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# STEPHEN POWELL, BARITONE+PIANO WHY DO THE NATIONS

#### It's easy to feel hopeless these days. Just look around.

TEGRO

The planet is warming, with consequences—fires, floods, and droughts—that verge on biblical. A microscopic menace with a name out of science fiction—COVID-19—brings our lives to a halt. Authoritarianism and hatred stomp across the globe, the footsteps echoing the ugliest moments of history.

### Can music mend this madness?

#### Probably not.

Can music compel us to feel, impel us to think, inspire us to act?

That is the purpose of this album. **WHY DO THE NATIONS** is a collection of 27 art songs from 11 nations. These songs bear the imprint of their country of origin yet also speak to the universal themes that can heal a broken world-love and longing, of peace and possibility. -Stephen Powell

