

Friends University
Concert Choir Presents...

The Marriage Of

*Words
&
Music*

Thursday, March 30 7:30 pm

Friday, March 31 7:30 pm

Sebits Auditorium
Riney Fine Arts Center

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Music speaks to all of us in some fashion. It can calm the troubled soul, inspire, delight, invigorate, and even agitate us. But choral music is different from other ensembles in that it has a text. Words that can speak to us. As Charles Anthony Siverstri put it, "Text is the heart of a poet, the inspiration of the director and the singers bringing that message to the audience...that's what a choir gets to do that no other ensemble gets to do." Words, music, interpretation. The interplay of these three elements is what makes choral music unique. Each selection in our program had its inspiration from a text chosen by the composer. Some are profound (Dies Irae), some whimsical (Three South African Songs), some reassuring (Ad te levavi), and others simply wonderful word pictures or expressions of love. Our hope is that something in each piece will speak a truth to you, even if that is just the need to smile.

We are happy to share the stage with the Friends University Flute Choir and hope you enjoy our collaborative piece, "For the beauty of the earth", by John Rutter.

We are also excited about taking our program on tour April 14-16 to Pratt High School, Spearville High School, Liberal High School with whom we will be sharing a concert, Garden City, and Bethel Friends Church in Hugoton, KS.

Happy listening,

Rolaine Hetherington, Director

L. Rolaine Hetherington

Concert Choir

Dies Irae (from "Requiem") Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)
Ad te levavi..... Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Chamber Choir

When the Light of Morning BreaksPINKZEBRA
Je le vous dirai Pierre Certon (ca.1510-1572)
Sing me to Heaven Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Concert Choir

Esta Tierra Javier Busto (b. 1949)
Ain'-a That Good News! William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

INTERMISSION

**Friends University Flute Choir
Amy Hoffman, Conductor**

Borealis (Thursday) Alexandra Molnar-Suhajda (b. 1975)
Flute-da-Toot (Friday)..... Roger Cichy (b. 1956)
For the Beauty of the Earth..... John Rutter (b. 1945)
Arranged for Flute Choir by Matt Johnston

Concert Choir

Three South African SongsTraditional South African, arr. Steven Fisher
 Khululu Imbadada
 Kwangena Thina Bo
 Shosholoza

Till I Wake (No. 5 from Five Songs of Laurence Hope)
arr./ed. Marques L. A. Garrett
Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Gloria: Glory to God in the Highest..... Robert Ray (1947-2023)
 (from Gospel Mass)
 Elijah Zortman, T.J. Milby and Josiah Watney, soloists

Jesus, I Adore Thee Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

Adam Tilberg, *percussion*
Ethan Chouinard, *bass*

CONCERT CHOIR PERSONNEL

Rolaine Hetherington, *conductor* | Cindy Blasdel, *piano*

Soprano 1

Peyton Bohannon *Haysville, KS; Zoo Science*

Abigail Kreis *Topeka, KS; Vocal Performance*#*

Katrina Leddy *Bel Aire, KS; English*

Lillian Smith *Peck, KS; Music Theatre+*

Soprano 2

Aubrie Culver *Wichita, KS; Chemistry**

Emily Grief *Wichita, KS; High School Visiting Student*

Elaina Jones *Sioux Falls, SD; Zoo Science*

Isabelle Loucks *Halstead, KS; Music Education*#*

Kelley McDonald *Broken Arrow, OK; Zoo Science*

Lauryn Sommerfeld *Wichita, KS; Undecided*

Emma Staab *Buhler, KS; Elementary Education*

Alto 1

Shelby Beckmann *Wichita, KS; Music Education*#*

Alayna Duffield *Stafford, KS; Sociology*

Ahmya Forgit *Andover, KS; Psychology & Criminal Justice**

Lauren Leabo *Clearwater, KS; Graphic Design**

Alex Medlin *Pittsburg, KS; Elementary Education*

Andrea Powers *Wichita, KS; Elementary Education*

Isabella Stone *Wichita, KS; English Education*

Alto 2

Shi' Boyer *Wichita, KS; Biology +*

Lilly Busati *Hutchinson, KS; Music Theatre*

Lauren Hockett *Wichita, KS; Accounting#*

Tya Jackson *Wichita, KS; History & Political Science*

Kathleen Rutler *San Antonio, TX; Zoo Science +*

Tenor

Zachary Jenkins *Burns, KS; Computer Science*+*

TJ Milby *Arkansas City, KS; Industrial & Organizational Psychology+#*

Josiah Watney *Sterling, KS; History & Political Science**

Bass 1

Gabriel Hamel *Wichita, KS; Undecided*

Jason Payne *Wichita, KS; Music Theatre*

Josiah Peachy *Oakland, MD; Spiritual Formation**

Erick Perales *Wichita, KS; Vocal Performance & Music Education**

Bass 2

Jace Nelson *Wichita, KS; Finance*+#*

Hunter Smith *Andover, KS; Jazz Performance*

Elijah Zortman *Fowler, KS; Spanish*+*

Chamber Choir *

Choir Cabinet +

Section Leader #

FLUTE CHOIR PERSONNEL

Amanda Smith, piccolo

Courtney Dunagan, c flute

Andrea Coleman, c flute

Cathy Grant, c flute

Olivia Jones, c flute

Kim Matthews, c flute

Claire Rutledge, c flute

Kathie Abel, c flute, alto flute

Elaine Johnson, alto flute

Hannah Saville, alto flute

Katie Stoltzfus, bass flute

Chrysalis Gilmer, bass flute

BIOGRAPHIES

Rolaine Hetherington

Rolaine Hetherington, assistant professor of music, has been at Friends University since 1993, first as an adjunct professor and since 2011 as full-time. Mrs. Hetherington teaches studio voice, directs the Concert Choir (since 2003) and the Chamber Choir, and co-produces the music theatre and opera productions. The Concert Choir has had the privilege of performing at the Kansas Music Educators Association's Winter Workshop and at the Old Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, VA. Mrs. Hetherington has taught at the public school level and held positions at William Penn College in Iowa, and North Central Bible College and Crown College in Minnesota. As a graduate student she was the recipient of a Rotary International Scholarship to study lieder and oratorio in Austria. She has performed with the North Star Opera Company (MN), Opera Kansas, the Dale Warland Singers, the Minnesota Bach Society, Minneapolis Children's Theatre, the Oregon Bach Festival, Wichita Chamber Chorale, Music Theatre of Wichita, the National Orchestra of Wales, and been a soloist with numerous regional choirs throughout the Midwest. She serves regularly as an adjudicator for the regional National Association of Teachers of Singing, KSHAA, and area choir festivals. Fun trivia: She was in a backup choir for a concert version of CHESS with Benny Anderson and Bjorn Ulvaeus of the pop group ABBA at the piano and conducting, respectively. And, her most famous voice student is probably Junior the Asparagus of Veggie Tales (the voice of Lisa Vischer).

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.

COME SEE US ON TOUR!

April 14, 10:00 am -- Pratt High School

April 14, 1:30 pm -- Spearville High School

April 14, 7:00 pm -- First United Methodist Church, Liberal Joint Concert with Liberal High School

April 15, 7:00pm -- First United Methodist Church, Garden City

April 16 10:30 am service, 1:30 pm Concert -- Bethel Friends Church, Hugoton

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Sebits Auditorium

Vocal Kaleidoscope

Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sebits Auditorium

Symphony of Spring

Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m.
Sebits Auditorium

Concert Choir Coffeehouse

Sunday, April 30, 7 p.m.
Casado Campus Center Atrium

Music Theatre Showcase

Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m.
Riney Fine Arts Center

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