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Sonoma State University Department of Music Presents

Concert Choir, SonoVoce, and Chamber Choir Awakenings!

Friday, April 19, 2024 8:00 pm Schroeder Hall

PROGRAM

CONCERT CHOIR

Ad Astra Jacob Narvarud (b. 1986)

Ave maris stella José Maurício Nunes Garcia (1767-1830)

Rachelle Davis, Violin I Tammie Dyer, Violin II Gwyneth Davis, Cello Yvonne Wormer, organ

On My Dreams Jocelyn Hagen (b. 1980)

Stardust B.E. Boykin (b. 1989)

Colin Bartlett, djembe

CHAMBER CHOIR

Remembrances of Love James McCray (1938-2024)

Movement I Come to Me Movement III Remember Me

> Charlie Whitaker, solo Dan Levitan, harp

Starstuff Charlie Whitaker (b. 1994)

SONOVOCE

Baciai per haver vita Vittoria Aleotti (c. 1575-after 1620)

T'amo mi amor

O, Primavera! Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Dieu! Qui la fait bon regarder Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

From Trois Chansons de Charles d'Orleans

CHAMBER CHOIR

Salut Printemps Claude Debussy

Krista Wigle, soprano

- INTERMISSION -

CHAMBER CHOIR

Cantata No. 4 Christ Lag in Todesbanden

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sinfonia

Versus I Chorus Versus II Chorus Versus III Solo

Alexander Pletkin, tenor

Versus IV Chorus Versus V Solo

Rodrigo Castillo, baritone

Versus VI Duet

Krista Wigle, soprano Sam Martin, tenor

Versus VII Chorale

Rachelle Davis, Violin I Tammie Dyer, Violin II Beth Heid, Viola I Sabine Hirsohn, Viola II Gwyneth Davis, Cello Dan Cromeenes, organ

COMBINED CHOIRS

My Gentle Harp Irish tune: "Londonderry Air" Arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)

PERSONNEL

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Dan Cromeenes and Yvonne Wormer, piano & organ
Dan Levitan, harp
Rachelle Davis & Tammie Dyer, Violin
Beth Heid and Sabine Hirsohn, Viola
Gwyneth Davis, Cello
Colin Bartlett, Djembe

CONCERT CHOIR

Soprano

Madelynn Ballard Emma Becker Ashlyn Brown Jenna De Bord Molly Faria Rylee Jacobs Lindsey Lopeman Karly Miller Phoebe Moser

Alto

Nora Sarault

Paulina Vaclay

Brenna Wahl

Christina Chase
Agape Figueroa
Shayna Heron
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Avery Terra
Grace Victor

Tenor

Estella Zea

Tavyn Eifertsen John Kirk Brian Poole Corwin James Wilson

Bass

Connor Canavan Jeremy Griffin Josh Lovell Parker Oria Kyle Piet Hunter Richison Nicholas Sullivan Zander Voge

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June Ivanetich*+
Amanda Kreklau
Ash McDonald*
Jennifer Silvera
Izzy Smithson*
Abigail Summers

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Rachel Archambault
Marge Limbert
Maggie Millard*
Julianne Nguyen*
Kaitlyn Price*
Molly Roth*
Amy Saunders
Margaret Starr
Charlie Whitaker*+

Tenor

Charlie Gomez*
John Kirk*
Sam Martin*+
Alexander Pletkin*
Patrick Swallow*

Bass

Sebastian Bradford Rodrigo Castillo Ethan Chiu* Kyle Piet* Jim Roth*+ David Taber*

TEXTS, TRANSLATIONS, & PROGRAM NOTES

Ad Astra

Text by Jacob Narverud, based on the state motto of Kansas

Ad astra per aspera. To the stars through difficulties. Sursum. Look upward.

When you're tired and troubled And you have lost your way, Don't let hard times lead you astray.

Though you may be weary, Just know you're not alone, For the stars will guide you home.

Mover deinceps.

Move forward.

Sine cura, post omnes.

Leave all cares behind

Ave, maris stella Marian Vesper Hymn

Ave, maris stella,
Hail, star of the sea
Dei mater alma,
Nurturing mother of God
atque semper virgo,
And ever virgin
Felix cæli Porta.
Happy gate of heaven.

Nicknamed the "Brazilian Mozart," José Maurício Nunes Garcia was an Afro-Brazilian composer of the Classical era. He was a prolific composer of both sacred and secular music. Over 240 of Garcia's works have survived, however, much of his music has also been lost. Thankfully, his music in recent years has experienced a resurgence as more conductors and historians have made it their mission to unearth and perform music by previously underrepresented composers.

On My Dreams

He wishes for the cloths of heaven W.B. Yeats (1865-1923)

Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths, Enwrought with golden and silver light, The blue and the dim and the dark cloths Of night and light and the half-light, I would spread the cloths under your feet: But I, being poor, have only my dreams; I have spread my dreams under your feet; Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

Stardust

Poem: Brittny Ray Crowell

If we are only stardust Let your names reach to the sky above us

Like petals wafting on a breeze We lift you up beyond our reach

"Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe" Amen, Amen "Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe" We say your names

If we are only stardust
May your blood never be in vain

Like petals wafting on a breeze We lift you up beyond our reach

"Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe" Amen, Amen "Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe" We say your names

Each day we grieve another face Maybe all this stardust Will carry us home one day To a home where we can run A home where we can pray A home where we can breathe, To sleep and dream without fear— Is justice this far away? We cry your names For the strength to keep on fighting With the hope that you are flying

"Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe" Stardust

In "Stardust," the singers call for "a home where we can run" in memory of Ahmaud Arbery, "a home where we can pray" in memory of the victims of the Mother Emanuel shooting, "a home where we can breathe" in memory of George Floyd, and a home "to sleep and dream without fear" in memory of Breonna Taylor. When we sing, we pray twice, and it is my prayer that this piece stirs all who hear it to call for justice for the people of color taken from this world before their time and without concern for their humanity. "If we are only stardust, let your names reach to the sky above us. Like petals wafting on a breeze, we lift you up beyond our reach."

- Marcus J. Jauregui, choir director

From the poet, Brittny Ray Crowell:

"Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe"

These are the "magic words" from Virginia Hamilton's "The People Could Fly." There is no actual translation for it, although it has some similarities to some African language dialects. The lack of translation may have been Hamilton's way of showing how most of the Africans lost access to their ability to fly due to being enslaved and removed from their culture."

Remembrances of Love Come to Me

From Echo by Christina Rossetti
Come to me in the silence of the night;
Come in the speaking silence of a dream;
Come with soft rounded cheeks and eyes as bright
As sunlight on a stream;
Come back in tears,
O memory, hope, love of finished years.

Remember Me

From <u>Remember</u> and <u>When I am dead, my dearest</u> by Christina Rossetti Remember me when I am gone away,

Gone far away into the silent land;

When you can no more hold me by the hand,

Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.

When I am dead, my dearest, Sing no sad songs for me; Plant thou no roses at my head, Nor shady cypress tree: Be the green grass above me With showers and dewdrops wet; And if thou wilt, remember, And if thou wilt, forget.

I shall not see the shadows,
I shall not feel the rain;
I shall not hear the nightingale
Sing on, as if in pain:
And dreaming through the twilight
That doth not rise nor set,
Haply I may remember,
And haply may forget.

Starstuff

"The cosmos is within us. We are made of star-stuff. We are a way for the universe to know itself." - Carl Sagan

Notes from the composer:

This composition plays with three key centers, shifting between B minor, D major, and G lydian, the latter of which opens and closes the piece. The choir sings the same words repeated in the same simple rhythm, but each line weaves its own unique melody, and contributes to rich harmony. The twinkling of the stars can be heard in the high range of the piano, which passes off sixteenth and eighth note rhythms with the harp, while syncopated G's in various octaves are played by the left hand piano, reminding us of where we started and where we will end up. Binary in form, the B sections feature three note and five note hemiolas, syncopated bass lines, and shifting vowels, waving like gravity, sound, and light. Although the individual parts can be deceptively simple, its composite rhythm and forward momentum creates a complex tapestry of sound.

Baciai per aver vita

Text: Giovanni Battista Guarini (1538-1612) Baciai per aver vita. I kissed to have life. ch'ov'è bellezza è vita. For where there is beauty, there is life ed ebbi morte: Yet. I found death ma morte sì gradita, But, a death so welcomed che più beata sorte that a more blessed fate vivendo non avrei: I could not have living. ne più bramar potrei. Nor more could I desire. Da sì soave bocca in un bel volto From so sweet a mouth on such a beautiful face baciando, il cor mi fu rapito e tolto.

Kissing, my heart was quickly and completely captivated.

T'amo, mia vita!

Text: Giovanni Battista Guarini (1538-1612) T'amo, mia vita, I love you, my life, la mia cara vita dolcemente mi dice My beloved tells me sweetly e in questa sola sì soave parola And through this single sweet word par che trasformi lietament' il core My heart is happily transformed O voce di dolcezza e di diletto! Oh voice of sweetness and delight! Prendila tost' Amore. Catch it quickly, my love stampala nel mio petto, Imprint in in my chest spiri dunque per lei l'anima mia. So that my soul may breathe only for you. "T'amo mia vita" la mia vita sia. Let "I love you my life" be my life.

Vittoria Aleotti, also known as Rafaella Aleotti, was a nun and composer of the Italian Renaissance. She demonstrated musical talent at an early age and, as a nun, she became the lead organist at St. Vito convent. Additionally, she played

trombone and cornetti, and she was a prolific and influential composer. Vittoria Aleotti is one of the many underrepresented female Renaissance composers who has in recent years been gaining in popularity for modern choirs and audiences.

O primavera, gioventù dell'anno

Text: Giovanni Battista Guarini (1538-1612) O primavera, gioventù dell'anno, Oh Spring, youth of the year! bella madre de' fiori. lovely mother of the flowers, d'erbe novelle, e di novelli amori: Of new plants and of new loves tu ben lasso ritorni. You return indeed. ma senza i cari giorni But without the dear days de le speranze mie; Of my hopes tu ben sei guella You are that ch'eri pur dianzi si vezzosa e bella. Before was charming and beautiful. Ma non son io quel che già un tempo fui, But, I am no longer what I was sì caro a gli occhi altrui. So dear to the others' eyes.

Dieu! qu'il la fait bon regarder

Text: Charles d'Orleans (1394-1465)

Dieu! qu'il la fait bon regarder God, who made her the vision she is; la gracieuse bonne et belle; one imbued with grace, true and beautiful! pour les grans biens que sont en elle For all the virtues that are hers chascun est prest de la loüer. everyone is quick to praise her.

Qui se pourroit d'elle lasser? Who could ever let her go? Tousjours sa beauté renouvelle. Always her beauty renews itself; Dieu! qu'il la fait bon regarder God, who made her the vision she is; la gracieuse bonne et belle; one imbued with grace, true and beautiful!

Par de ça, ne de là, la mer On neither side of the ocean nescay dame ne damoiselle do I know any girl or woman qui soit en tous bien parfais telle. who is in all virtues so perfect; C'est ung songe que d'i penser: it's a dream even to think of her; Dieu! qu'il la fait bon regarder. God, what a vision she is.

Salut printemps

Greetings of Spring

Salut printemps jeune saison Greetings Spring! Youthful season Dieu rend aux plaines leur couronne God restores to the plain their crown. La séve ardente qui bouillonne The bubbling sap arises S'épanche et brise sa prison Escapes from its prison Bois et champs sont en floraison The woods and fields are in flower. Un monde invisible bourdonne an invisible world is humming L'eau sur le caillou résonne court The water flows over the echoing rocks et dit sa claire chanson. and speaks its clear song. Le genet dore la colline The hills are golden with blooming gorse, Sur le vert gazon l'aubépine over the green grass the hawthorn Verse la neige de ses fleurs scatters its snowy flowers Tout est fraicheur amour lumiére All is freshness, love, and light, Et du sein fécond de la terre and from the fertile womb of the earth Montent des chants et des senteurs. rises up songs and perfumes.

Bach Cantata No. 4 Christ Lag in Todesbanden

Bach Cantata BWV 4 has a complicated history. It was one of the earliest, if not the first, cantata written when Bach was still fundamentally a student. In Bach's first year in Leipzig he so thoroughly revised the work that it is not known how much of the original remains. Certainly some things such as the marvelous and rich four-voice harmonization of the chorale that ends the work are the work of the mature master. The work is a set of choral variations on the great Easter Chorale "Christ lag in Todes Banden." The cantata begins with a Sinfonia for the string orchestra. It takes certain phrases of the chorale tune and molds them into a perfect introduction to the energetic and exciting opening chorus. Certainly the heightened excitement of the brilliant Allelujas is a youthful holdover. A walking bass line accompanies the hushed soprano-alto duet that follows. Then tenors then take up the tune against a brilliant Vivaldi-like string line. The center of the cantata is occupied by a vivid four-voice setting of the chorale with the tune in the alto. Here Luther's vivid and brutal lines are marvelously and thoroughly characterized. The bass aria is the most inward part of the cantata, a meditation upon the meaning of the Passover and its relationship to Christian doctrine. The bouncy soprano-tenor duet is a tremendous release from the intensity of the bass aria. The final four-voice chorale setting is one of the greatest in the whole Bach canon and a suitable close to this brilliant and impressive work.

Notes by Craig Smith https://www.emmanuelmusic.org/bach-notes/bwv-4

Versus I (Chorus)

Christ lag in Todesbanden
Christ lay in death's bonds
Für unsre Sünd gegeben,
given over for our sins,
Er ist wieder erstanden
he has risen again
Und hat uns bracht das Leben;
and brought us life;
Des wir sollen fröhlich sein,
therefore we should be joyful,
Gott loben und ihm dankbar sein
praise God and be thankful to him
Und singen halleluja.
and sing Hallelujah.

Versus II (Duet)

Den Tod niemand zwingen kunnt No one could defeat death Bei allen Menschenkindern, among all humanity, Das macht' alles unsre Sünd. this was all because of our sins,
Kein Unschuld war zu finden.
no innocence was to be found.
Davon kam der Tod so bald
Therefore death came so soon
Und nahm über uns Gewalt,
and took power over us,
Hielt uns in seinem Reich gefangen.
held us captive in his kingdom.
Hallelujah!

Versus III (Aria)

Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn,
Jesus Christ, God's son,
An unser Statt ist kommen
has come in our place,
Und hat die Sünde weggetan,
and has done away with sin,
Damit dem Tod genommen
thereby taking from death
All sein Recht und sein Gewalt,
all his rights and power,
Da bleibet nichts denn Tods Gestalt,
nothing remains but death's form;
Den Stach'l hat er verloren.
he has lost his sting.
Hallelujah!

Versus IV (Chorus)

Es war ein wunderlicher Krieg, It was a strange battle,
Da Tod und Leben rungen,
that death and life waged,
Das Leben behielt den Sieg,
life claimed the victory,
Es hat den Tod verschlungen.
it devoured death.
Die Schrift hat verkündigt das,
The scripture had prophesied this,
Wie ein Tod den andern fraß,
how one death gobbled up the other,
Ein Spott aus dem Tod ist worden.
a mockery has been made out of death.
Hallelujah!

Versus V (Aria)

Hier ist das rechte Osterlamm,
Here is the true Passover lamb,
Davon Gott hat geboten,
offered up by God,
Das ist hoch an des Kreuzes Stamm
which was, high on the cross' stalk
In heißer Lieb gebraten,
roasted in hot love,
Das Blut zeichnet unsre Tür,
the blood marks our door,
Das hält der Glaub dem Tode für,
faith holds it against death,
Der Würger kann uns nicht mehr schaden.
the strangler can no longer harm us.
Hallelujah!

Versus VI (Duet)

So feiern wir das hohe Fest
So we celebrate the high festival
Mit Herzensfreud und Wonne,
with joy of heart and delight,
Das uns der Herre scheinen läßt,
which the Lord radiates upon us,
Er ist selber die Sonne,
he himself is the sun,
Der durch seiner Gnade Glanz
that through the splendor of his grace
Erleuchtet unsre Herzen ganz,
illuminates our hearts completely,
Der Sünden Nacht ist verschwunden.
the night of sin has disappeared.
Hallelujah!

Versus VII (Chorale)

Wir essen und leben wohl
We eat and live well
In rechten Osterfladen,
on the true Easter bread,
Der alte Sauerteig nicht soll
the old leaven shall not
Sein bei dem Wort der Gnaden,
exist next to the word of grace,
Christus will die Koste sein
Christ will be our food

Und speisen die Seel allein, and nourish the soul alone, Der Glaub will keins andern leben. faith will live in no other way. Hallelujah!

My Gentle Harp

Text by Thomas Moore
My gentle harp, once more I am waken
The sweetness of thy slumb'ring strain
In tears our last farewell was taken,
And now in tears we meet again.
Yet even then, when Peace was singing
Her halcyon songs o'er land and sea,
Though joy and hope to others bringing
She only brought new tears to me.

Then who can ask for notes of pleasure My drooping harp, from chords like thine? Alas, the lark's gay morning measure As ill would suit the swan's decline. But come, if yet thy frame can borrow, One breath of joy, oh, breathe for me, And show the world in chains and sorrow, How sweet thy music still can be.

Concert Choir welcomes majors from throughout the Music Department and across campus. With a strong emphasis on vocal pedagogy and musicianship building, Concert Choir provides singers the experience of performing quality repertoire that is stylistically and culturally diverse, spans multiple time periods, incorporates numerous languages, and allows students to experientially apply the skills and knowledge they learn in classes such as musicianship, theory, history, and diction.

SonoVoce is the premier choral ensemble at Sonoma State University. Membership is open to SSU students and community members through audition. SonoVoce performs choral works that span the ages and represent numerous genres, styles, and cultures. In addition to its regular concert season, SonoVoce has been featured with The Chieftains in the Weill Hall performance series at the Green Music Center, performed at Carnegie Hall, and was a featured performance ensemble at the 2023 California All-State Music Education Conference (CASMEC).

The *SSU Chamber Choir* is a subset of the SSU Symphonic Chorus, an ensemble that includes SSU students (music and non-music majors), staff, faculty, and members of the community. The resident chorus of the Santa Rosa Symphony, the Symphonic Chorus performs with this prestigious organization annually. Recent collaborations have included Rachmaninoff's *The Bells*, Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Mozart's *Requiem*, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, and Handel's *Messiah*. This December, the Symphonic Chorus looks forward to performing Mahler's Symphony No. 2 (*the Resurrection Symphony*). For information on how you can join an SSU choir, visit the following website:https://music.sonoma.edu/ensembles/sonovoce-concert-choir-and-symphonic-chorus

Professor Jenny Bent



Recipient of the 2023 Pearson/Scott Foresman/Silver Burdett Choral Educator Award and the 2019 CMEA Bay Section Outstanding Choral Educator Award, **Dr. Jenny Bent** is Director of Choral Activities and Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at Sonoma State University and the Choral Director for the Santa Rosa Symphony. She is a graduate of Boston University (BM in Voice Performance, MM in Choral Conducting, MM in Voice Performance) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (DMA in Choral Conducting and Choral Literature).

Dr. Bent has ten years' experience as a high school choral music educator, most recently as the Director of Vocal Music at the Marin School of the Arts. She was also on the voice faculty at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, which is part of the Tanglewood Music Center, the summer home of the Boston Symphony.

In addition to her academic work, Dr. Bent frequently adjudicates, guest conducts, and presents at conferences for such organizations as the California Music Educators Association, the American Choral Directors Association, and Golden State. Dr. Bent served as Area I Representative on the CMEA board and Treasurer of the California Choral Directors Association, and she is currently the Collegiate Choirs Coordinator for National ACDA and a Western Region Representative for the National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO). From 2007-2014, Dr. Bent could be heard hosting the radio show The Choir Loft on KRCB-FM, the Sonoma County NPR affiliate. She is also a proud (and semi-obnoxious) baseball mom whose favorite moments are watching her two sons do what they love.



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