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FRIENDS UNIVERSITY SINGING QUAKERS  
PRESENT THEIR HOME CONCERT

# *Songs of the Spirit*

*With music by Brahms, Hogan, Sweelinck,  
Desenclos, Furman, and more*

*Rayvon T. J. Moore, conductor  
March 2022*



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### **I. The Worshipful Spirit**

Cum Sancto Spiritu .....Hyo-won Woo (b. 1974)

Ave Maria .....R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

Gabriel Karst, *student conductor*

Chantez a Dieu ..... Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Salve Regina ..... Alfred Desenclos (1912-1971)

### **II. The Righteous Spirit**

Equality is in the Air We Breathe ..... Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

*\*commissioned by Dr. Moore and the Friends University Singing Quakers*

### **III. The Holy Spirit**

I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart..... Moses Hogan  
(1957-2003)

*~ Intermission ~*

### **IV. The Prayerful Spirit**

Batter My Heart, Three-Personed God..... Richard Nance

Schaffe in mir Gott, op. 29, no. 2..... Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Gaudeamus omnes ..... Marek Raczynski (b. 1982)

### **V. The Exuberant Spirit**

Helehlooyuh (A Joyful Expression)..... James Furman (1937-1989)

Shout Glory ..... Byron J. Smith (b. 1960)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ... arr. Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

# SINGING QUAKERS PERSONNEL

Rayvon T. J. Moore, conductor | Cindy Blasdel, collaborative pianist

## SOPRANO 1

Bethany Filer • *BM Music Performance* • Jemez Springs, New Mexico  
Abigail Hale • *BM Music Performance; BA Music Theatre* • Bel Aire, KS  
Chenille Hawkins • *BA Music; BM Music Performance* • Wichita, KS  
Hannah Teater • *BS Elementary Education* • Newton, KS  
Sarah Pressnell • *BA Music Theatre* • Wichita, KS  
Naomi Cavanaugh • *BM Music Performance* • Kansas City, Missouri

## SOPRANO 2

Katie Grief • *BS Accounting; BS Business Administration* • Wichita, KS  
Vivian Titus\* • *BS Christian Spiritual Formation* • Hugoton, KS  
Emily Kreis • *BM Music Performance* • Wichita, KS  
Faith Cox • *BA Music* • Phillips, Wisconsin  
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Salma Pena\* • *BM Music Education* • Ulysses, KS  
Jade Price • *BS Computer Systems & Info Systems;  
BS Business Administration* • Wichita, KS

## ALTO 1

Hannah Howard • *BS Accounting; BA Music* • Park City, KS  
Rebecca Hale\* • *BM Music Education* • Bel Aire, KS  
Kallie McNutt • *BA Communications* • Winfield, KS  
Lucy Enns • *BM Music Education* • Wichita, KS  
Elizabeth Yerebin • *BA Art* • Wichita, KS

## ALTO 2

Olena Withrow\* • *BA Christian Formation & Ministry* • Wichita, KS  
Caitlyn Fox • *BA Music Theatre* • Wichita, KS  
Elizabeth Fulcher • *BA Liberal Studies* • Goodland, KS  
Gretchen Otter • *BA Music Theatre* • Newton, KS  
Kierra McGuire • *BS Elementary Education* • Wichita, KS  
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Brenda Shenk • *BA Sociology & Social Service* • Partridge, KS

## **TENOR 1**

Joshua Kelley • *BA Music Theatre • Bel Aire, KS*  
Lorenz Looney\* • *BA Music Theatre • Dodge City, KS*  
Peter Roenne • *BS Elementary Education • Wichita, KS*  
Braden Sweet • *BA Music Theatre • Derby, KS*  
Nick Wetta • *BA Music Theatre • Wichita, KS*

## **TENOR 2**

Dillon Boldt • *BM Music Education • Hillsboro, KS*  
Gabriel Karst\*+ • *BA Music • Wichita, KS*  
Dimante McLeod • *BM Music Performance • Washington, DC*  
Brandon Rose • *BA Music Theatre • Wichita, KS*  
Jake Withrow • *BA Religion & Philosophy • Wichita, KS*

## **BASS 1**

Nate Brightup • *BM Music Education • Andover, KS*  
Michael Jabara • *BM Music Performance • Wichita, KS*  
Joshua Loucks • *BA - undeclared • Halstead, KS*  
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Tim Shenk • *BM Music Performance; BM Music Education  
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Tyler Wilson • *BS Business Administration • Wichita, KS*  
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+ student conductor

## SINGING QUAKERS AS ADVOCATES

Choral music has been at the heart of the Friends University experience from the university's inception in 1898, and since 1924 the Friends University Singing Quakers have represented this tradition at home and abroad. During its nearly 100 year history, this choir has brought the finest in choral music throughout the United States, Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Costa Rica, and Canada. The choir has also appeared at the White House and in Lincoln Center in New York City. The Singing Quakers have continued to advocate for music not only through travelling, and appearing on local and national television, but also through educational outreach. They have held joint concerts with local high schools, choral exchanges on regional recruitment tours every spring break, and choral festivals such as the Sing It! Vocal Festival and All-State Prep Day.

## VOCAL MUSIC AT FRIENDS

Friends University degree programs are designed to nurture students' passion for music, and to prepare for vocations in education, performance and ministry. Generous vocal scholarships are awarded on the basis of audition to majors as well as non-majors. The Friends University Division of Fine Arts offers degrees in music, art, music theatre, and theatre. Dedicated mentor-teachers, exposure to world-class guest artists and national and international travel are the hallmarks of a comprehensive program, which includes individual applied lessons, participation in choral ensembles and performance in musical theater and opera productions. Four choirs, Singing Quakers, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, and Falcon Chorus perform a wide variety of music ranging from standard choral literature to vocal jazz to choral-orchestral masterworks.



## BIOGRAPHIES



### **RAYVON T.J. MOORE**

Dr. Moore became the Director of Choral Studies and Conductor of the Singing Quakers in 2020. He is the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Wichita Chamber Chorale and the Director of Music Ministries at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church.

Rayvon specializes in topics on conducting gesture, programming, and musical interpretation. Being a versatile performer, he has sung back up for The Rolling Stones, Barry Manilow, Patti Austin, Andrea Bocelli, Kathleen Battle and Deborah Voigt. Moore can be heard on the album "John Williams & Steven Spielberg: The Ultimate Collection" recorded with Sony Classical.

He has held faculty positions at Colgate University, Hamilton, NY; Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY; The Young Musicians Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; The Saturday Conservatory of Music, Pasadena; CA and Esperanza Azteca Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles. He has also served as Associate Conductor of the Eastman-Rochester Chorus and Chorale, Assistant Conductor for California State University Fullerton's Opera, Concert Choir and Women's Choir, as well as the Assistant Conductor of the Donald Brinegar Singers.

Moore holds a Bachelor of Arts in Choral Music degree from the University of Southern California, a Master of Music in Choral Conducting degree from California State University, Fullerton, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Conducting from the Eastman School of Music.

### **CINDY BLASDEL**

Cindy received the Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from Friends University and the Master of Music degree in Piano Accompanying from Wichita State University.

At Friends University, Blasdel has taught music theory, piano improvisation and vocal jazz. She was named a Who's Who Teacher in 2005 and received the Friends University Jan Lafever Adjunct Teaching Award in 2006.



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Dr. Rayvon T. J. Moore

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Rolaine Hetherington

*Concert Choir, Voice, Women's Choir*

Dr. Matthew Schloneger

*Associate Professor of Voice, Interim Co-Chair*

Charleen Ayers

*Voice*

Jennifer Marcum

*Voice*

Ashley Winters

*Voice*

Georgeanne Yehling

*Voice*

# TRANSLATIONS

## **CUM SANCTO SPIRITU**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
aratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solu Altissimus  
Jesu Christe, Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace,  
To people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
We adore you, we glorify you,  
We give thanks to you  
For your great glory.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, Amen.

## **AVE MARIA**

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.



## CHANTEZ Á DIEU

*Chantez à Dieu chanson nouvelle,  
Chantez, ô terre universelle,  
Chantez, et son Nom bénissez.  
Et de jour en jour annoncez  
Sa délivrance solennelle.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
Sing, all the earth,  
Sing, and bless his name.  
And from day to day announce  
His great salvation

## SALVE REGINA

*Salve Regina, mater misericordiae:  
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.  
Ad te suspiramus,  
gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,  
illos tuos misericordes oculos  
ad nos converte.  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum  
ventris tui,  
nobis, post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O clemens: O pia: O dulcis  
Virgo Maria.*

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy:  
our life, sweetness, and hope, hail.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To you we sigh, mourning and weeping  
in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, our advocate,  
those merciful eyes toward us.  
And Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb,  
after our exile, show us. O clement, O loving, O sweet  
Virgin Mary.

## **EQUALITY IS IN THE AIR WE BREATHE**

Equality is in the air we breathe.

My brother and sister walk this earth with me, in dignity.

Our land must be the land where every man and woman is free.

Let American be the dream it used to be.

In the air we breathe...

On the earth we walk...

Through the lives we lead...

## **EQUALITY.**

Let American be American again.

Let it be the dream it used to be.

Let it be the pioneer of the plain.

Seeing a home where he himself is free.

Equality is in the air we breathe.

Let American be the dream the dreamers dreamed.

Let it be that great strong land of love.

Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme

That any man be crushed by one above.

O, let my land be a land where Liberty

Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath

But opportunity is real and life is free

Equality is in the air we breathe.

Say who are you that mumbles in the dark?

And who are you that draws your veil across the stars?

I am the people, humble, hungry, mean

Hungry yet today despite the dream.

Beaten yet today- O, Pioneers!

I'm the one who dreamt our basic dream.

In the Old World while still a serf of kings.

Who dreamt a dream so strong, so brave, so true,

That even yet its mighty daring sings.

In every brick and stone, in every furrow turned.

That's made America the land it has become. I came

To build a "homeland of the free".

O let American be America again

The land that never has been yet

And yet must be- the land where every man is free.

O, yes,  
I say it plain,  
I swear this oath  
America will be!  
We, the people, must redeem  
The land, the minds, the plants, the rivers,  
The mountains and the endless plain  
All, all the stretch of these great green states  
And make America again!

~ Excerpts from *Let America Be America Again* by Langston Hughes

### **I'M GONNA SING TILL THE SPIRIT MOVES IN MY HEART**

I'm gonna sing 'till the Spirit moves in my heart  
I'm gonna sing 'till Jesus comes

It was grace that brought me  
It was grace that taught me  
It was grace that kept me  
And it's grace that will lead me home

I'm gonna pray 'till the Spirit moves in my heart  
I'm gonna pray 'till Jesus comes

Can't you feel the spirit moving?

I'm gonna shout 'till the Spirit moves in my heart  
I'm gonna shout 'till Jesus comes  
I'm gonna sing till my Jesus comes

~ Moses Hogan

## **BATTER MY HEART THREE-PERSONED GOD**

Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you  
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;  
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend  
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.  
I, like an usurp'd town to another due,  
Labor to admit you, but oh, to no end;  
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,  
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.  
Yet dearly I love you, and would be lov'd fain,  
But am betroth'd unto your enemy;  
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,  
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,  
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,  
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

~ John Donne

## **SCHAFFE IN MIR GOTT**

*Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz,  
und gib mir einen neuen, gewissen Geist.  
Verwirf mich nicht von deinem Angesicht  
und nimm deinen heiligen Geist nicht von mir.  
Tröste mich wieder mit deiner Hülfe,  
und der freudige Geist erhalte mich.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence;  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;  
and uphold me [with thy] free spirit.

~ Psalm 51:10-12

## **GAUDEAMUS OMNES**

*Gaudeamus omnes in Domino  
diem festum celebrantes sub  
honorem beate Mariae Virginis.*

*De cujus assumptione gaudent Angeli  
et collaudant Filium Dei.  
Alleluia!*

Let us rejoice in the Lord  
On this festive day  
In honor of the blessed Virgin Mary.

In whose assumption the Angels rejoice  
And give glory to the Son of God!  
Alleluia!

## **SHOUT GLORY!**

Where can I go? What can I do?  
When my road gets rocky, don't know what to do.  
What can I say that will see me through?  
I shout glory to the Lord, shout glory to You.  
Walking through life, can't find my way,  
Just don't know which way to go, don't know what to say.  
Who can I turn to, to show me the way?  
I shout glory to the Lord, shout glory today.  
He has changed my life, He has turned me around.  
He's my Father and my Savior.  
He has turned my path into smoother ground.  
I can call Him any day.  
Glorify the Lord. Lift His holy name.

~ Byron J. Smith

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Monday, April 4 | 7:30 p.m.

Sebits Auditorium

### **Concert Choir Concert**

Thursday & Friday, April 7-8 | 7:30 p.m.

Sebits Auditorium

### **Symphony of Spring - *Feelin' Alright***

Friday & Saturday, April 22-23 | 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24 | 2 p.m.

Sebits Auditorium

### **Concert Choir Coffeehouse**

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Casado Gym

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