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Artists: Children's Chorus of Washington,
 featuring Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer,
 Kim & Reggie Harris
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Children's Chorus of Washington The Great American Folksong

The musical magic of the traditional American folksong is brought to life with the release of *The Great American Folksong*, new choral versions of classic songs that for years have knit together the fabric of the American musical experience. The album is performed by the world renowned Children's Chorus of Washington under the direction of Joan Gregoryk and the musical guidance of multi-GRAMMY® award winning children's and folk musicians Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, lending not only their instruments and voices, but also many of the choral arrangements.

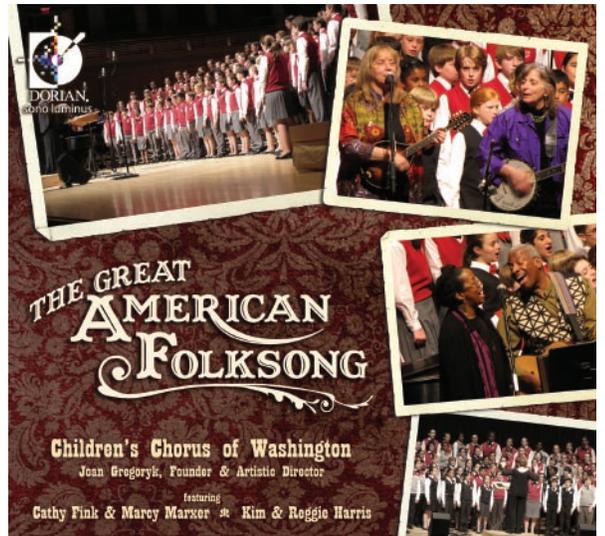
Folk music tells the story of America, of its settlement and Western expansion "from sea to shining sea." It chronicles the struggles of those who migrated here, often reflecting the cultures from which they came. Folk songs are especially suitable for children for their authenticity, strong narrative, and simple and infectious melodies. This project focuses on newly published folk song arrangements, from beginning to advanced levels for school and community ensembles. The GRAMMY® award-winning folk duo Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer join Joan Gregoryk in presenting and teaching folksong-based choral arrangements using traditional instruments, such as the banjo, mandolin, and guitar, demonstrating how these instruments or piano accompaniment can be used in performance. The magnificent musical duo of Kim & Reggie Harris also lend their delightful sound to this collection of new arrangements of old favorites.

Now celebrating its 15th season, the Children's Chorus of Washington (CCW) is one of the finest children's choral ensembles in the country, recognized nationally and internationally for its program and artistic excellence. Their students study and perform quality choral literature, form a dedicated community of young musicians from diverse backgrounds, and grow as individuals and artists through the musical experience. CCW comprises four performing ensembles and draws its choristers from over 90 public and private schools in the greater Washington area. The Chorus provides exceptional educational and performance opportunities for its young singers, produces its own concerts, sings regularly with the National Symphony Orchestra and adult choruses, and performs in prestigious venues such as the Kennedy Center and the White House.

Joan Gregoryk, Founder & Artistic Director, is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of children's vocal music. Her work has won her considerable acclaim as well as invitations to perform domestically and abroad. She is in constant demand as a workshop leader and teacher of best practices, as well as a guest conductor throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer are multiple GRAMMY® Award winners specializing in folk and roots music for audiences of all ages. An eclectic folk festival on their own terms, they have entertained the Queen of Thailand, sung at the White House Easter Egg Roll, performed at hundreds of folk festivals, appeared on the Today Show and on National Public Radio. Cathy & Marcy have released over fifty recordings, contributed to film scores and created music for a variety of literacy and academic curriculums. This recording debuts their work as choral arrangers.

Kim & Reggie Harris are musicians, storytellers, song leaders and activists inspiring others for over 30 years. From the 1982 release of *Music and the Underground Railroad* to their recent *Get on Board*, these Philadelphia, PA natives have been passionate pioneers and contributors to the canon of the world music community. Their music and educational materials are used in school and historical settings worldwide.



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1. Oh! Susanna	3:00	11. Bowling Green	2:48
2. High On a Mountain	3:35	12. Row de Boat	3:47
3. Somos El Barco (We Are The Boat)	5:00	13. De Colores (Of Colors)	2:23
4. Trampin'	4:15	14. The Cuckoo	3:22
5. Railroadin' On the Great Divide	3:11	15. Up Over My Head	5:18
6. Colinda	2:17	16. Psalm of Life	3:20
7. I Ride An Old Paint	3:38	17. I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	2:19
8. Mayim, Mayim	2:14	18. Ride On, King Jesus	2:32
9. A Tisket, A Tasket	2:29	19. Ain't You Got A Right	4:10
10. One Little Step	1:44		

Total Playing Time – 61:22

