# Timothy C. Takach

# Hungry

from This is How You Love

for a cappella SATB choir

Commissioned and composed for The Esoterics and Eric Banks, Founding Director, for the first program of The Esoterics' 25th concert season, DĒLECTŌ, with partial support from a grant by the National Endowment for the Arts.



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#### Text:

Pulled hot from the dryer, the flannel sheets turn our bed

into a cocoon, a refuge where hungry bodies blend.

See how the years together have turned us softer, and sweet.

And still, there is the keen blade of our desire, that constant heat.

When our twin bodies meet under the blankets.

we recognize one another in a world beyond language,

hand to hand, mouth to mouth, pressed tightly together as we sleep.

We're much alike, yet still unique. When we share a bed, we sing.

- William Reichard, used with permission

### From the Composer:

This is an excerpted movement from the larger work *This is How You Love*, a piece written collaboratively with composer Jocelyn Hagen. In that multi-movement work, we created the libretto and wrote each movement together, but we also got to write our own piece, and this is mine.

One of the parameters we set up for *This is How You Love* was that we didn't want to mention gender anywhere in the piece. While that was the best decision for the piece, it did exclude some of our favorite poems from the libretto, including one that was pretty sexy. For a piece about relationships, we didn't want to leave that physical element out. So I called up William Reichard, a Twin Cities poet with whom I've collaborated before, and asked him to write a new text for this spot, and he said yes. He sent me "Hungry" and it was perfect.

There's an incessant harmonic progession in this piece that is an underpinning for the whole story - a repetitive yearning. The changes in tempo outline an arc, rising and falling with the intensity of the text.

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Reviewed as "gorgeous" (Washington Post) and "stunning" (Lawrence Journal-World), the music of Timothy C. Takach has risen fast in the concert world. Applauded for his melodic lines and rich, intriguing harmonies, Takach has received commissions from various organizations including the the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, St. Olaf Band, Cantus, Pavia Winds, Lorelei Ensemble, VocalEssence, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, The Rose Ensemble, and numerous high school and university choirs. His compositions have been performed on A Prairie Home Companion, The Boston Pops holiday tour, multiple All-State and festival programs and at venues such as the Library of Congress, Kennedy Center and Royal Opera House Muscat. Takach has received grants from the American Composers Forum, Meet the Composer, Minnesota State Arts Board, Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, and ASCAP.

He is a co-creator of the theatrical production of All is Calm: the Christmas Truce of 1914, by Peter Rothstein. The critically adored show has had over 100 performances since its premiere in 2006. He was also selected for the 2014 Nautilus Music-Theater Composer-Librettist Studio.

Takach studied music composition at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, where he graduated with honors. He has frequent work as a composer-in-residence, presenter, clinician and lecturer for conventions, schools and organizations across the country. He is a full-time composer and lives in Minneapolis with his wife and two sons.

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