



WASHINGTON WOMEN

a choral cycle by David Chase and Judith Clurman

ESSENTIAL VOICES USA
Judith Clurman, conductor
Lee Musiker, piano
Raman Ramakrishnan, cello

Scores published by Hal Leonard

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1	THE ESSENCE OF AMERICA - Condoleezza Rice	2:13
2	FOR CENTURIES NOW - Elena Kagan	2:41
3	FREEDOM - Eleanor Roosevelt/Hillary Rodham Clinton/Betty Ford	1:41
4	THOSE OF US WHO SHOUT - Margaret Chase Smith	2:10
5	IN THE FIELD OF EQUAL RIGHTS - Shirley Chisholm	2:39
6	WE PRIDE OURSELVES - Laura Bush	2:03
7	WE NOT ONLY DREAM - Kamala Harris/Nancy Pelosi	2:32
8	IT IS NECESSARY - Sandra Day O'Connor	2:48
9	REMEMBER THE LADIES - Abigail Adams	1:38
10	IT TOOK ME QUITE A LONG TIME - Madeleine Albright	2:17
11	BELIEVE - Barbara Bush	2:18
12	I AM EVER HOPEFUL/I WANT A PRESIDENT - Ruth Bader Ginsburg/Michelle Obama	5:11

Washington Women is a collection of musical settings of iconic texts taken from speeches, opinions, and interviews of sixteen remarkable women from across the political spectrum, all of whom spent a time of their lives associated with Washington DC—First Ladies, Senators, Congresswomen, Supreme Court Justices, Secretaries of State, Vice President, and Speak of the House of Representatives.

Delayed by COVID-19, the World Premiere took place on July 1, 2022, when six movements were performed on National Public Radio's Tiny Desk Concert series. Judith Clurman conducted her *Essential Voices USA*, with Tedd Firth on piano and Raman Ramakrishnan on cello.

Texts by Abigail Adams, Madeleine Albright, Barbara Bush, Laura Bush, Shirley Chisholm, Hilary Rodham Clinton, Betty Ford, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Kamala Harris, Elena Kagan, Michelle Obama, Sandra Day O'Connor, Nancy Pelosi, Condoleezza Rice, Eleanor Roosevelt, Margaret Chase Smith

NPR Tiny Desk Premiere with Tom Huizenga Josh Rogosin, Audio Recording & Mix Engineer



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American Academy of Arts and Letter, New York City
Silas Brown, Producer and Engineer
Jeremy Kinney, Assistant Engineer

ESSENTIAL VOICES USA, Judith Clurman, Conductor
Joseph Beutel, Margery Daley, Paul D’Arcy, Marc Day, Margaret Dudley, Dominic Inferrera, Linda Jones,
Helen Karloski, Daniela Katok-Ahlbin, Drew Martin, Heather Petrie, Jamet Pittman, Gregory Purnhagen, Mikki
Sodergren, Kirsten Sollek, Michael Steinberger, Lee Steiner, Elisa Singer Strom, Tommy Wazelle, Lewis White
choral apprentices Maria Becvar and Nicholas Harbison,
student choral apprentices: Haley Abbot and Solange Gosselin

Lee Musiker, piano
Raman Ramakrishnan, cello

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Silas Brown, Producer and Engineer
Jeremy Kinney, Assistant Engineer

ESSENTIAL VOICES USA, Judith Clurman, Conductor
Joseph Beutel, Tracey Cowart, Margery Daley, Paul D’Arcy, Wendy Gilles, Chloe Holgate, Amy Justman,
Helen Karloski, Steven Moore, Neil Netherly, Heather Petrie, Jamet Pittman, Gregory Purnhagen, Eric
Sorrels, Elisa Singer Strom, Jason Weisinger, Katherine Weissinger-Bozic

Raman Ramakrishnan, cello

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