JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Music by LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Arranged by CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

in collaboration with **KELSEI PEPPARS**







About the Work

Known all over the world, Beethoven's melody already makes its listeners smile with joy upon hearing its first few notes. This arrangement seeks to heighten that excitement by creating a rhythmic and melodic playfulness from both violin and piano. Loud fanfares encompass both ends of the work, and the melody receives a jocular rhythmic change in its original form while also utilizing meter changes of the atypical 7/8 and the compound 6/8 to sustain that new feel. This will be a joyful experience for all!

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee is included in the collection:

Great is E. bout the Arranger Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard. In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame. currently serves as the pianist a Mr. Alexander rimary w Generation Singers, a Christ arranger for aging d in St. Joseph, Missouri. H mber of youth § DA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Tpha Sinfonia NAtN senducting events on available for commissions



Kelsei Peppars is a Nashville-based violinist and is skilled in both commercial and classical styles. She is very active in both the recording and live music scenes in Nashville as a violinist and as a vocalist. Most recently she concluded her graduate studies, and now holds a master's degree in commercial violin performance from Belmont University. Originally from Saint Joseph, Missouri, she is incredibly grateful to be a part of this project.

Kelsei's credits a a session musician includes recording with video games, and commercials. Some artists, for films her Copenand, David Phelps, Kenny Lattimore favorites a ckham, Zach Bryan, Paw Patrol Disney, Tomlin the Air, and Thursday Night Korball. As a live elsei has gotten to work with y Nichole, cfo. me Michael Bublé, Smokey Robinson, Cocy Ny, Ben Rector, Notaie Grant, Matt Maher, the Belonging Co Worship, Nicole C. Mullen, and Suitcase out, to name a few. She has so appeared in numerous vid os and live recordings as a vocalist with Phil Wir shar he Wilson, Cody Karnes, Kari Jobe, Women orship, and the Belonging Co Worship.

Whether it's playing in a professional symphony orchestra, touring with an artist, or recording in the studio, Kelsei is incredibly grateful for every opportunity and gives all glory to God. She is thankful she gets to make a living doing what she loves...and share this beautiful gift with others.

To find more vocal and instrumental works of Christopher Alexander, visit <u>www.cantareworks.com</u>.





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