE Dragons Are Singing Tonight

~ the musical tale of a nasty dragon ~  
**A Story and Song Cycle for Children's Chorus**

Lyrics by Jack Prelutsky  
Music by Laurie MacGregor  
Story and Narration by Markell Kiefer

Thursday, May 24, 2012  
11:00 am

Richard R. Green Central Park School  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

## **Starring**

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students of  
**Richard R. Green Central Park School**  
**Northport Elementary School**

## **Featuring**

Isabella Dawis, narrator

Julie Johnson, bass flute, flute, piccolo,	Emily Gerard, harp, percussion
Doug Haining, alto sax, clarinet	Todd Price, piano
David Wright III, tenor sax	Gary Raynor, string bass, electric bass
Dave Graf, trombone	Nathan Norman, drum set, congas
Don Stille, accordion	Randy Martens, timpani, percussion
Elena Orsak, violin, viola	Kylan Duff, percussion

**Conducted by Laurie MacGregor**

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## Prologue

Summoning the Dragons Julie Johnson, bass flute

## Once They All Believed in Dragons

Dragon Ballad Isabella Dawis, soloist

## I Am Waiting Waiting Waiting

Dragon Reggae 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

## Nasty Little Dragonsong

Slow Dragon Swing 3rd Grade

## I Have a Dozen Dragons

Lively Dragon Swing 4th Grade

## If You Don't Believe in Dragons

Dragon Ballad 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades  
Lillian Allsman, Darius Muhen,  
Mary Ngo, soloists

## My Dragon's Been Disconsolate

Dragon Round 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

## I Wish I Had a Dragon

Dragon Rock 5th Grade

## My Dragon Wasn't Feeling Good

Dragon Blues Richard Arce Rojas, Jasenia Leon,  
Margret Myers-Guy, Cecelia Nichols,  
Diarylin Sosa Ortiz

## A Dragon Is in My Computer

Menacing Dragon Swing 5th Grade

## I Have a Secret Dragon

Lively Dragon Swing II 3rd Grade

## I Am My Master's Dragon

Dragon Ballad Bryce Bonine, soloist

## I Made a Mechanical Dragon

Dragon Cha Cha Cha 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

## A Dragon's Lament

Dragon Foxtrot 4th Grade

## **I Am Boom!**

Dragon Tango

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

## **Once They All Believed in Dragons (Reprise)**

Dragon Ballad

Isabella Dawis, soloist  
Lillian Allsman, Jose Alvarado,  
Eunice Balogun, Abel Bediye, Alicia  
Collins, Johnny De La Paz Jimenez,  
Avis Eason, Joseph Gonzalez,  
Angelo Harris, Lola Jeffries,  
Berenize Mendez-Perez,  
Geanou Moua, Nancy Nguyen,  
Joshua Onye Kwere, Kao Raduenz,  
Kayla Thao, Seth Thao, Stacy Vang,  
Betsy Vergara Blas, Kaozoua Yang

## **The Dragons Are Singing Tonight**

Dragon Waltz

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

Joannie Amaro, Jordan Carter,  
Jennifer Del Rio Castaneda,  
Jaylon Johnson, soloists

The composer thanks the children and the *Dragons* Band, as well as residency artists Julie Johnson and Mark Johnson, and music educators Corina Miller (Green Central Park) and Kristin Hiykel (Northport) for their collaboration, musicianship, and excellence in teaching.

## **Production Staff**

Sound by Phillip O'Toole

Technical assistance by Tyson Forbes

TigerLion Arts videography by Kevin Obsatz

Green Central Park videography by Jeremy Mattson

Photography by Muffy MacMillan

Dragon t-shirt design by Sky Brooks

Music Educators – Corina Miller and Kristin Hiykel

Production Assistant - Julie Steiner

Executive Producer and Residency Coordinator - Laurie MacGregor

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## TigerLion Arts celebrates the Year of the Dragon in 2012

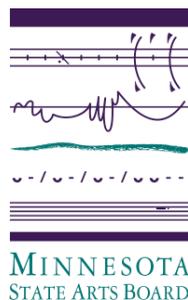
*The Dragons Are Singing Tonight* School Residency Program is presented by TigerLion Arts in conjunction with its world premiere musical adaptation of Jack Prelutsky's award-winning book of dragon poems. To kick off the program, the children in grades 3-5 from Green Central Park and Northport attended matinee performances of the show at the Southern Theater in February, with funding provided by the Target Field Trip Grants program.

In March, more than a thousand students in grades K-5 and grade 7 worked with artists from **Puppet Farm Arts** and **In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre** to create a variety of dragon puppets using recycled materials. Children marched their dragons in school parades at the end of the residencies.

In April and May, **Minnesota Boychoir** director Mark Johnson, *Dragons* flutist Julie Johnson, and *Dragons* composer Laurie MacGregor worked with music educators to prepare the children for this performance of *The Dragons Are Singing Tonight*. The young singers are accompanied by the musical production's original *Dragons* Band.



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Tyson Forbes and Julie Steiner for transporting the instruments

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Green Central Park Board Staff  
Green Central Park and Northport 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Staff  
Green Central Phys. Ed. Staff Tonyus Chavers and Diane Krueger, for use of the gym  
Green Central Park Lunch Staff - Mary Rogers  
Green Central Park Parent Liaison - Braulio Carrasco  
Vocal Music Student Teacher - Lynette Simpson  
Concert Volunteers - Nancy Gibson, Emmie Hester, and Muffy MacMillan