



ANNUAL COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

WAGE PEACE!

Thursday, October 25, 2012

**Boudreaux's,
2647 Government, Baton Rouge, LA**

\$20 tickets (*Available at the Interfaith Federation office*)
Breakfast Served at 7:00 am (*doors open at 6:30 am*)

Keynote Speaker Dr. Robert Kyr is a distinguished American composer, writer, and filmmaker. He has created twelve symphonies, three chamber symphonies, and a wide range of works for vocal ensembles of all types. He has received commissions from numerous music organizations from throughout the United States and world.

Kyr holds degrees from Yale (B.A., 1974), University of Pennsylvania (M.A. 1978), and Harvard (Ph.D., 1989). Currently, he is Professor of Composition and Theory at the University of Oregon, School of Music. He directs the renowned Oregon Bach Festival Composers Symposium.

Kyr is a peacemaker who understands the power of music to wage peace, provide healing, and bring people together. Each year, he goes on a retreat in the desert to compose symphonies.

Excerpts

from The Wall St. Journal (1/26/11)

"Sunday's closing concert featured the music of Bach and all four of Mr. Kyr's new responses . . . The audience responded Sunday, as it did after each concert, with a prolonged standing ovation. The singers bowed. Messrs. Kyr and Johnson embraced. But perhaps the most telling moment happened a few seconds earlier, in the brief pause after the last notes faded and Mr. Johnson kept his arms aloft, accompanied by the beautiful, mysterious silence of several hundred rapt musicians and listeners, breathing together."

From National Public Radio:

"By the end of the concert series, a breathless writer for the Wall Street Journal had called Kyr's cantata 'Songs of the Soul' a powerful new achievement in American music. But perhaps the greatest compliment was the response from the sold-out audiences who sat in mesmerized silence every night. After the last show, fans went up to the composer in the foyer. 'Magnificent, just sterlingly beautiful,' said one. 'I heard it last night, I wasn't planning on coming back, but it was so lovely!' exclaimed another. And still another told the composer, 'That was wonderful. I've been waiting all my life to hear music like that.'"

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