

# Eastman / UR Treble Chorus

Rachael Sanguinetti Hayes and Philip Silvey, conductors

# Eastman Repertory Singers

Hannah Duff and Henry Griffin, conductors

Saturday, October 21, 2023 Kilbourn Hall 3:30 p.m.

#### ~ PROGRAM ~

# Eastman School of Music / University of Rochester Treble Chorus

Philip Silvey, conductor Haniel Anugerah, piano

Ave Regina Caelorum (1684) Isabella Leonarda / Arr. Meredith Bowen

(1620-1704)

Amanda Falls & Sophia Martinez, duet Génia Abbey & Naomi Chad, duet Evie Afflerbach & Madeleine Christopher, duet Danny O'Connell, cello

Come Unto These Yellow Sands (1897)

Amy Beach

(1867-1944)

**Night** (1946)

Florence B. Price / Arr. P. Silvey

(1887-1953)

Catherine Carson, violin

She Lingers On (2021)

Zanaida Robles

(b. 1979)

By Night (2022)

Elaine Hagenberg

(b. 1979)

Joined by members of the Gates Chili High School Advanced Treble Choir

Catherine Carson, violin Danny O'Connell, cello Liz Morad, Lexi Kunz, & Sophie Hilger, percussion Rachael Sanguinetti Hayes, conductor

#### ~ PERSONNEL ~

## **Eastman Repertory Singers**

from *Judas Maccabeus*, HWV 63 Hallelujah Amen George Frideric Handel

(1685-1759)

Ave Verum Corpus, K. 618

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(1756-1791)

Henry Griffin, conductor

Elegischer Gesang

Ludwig van Beethoven

(1770-1827)

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Jesu, meine Freude

Felix Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

Hannah Duff, conductor

Exsultate justi in Domino

Lodovico Grossi da Viadana

(1560-1627)

3'

from *Missa Brevis I*Agnus Dei

Henry Griffin

(b. 2000)

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L'dor Vador

Gerald Cohen

(b. 1960)

Christine Kelly, soprano Jennifer Shin, piano Henry Griffin, conductor

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

Undine Smith Moore

(1904-1989)

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Hannah Duff, conductor

# Eastman School of Music / University of Rochester Treble Chorus

Philip Silvey, instructor/conductor Rachael Sanguinetti Hayes, graduate assistant/conductor Haniel Anugerah, accompanist

Génia Abbey Evie Afflerbach Maria Aversano Norah Bailey Macy Barry Hanna Berger Naomi Chad Kexin Chen Clara Cherney Madeleine Christopher Mary Ellen Coleman Angie Cortez	Alexandra Hartin Rina Hata Sophie Hilger Nikki Honchell Yujia Jiang Meghana Kakaraparthi Anna Karpen Christine Kelly Xinyun Li Ziyue Liu Emma Loiacono Sofia Mains	Ellen Paz Mary Reins Nina Robles Ari Ross Eileen Scardino Rayna Shen Anvitha Shoroff Arianna Slupik Bella Smith Ava Stern Yining Wang Abby Wilson
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Kexin Chen	Christine Kelly	Arianna Slupik
Clara Cherney	Xinyun Li	Bella Smith
Madeleine Christopher	Ziyue Liu	Ava Stern
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Angie Cortez	Sofia Mains	Abby Wilson
Sydney Crew	Sofia Martinez	Chenxin Yan
Zoe Dale	Maria Mastrosimone	Wanyin Yao
Amanda Falls	Nina McGarrahan	Yuwei Zeng
Hannah Freundel	Yunxin Nie	Lingjia Zhang
Cara Gagliardi	Amanda Oren	Leting Zhu
Emily Goldner-Morgan	Kaia Owens	Pengling Zhu
Lily Harrigan-Laquercia	Soomin Park	~ ~

# Gates Chili High School Advanced Treble Choir

Christine Cramer Merkel, Vocal Music Teacher

Maddie Basset Anna Brewer Fiona Culhane Katherine Cuyler Ellerie Finger Madison Foster Leah Montulli Madison Pfeifer Nicole Quintana

# **Eastman Repertory Singers**

Jennifer Shin, rehearsal pianist

#### **SOPRANO**

Evie Afflerbach
Macy Barry
Naomi Chad
Emily Goldner-Morgan
Sophie Hilger
Nikki Honchell
Christine Kelly
Yimei Liang
Sofia Mains
Dorothy Nie
Kaia Owens
Mary Reins
Tianmin Zhong

# ALTO

Pengling Zhu

Nivavesh Bagheri Norah Bailev Aida Baserehkasmaei Even Cao Nuo Chen Madeleine Christopher Amanda Falls Hannah Freundel Alexandra Hartin Jennie Jiang Hangzhi Jin Jingning Lin Sofia Martinez Ruoyu Ni Yolanda Yao Wendy Zeng Haoyi Zhang Lingjia Zhang Peiwen Zou

#### **TENOR**

Nathan Barcelona Matt Berry Liam Blecha Zhuoran Chu Isaac Crouse Anders Haglund Ira Hsiao Kellen Mikesell Runyang Wang Changning Xu Changyu Zhang

#### **BASS**

Shi Chen
Dominic Fiacco
Filivos Gkatzios
Ryan Greene
Jiabao Guo
Hongxi Hu
David Huang
Omer Kayhan
David Kraft
Nattakon Lertwattanaruk
Jonathan Madden
Jonathan Mott
Meng Tianlang
Jeremy Wang

# Repertory Singers Orchestra

Ingrid Buschkopf, Olivia Walberger, violin I Kaitlyn McLaughlin, Kristina Kaye, Sedona Kmen, violin II Mack Jones Keon Sagara, viola Anika Grieve, Maggie Slap, Ryan Post, cello Nathan Clarke, oboe

### ~ PROGRAM NOTES, TEXTS, AND TRANSLATIONS ~

# Ave, Regina Caelorum

Ave, Regina Caelorum
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

Hail, Queen of Heaven
Hail, Mistress of Angels:
Hail, root, hail, portal
from which for the world light has risen:
Rejoice, Virgin glorious,
Above all beautiful,
Farewell, o most gracious,
And for us Christ entreat.

Marian antiphon

#### Come Unto These Yellow Sands

Come unto these yellow sands,
And then take hands:
Curtsied when you have, and kiss'd
The wild waves whist,
Foot it featly here and there;
And, sweet sprites, the burthen hear.

William Shakespeare (1611)

# Night

Night comes, a Madonna clad in scented blue.
Rose red her mouth and deep her eyes,
She lights her stars, and turns to where,
Beneath her silver lamp the moon,
Upon a couch of shadow lies
A dreamy child,
The wearied Day.

Louise C. Wallace (1946)

# She Lingers On

She walks in pools of sadness
Her face is cool in moonlight
No one can cover it
She walks in pools and moonlight
She lingers on

Zanaida Robles (2021)

# By Night

Deep in the tarn the mountain A mighty phantom gleamed!

She leaned out into the midnight,
And the summer wind went by,
The scent of the rose on its silken wing
And a song its sigh.

And, in depths below, the waters
Answered some mystic height,
As a star stooped out of the depths above
With its lance of light.

And she thought, in the dark and the fragrance, How vast was the wonder wrought If the sweet world were but the beauty born In its Maker's thought.

Harriet Prescott Spofford (1897)

Practicing one's faith is an essential human right.

This collection of sacred music is dedicated to those who, from generation to generation, have not been able to do so freely.

# Hallelujah, Amen

A timely message of hope for the Jewish people comes at the end of Handel's boisterous oratorio *Judas Maccabeus:* Rome has just formed an alliance with Judas that will protect his people from the Seleucid empire. All that can be said is, "Hallelujah, Amen!

Hallelujah, Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen! Let Judah rejoice, Rejoice O Judah in songs divine! With Cheruhim and Seraphim harmonious join, Hallelujah, Amen!

### Ave Verum Corpus, K. 618

Possibly his most famous motet, Mozart composed this gem of a piece six months before his demise, and during the middle of his composition of *Die Zauberflöte*. This iconic piece has inspired many transcriptions including a piano transcription by Liszt, and even an orchestration of said transcription in Tchaikovsky's *Mozartiana* orchestral suite dedicated to the original composer.

- Henry Griffin

Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum,
Immolatum in cruce pro homine
Cuius latus perforatum
Fluxit aqua et sanguine
Esto nobis prægustatum
In mortis examine.

Hail, true Body,
Born of Mary Virgin,
Truly suffered,
Sacrificed on the cross for humankind
From whose pierced side
Flowed water and blood

Be for us a foretaste of the divine feast

In the trial of death.

14th Century Eucharistic hymn

# Elegischer Gesang

Beethoven composed this little-known work in 1814 in memory of his friend's wife, Eleonore. As befitting an elegiac text, nostalgic and gentle E Major bookends the piece, punctuated with angry outbursts and fervent exclamations to reflect "Schmerz" (pain) and "des himmlischen Geistes Heimkehr" (the spirit's heavenly homecoming). Beethoven offers the grieving lament, and ultimately, peace.

Sanft, wie du lebtest,
Hast du vollendet,
Zu heilig für den Schmerz
Kein Auge wein' ob
Des Himmlischen
Geistes Heimkehr.

Gently as you lived,
Have you died,
Too holy for sorrow!
Let no eye shed tears
For the heavenly spirit's
Return home.

anonymous

# Jesu, meine Freude

Mendelssohn's cantata for strings and SATB verses bears striking resemblance to Bach's setting of the same text, sharing the original chorale melody as its cantus firmus, as well as its E minor opening. This is not surprising, given Mendelssohn's importance in bringing Bach's works into popularity in his community through his performance of *St. Matthew Passion* in 1829. *Jesu Meine Freude* dates from around the same time (1828), and Mendelssohn acknowledged his inspiration, stating that "If there is a resemblance to Bach, I can't help that, because I have written as I felt the need to ..." The cantata unfolds with an agitated texture of the strings and the lower voices during the portion of the text conveying the speaker's longing, and blooms into a warm E major augmentation of the theme to proclaim the Lamb of God's dearness to the seeker.

- Hannah Duff

Jesu, meine Freude Meines Herzens Weide Jesu, meine Zier, Ach wie lang, ach lange Ist dem Herzen bange Und verlangt nach dir! Gottes Lamm, mein Bräutigam, Außer dir soll mir auf Erden Nichts sonst Liebers werden.

Jesus, my joy,
My heart's delight,
Jesus, my treasure,
Ah how long, ah how long
Must my heart be anxious
And full of longing for you!
Lamb of God, my bridegroom,
Besides you there is on earth
Nothing else that is dearer to me.

Johann Franck

# Exsultate justi in Domino

Lodovico Viadana is most known for his development of the Basso Continuo feature in Baroque music, and its associated notation which is now known as figured bass. This motet featured a basso continuo part which has since been lost, but that certainly does not hinder the effect of this undeniably luminous motet with its jubilant opening and closing phrases book-ending explosive, dialogue-like polyphony — while excitedly listing off a couple instruments while we're at it!

Exsultate justi in Domino,
Rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in citara;
In psalterio decem chordarum,
Psalite ei.
Cantate ei, canticum novum,
Bene psalite ei, in vociferatione.
Exultate justi in Domino,
Rectos decet collaudatio.

Rejoice in the Lord,
O ye just; praise befits the upright.
Give praise to the Lord on the harp;
Sing to him with the psaltery,
The instrument of ten strings.
Sing to him a new canticle,
Sing well unto him with a loud noise.
Rejoice in the Lord,
O ye just; praise befits the upright.

Psalm 32:1-3

Agnus Dei from Missa Brevis I

This is the final movement of my first (mostly) polyphonic Mass setting. In this movement, I evolved traditionally-polyphonic elements (a recurring motif, contrasting motion and voice leading, and occasional fioreture) gradually into a moment of jarring harmony propelled by tritones and chromaticism, followed by a "reset" at the text "grant us peace" from E Major to G Major, and polyphonic meandering once again back to e minor. The Kyrie (a more homophonic setting) and Gloria (an intensely polyphonic and chromatic setting) movements of this Mass are also completed, along with the first few sketches of a Credo. Other upcoming performances of this work include at the Yale School of Music and Incarnate Word here in Rochester.

- Henry Griffin

Agnus Dei,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

#### L'dor Vador

I first came upon this piece while working as a pianist for HaZamir, the international Jewish youth choir, in Westchester County, NY in 2019. I came to adore this text and Cohen's beautiful setting, which he most eloquently outlines in the forward to this work: "After originally planning to set a different text, this idea came to me: the perpetual motion in the piano, like time flowing by, with the choral melody poised, hovering, over the accompaniment. The text, from the Kedusha section of the daily Amidah prayer, is a natural choice for a choir [HaZamir] that plays such a key role in transmitting our rich Jewish musical tradition "from generation to generation"."

L'dor vador
Nagid god'lecha,
U'l'netsach n'tsachim
K'dushat'cha nakdish.
V'shivchacha, Eloheynu,
Mipinu lo yamush l'olam va-ed,
Ki El Melech gadol
V'kadosh Atah.
Baruch Atah Adonai,
HaEl hakadosh.

From generation to generation We will declare your greatness, And forever and ever We will make sacred your holiness. Your praise, our God, Shall never depart from our lips. For you, God and sovereign, Are great and holy. Praised are you, Adonai, The holy God.

> Siddur: Kedusha section of Amidah

# We Shall Walk Through the Valley

This short and simple setting of "We Shall Walk Through the Valley" comes from a small body of African American spirituals published during Undine Smith Moore's lifetime. Moore advocated heavily for the incorporation of black music into her compositional output as "a powerful agent for social change," and her *Scenes From the Life of a Martyr* (an oratorio based on the life of MLKJ) was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

The text for this spiritual is based on Psalm 23, which states, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I shall fear no evil, for You are with me." This performance is dedicated to my grandmother, Moui Tran (1947-2023), and to her surviving family.

- Hannah Duff

We shall walk through the valley in peace We shall walk through the valley in peace If Jesus Himself shall be our leader, We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there
There will be no trials there
If Jesus Himself shall be our leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

Negro spiritual

# **Upcoming Concerts**

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, October 29, 2023 **Bach Cantata Series**BWV 77 & BWV 185

Jonathan Mott and Jiabao Guo, conductors

Glory House International • 3:30pm

Sunday, November 19, 2023

#### Eastman Chorale

music of Billings, Argento, Hailstork, Carter, Kachelmeier, and others William Weinert, conductor Kilbourn Hall • 3:30pm

Friday, December 8, 2023

### Eastman-Rochester Chorus and Eastman School Symphony Orchestra

Ethel Smyth Mass in D William Weinert, conductor Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre • 7:30pm

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