

Musicians Network Vision Day
A Vision for the Arts
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I have a vision for the people of God - the singers and musicians of God - to transform opera houses and concert halls into places of worship. That does not mean transforming them into churches, but we are the church, and we carry God's kingdom with us wherever we go! I have a vision of musicians invading spaces and bringing with us the presence of God that we carry in us and on us! We are temples of the Holy Spirit. We are royal priests of the most High.

I have a vision that, just like a hospital, people will flock to the theaters and concert halls in order to mend their hearts, their pains. They will find relief and peace. They will find hope and motivation that cannot be explained other than the presence of God.

I have a vision that the spaces where we work and perform will be lighthouses - beacons of light for the city, and that the darkness currently around these spaces will start to melt and run away in the strength of the light of the presence of God.

And I have a vision that these operas houses and performing spaces will be the ultimate places of collaboration. This is where all of the arts will meet and converge.

I see all arts disciplines working together in one family, or a series of families, in order to create seamless art - a celebration of music and theater.

I can see revival breaking out in an opera. The plot/story having to pause in order for spontaneous worship and audience participation to join in. People being in awe and weeping during the singing and during the music.

I see a theater filled with angels and angelic activity. People receiving physical healing during an opera - deaf ears being opening. Even hair growing back into place and becoming thicker. The presence of God growing thick and tangible. And even building up in a space over time as we inhabit them with his presence.

I can see instruments turning into Stradivariuses. Rare, expensive editions emerging from old, worn, inferior instruments. I can see tired, muscled singing being transformed into the most beautiful sounds ever heard, because the presence of God is changing it, holding it. The angels will sing along with us, so that it will seem as if the room is filled with surround sound voices.

People will enter the hall with anxiety, fear, anger, and even suicidal tendencies and depression. And they will leave changed - the Holy Spirit changing them. It will start to become known that you can enter the concert hall or opera house and leave a changed person. Like a healing chamber - with healing waves washing over you. Like a womb - holding and healing. And I see intercessors before, during, and after performances - covering performers and audiences with their prayers – holding them up before God. And ministry teams who will be prepared and trained to speak and pray with people wanting to give their lives to Jesus, people wanting to find a church where they can experience more of his presence, and where they can learn about the Great Creator. And gifts will also be given through impartation during performances - the ability to create music, write music, sing music, play music. People could leave with a musical impartation, and find that they can do more at home than they could before. Even professional musicians will seek to sojourn there in order to receive an impartation of unexplainable skill, beauty in playing, and dexterity.

I see a New Great Renaissance coming hand in hand with a New Great Revival. A great harvest of souls beginning at the same time as a new flowering of the Arts and Culture rolled out in the world, making God's name famous.

And JOY will be infused in classical music culture and performance – extreme joy, bubbling over from the Throne Room of Heaven. I see us taking a peek into the sights and sounds heaven and help to realize them on earth.

I'm not satisfied with how things are, because I know that where we have longings and desires, God has solutions. He has designed us to desire greatness, to desire beauty, to desire goodness, and to desire truth.

We've only seen a shadow of what is to come and he's teaching us how to lean into heaven - to listen in to what is being played and sung. To hear it, replicate it - here on earth as it is in Heaven. I see us dwelling in both places at once - seated with Him in heavenly places - listening in to the sounds coming from the Throne Room of God - where there is unlimited resource and commissioning of music. And also seated in our homes, our jobs, and our families; in the practice room, the rehearsal room, and the performance space. We can crawl up on Daddy's lap in the libraries of heaven, and write out songs, melodies, and words. We can listen in to heaven's orchestras and play along. We can tap into the score - as a group - and play harmoniously, reading the same score in the spirit. I see us hosting God's presence and releasing into the atmosphere through our sounds and our spirits. We can rest in the goodness and provision of God.

This vision can start with putting on the earring of God in the practice room and listening to these melodies, harmonies, and rhythms of heaven. Then writing these down and sharing these with others in collaboration and development. It can start from daily

coming to God for heart surgery, and letting him examine us and start to heal the wounds that we've shoved deep down inside of us.

It can start with one person, birthing and nurturing others, and growing it into a family. A family can birth more nurturers and then we have several families. This vision can start with new content coming out of musical communities.

We carry the presence of God - we are like lovely sanctuaries of God's presence! As our spirit connects with God's Spirit, we are led by Him and filled more and more. And this sanctuary is with us where ever we go.

"God of Heaven's Armies,
you find so much beauty in your people!
They're like lovely sanctuaries of your presence." (Ps 84:1 TPT)

We desire deeply to live in union with our God. To live in wholeness. The songs that we sing - the melodies that we play - on stages, in our living rooms, in our hearts - spill out of a place of being near to God - singing and worshipping with joyful songs.

"So deep within me are these lovesick longings,
desires and daydreams of living in union with you.
When I'm near you my heart and my soul
will sing and worship with my joyful songs of you,
my true Source and Spring of life!" (Ps 84:2 TPT)

"What pleasure fills those who live every day in your temple,
enjoying you as they worship in your presence!" (Ps 84:4 TPT)

Yes!!! This is what I want to be a part of!! This is what my heart speaks of!! This is what God is calling me to and us to!!