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“A World War I Memorial in Song”

U.S. tour of acclaimed operatic tribute begins in Naperville on Sept. 28;

“Refreshingly, marvelously different.” – The Washington Post

Wheaton, Ill., August 22, 2018 — Tickets are on sale now for “A World War I Memorial in Song” at Naperville’s Wentz Concert Hall on Friday, September 28, at 7:30 pm.

In this highly acclaimed program, presented by the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, baritone John Brancy and pianist Peter Dugan pay homage to the centennial of World War I through the music of composers who lived through, fought in and died in the Great War.

Brancy and Dugan debuted “A World War I Memorial in Song” in 2014 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. The program includes works by George Butterworth, Maurice Ravel, Claude Debussy and Ivor Gurney. The collaborators, both Juilliard School graduates, perform the music with exceptional energy and passion, applying their artistry to bring the fading legacy of WWI to life for modern audiences.

Both artists maintain lively and unique individual careers. Brancy has performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and on tour with Glyndebourne Opera. Dugan has performed as a soloist with Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony, and in duo collaborations with violinists Itzhak Perlman and Joshua Bell.

Tickets are available at the Wentz Hall box office, [online](#) or by calling 630.637.7469. Regular admission is \$28. Students and seniors are \$25.

[Wentz Hall](#) is the first stop on Brancy and Dugan’s U.S. tour. Stops following Naperville include Stanford University, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy and the Smithsonian Institute.

More information, including audio and video clips, is available online at memorialinsong.com.

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About the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, fully renovated in 2017 and part of Robert R. McCormick Foundation, promotes public learning about America’s military heritage and affairs through the history of the “Big Red One”—the famed 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. It stands in tribute to all who have served our country in the armed forces. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public, houses the museum’s library, archival and photo collections. Visit the museum online at fdmuseum.org.