

SATB divisi choir, cello and piano

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### TEXT:

it's okay
if you're burning
with anger
or sadness
or both
it is necessary
for you to collapse
so you can learn
how phoenixes are
reborn
when they burn
and rise again
from the ashes of
their existence

survival is not beautiful it is fire, ache, and everything that hurts combined

but the survivors know how after survival everything is so insanely beautiful

~ Noor Unnahar

### ABOUT THE POET:

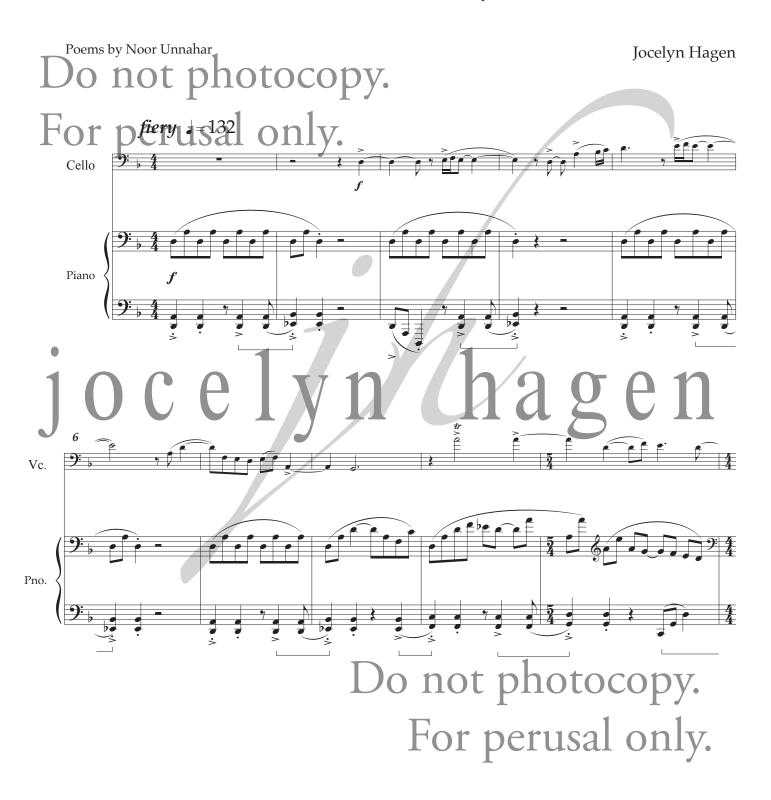
Hailing from the city of Karachi, Noor Unnahar is a pioneering creative voice associated with the international publication and social media industry with over 6 years of experience. She received her BFA from the esteemed institution of Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture in 2022, where she was the recipient of Dr. Salim Uz Zaman award for the best Final Research Paper for her undergrad research. Her work has been recognized globally



and continues to grow across the continents. Her poetry has been translated into a number of languages, which include published translations of her debut collection Yesterday I Was the Moon (Penguin Random House, 2018) in Dutch (Gisteren Was Ik De Maan, MUSE, 2019) and Chinese (Pan Press, 2021). Her latest collection of poetry New Names for Lost Things was published in October 2021 by Andrews McMeel and continues to bring raving reviews from readers around the world. A number of poems from New Names for Lost Things have been translated into Albanian and published in PEN International (Kosovo) magazine (JUNE 2022).

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# Jocelyn Hagen



Jocelyn Hagen composes music that has been described as "simply magical" (Fanfare Magazine) and "dramatic and deeply moving" (Star Tribune, Minneapolis/St. Paul). She is a pioneer in the field of composition, pushing the expectations of musicians and audiences with large-scale multimedia works, electro-acoustic music, dance, opera, and publishing. Her first forays into composition were via songwriting, still very evident in her work. The majority of her compositions are for the voice: solo, chamber and choral. Her melodic music is rhythmically driven and texturally complex, rich in color and deeply heartfelt.

In 2019 and 2020, choirs and orchestras across the country are premiering her multimedia symphony *The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci* that includes video projections created by a team of visual artists, highlighting da Vinci's spectacular drawings, inventions, and texts. Hagen describes her process of

composing for choir, orchestra and film simultaneously in a Tedx Talk given at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, now available on YouTube. Her dance opera collaboration with choreographer Penelope Freeh, *Test Pilot*, received the 2017 American Prize in the musical theater/opera division as well as a Sage Award for "Outstanding Design." The panel declared the work "a tour de force of originality."

In 2013 Hagen released an EP entitled MASHUP, in which she performs Debussy's "Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum" while singing Ed Sheeran's "The A Team." She is also one half of the band Nation, an a cappella duo with composer/performer Timothy C. Takach, and together they perform and serve as clinicians for choirs from all over the world.

Hagen's commissions include Conspirare, the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Orchestra, the International Federation of Choral Music, the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota, Georgia, Connecticut and Texas, the North Dakota Music Teachers Association, Cantus, the Boston Brass, the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra and the St. Olaf Band, among many others. Her work is independently published through JH Music, as well as through Graphite Publishing, G. Schirmer, ECS Publishing, Fred Bock Music Publishing, Santa Barbara Music Publishing, and Boosey and Hawkes.

# Independently published choral works by Jocelyn Hagen:

Agnus Dei, from Ashes of Roses April and the Sun Benedictus, from amass Divine Image Endless Forgotten I Saw Two Clouds at Morning Ladies in Green Moon Goddess Numeri Atque Voces On My Dreams Ophelia Prayer Salve, Regina Sanctus, from amass Someone Will Remember Us Trees Need Not Walk the Earth Veni, Sancte Spiritus

TTB div. a cappella, Bar. solo SATB a cappella choir SSAATTBB a cappella choir, SATB soli treble choir, women's choir, SSATB choir, oboe and piano SATB choir, 2 violins and piano SSA choir, oboe and piano SSAATTBB a cappella choir SSA choir and piano SSA choir, 4-hand piano, percussion TTBB and SATB choirs SATB div. choir, piano, opt. trap set SATB a cappella choir SA div. choir, violin and piano SSA a cappella choir SSATBB a cappella choir, SA soli SSAA choir, violin, viola, cello and harp SATB choir, piano, marimba & rain stick SATB a cappella choir

## Extended works for chorus

Ashes of Roses (48') amass (65') Here I Am (45') The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci (35') Songs for Muska (70') Swimming Into Winter (17') requiem for SATB choir, orchestra, and soloists SATB choir, STB soli, cello solo, cello quartet, guitar and percussion trio SATB choir, treble choir, S solo, chamber ensemble & illuminated portraits SATB choir, orchestra or chamber orchestra, video projections SATB choir, soloists, violin, cello, mandolin, harp, 2 percussionists SATB (divisi) choir, winds and percussion