



# University of North Texas College of Music

Ensemble Concert | Friday, September 20, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.  
Margot and Bill Winspear Performance Hall - Murchison Performing Arts Center

## UNT ChoralFest!

A Song of Life (2022) .....Marques L. A. Garrett  
Amazing Grace (2014) .....arr. Skip Stradtman

### University Singers

Marques L. A. Garrett, Conductor  
Dong Hyun Kang, Conducting Associate  
Yaxuan Li, Collaborative Pianist

Hymn to the Waters (1910) .....Gustav Holst  
Thulele Mama Ya (1999)..... Lisa Young

Ellen Beene and April Sandoval, Soprano  
Bailey Dixon, Hannah Dugger, Jackson Mally , Karson O'Neal, Percussion

### Camerata

J. Christine Le, Conductor  
Kathryn Davidson, Conducting Associate  
Anna McCombie, Collaborative Pianist

Beati Quorum Via (1905) .....Charles V. Stanford  
Mantra (2018) ..... Timothy C. Takach

### Concert Choir

Jessica Nápoles, Conductor  
Eric Martinez, Conducting Associate  
Anna McCombie, Collaborative Pianist

Program nineteen of the 2024–2025 season  
Photography and videography are prohibited

De profundis clamavi (2001).....Susan LaBarr  
Good Timber (2024) .....Piotr Jańczak

**Chorale**

Matt Carlson, Conductor  
Dong Hyun Kang, Conducting Associate and Collaborative Pianist

Christ the Appletree (2009) ..... Stanford Scriven  
I'll Be On My Way (2011) ..... Shawn Kirchner

Piero Centurion, Tenor

**A Cappella Choir**

Allen Hightower, Conductor  
Matt Carlson, Conducting Associate  
Daeun Kim, Collaborative Pianist

## UNT Choirs

### University Singers

#### Soprano

Faye Barber  
Amy Baumgardner  
Mattison Beezley  
Olivia Cottar  
Autumn Forgey  
Madison Juneau  
Rebecca Lang  
Alena Law  
Erica Menasco  
Gracie Miller  
Reagan Miller  
Kaitlyn Rivera  
Hailey Stottlemyre  
Adriana Sweet  
Melissa Young

#### Alto

Emma Barrow  
Paityn Bowen  
Carolyn Childrey  
MaCaa Clancy  
Macey Deck  
Marianna Delgadillo  
Autumn Gordy  
Natalie Harlos  
Christine Le  
Tess Miller  
Madison Pfaffenberger  
Bowie Savoie  
Naomi Warren  
Maddie White

#### Tenor

Dong Hyun Kang  
Graeme McRae  
Alexis Mendoza-  
Sanchez  
Ian Pfaffenberger  
Jay Quinn II  
Caiden Reisinger  
CJ Stanley  
Ramero Vargas  
Rustin Verrett  
Jackson Whitmire

#### Bass

Zoÿ Achtermann  
Christian Anderson  
Brian De Stefano  
Ian Granado  
Conall Hawkins  
Mya Johnson  
José Nava  
Andrew Riedel  
Zach Rohwer  
Sean Roossien  
Colman Scheibmeir  
Connor Sturgeon

### Cameraata

#### Soprano 1

Haley Arjoonsingh  
Kenzie Boyd  
Sam Cadena  
Sieana Cogger  
Anna Congemi  
Mia Jamison  
Presley Jorgensen  
Erica Menasco  
Victoria Pattison  
April Sandoval  
Leah Sellers  
Rachel Shepard  
Alex Vale  
Avery Weaver  
Abigail Wilson

#### Soprano 2

Ellen Beene  
Annabella Bravo  
Romero  
Christen Caldwell  
Care Carlson  
Solar Driver  
Elizabeth Feldman  
Naty Flores-Aguilar  
Alli Ganbat  
Livia Hyden  
Zoe Jimenez  
Kassie Kaluf  
Lauren Ko  
Alex Lentz  
Emily Murphy  
Kris Nearhood  
Karson O'Neal  
Ava Roden  
Victoria Taylor  
Angela Thomas  
Pepper Visser  
Jessica Wakeley

#### Alto 1

Aliya Anderson  
Kimberly Arbelaez  
Key Benjamin  
Caelan Campagna  
Gesuiña Campos  
Gracie Harrison  
Abby Hillyard  
Paige Hoffman  
Paola Lozada  
Tess Miller  
Zouwera Moctar  
Serenna Morrison  
Joyce Ngyuen  
Avery Parrish  
Sydney Porter  
Savannah Smith  
Sophia Woodberry  
Yue (Katie) Xie  
Kelly Pettengill

#### Alto 2

Ana Albin  
Lori Ash  
Aria Cai  
Mayah Echin  
Drea Edebor  
Emma Elliott  
Chelsea Gibson  
Skye Guidry  
Sophia Huffman  
Abasi James  
Keyara Keyes  
Yuzuki Kondo  
Mar Lamberson  
Kara Mersiovsky  
Kade Miller  
Marnique Neille  
Alondra Roland  
Connie Ruiz  
Margi Skinner  
Sal Vandiver  
Rebecca Vazquez  
Sadie Vincent  
Ariana Williams

## UNT Chorale

### Tenor 1

Samuel Kim  
Nick Lara  
Hart Lu  
Prescott Mathieson  
Ben Paaso  
Sebastian Poorman  
Matthew Renteria  
Ryan Runquist  
Cian Sheridan  
Naizyrh White

### Tenor 2

Luke Barsun  
Rishab Calyanakoti  
Noah Carrillo  
Gabe Gomes  
Ian Granado  
Aseem Misra  
Nick Navarro  
Ares Nguyen  
Noah Perkins  
Evan Reza  
Reece Robinson  
Diego Salazar  
Terrion Valentine  
Jared Villanueva

### Bass 1

Yaseen Barry  
Landon Beaty  
Sam Cavazos  
Raunel Garcia  
Ubaldo Garcia  
Sai Gipson  
Max Hoff  
Conor Jennings  
Vahna Liller  
Jacob Lord  
Zach Lund  
Jackson Monroe  
Donavon Pietszch  
Colby Ray  
Ken Roberts  
Xanti Rodriguez  
Pedraza  
Jackson Tapp

### Bass 2

Christopher Barrera  
Andrew Eggers  
Silas Franklin  
David Galvan  
Andy Huang  
Max McClenney  
Ryan O'Dell  
Shawn Parker  
Simón Ramírez  
Dwight Reeves  
Jack Rich  
Rylan Stedman  
Mason Strein  
Yuting Zhao

## UNT Concert Choir

### Soprano

Hope Arrazola  
Maria Diaz  
Abby Gonzalez  
Anya Guidry  
Riley Higgins  
Julia Houfing  
Caroline Konkle  
Reagan Miller  
Victoria Pattison  
Noelle Rumsey  
Alyssa Schelski  
Alex Vale  
Lindsay Warner  
Abby Wilson

### Alto

Megan Cornejo  
Maddie Frost  
Abby Garner  
Andrea Gomez  
Ayla Hanson  
Ty Holcomb  
Trinity Houser  
Ellyse Joseph  
Abigail Lewis  
Kade Miller  
Madison Pfaffenberger  
Teagan Serink  
Sandra Strittmatter  
Sofia Torbello  
Izzy Urroz Arena

### Tenor

Jacob Burnham  
August Crowson  
Aidan Dellinger  
Jalen Ellis  
Case Hubbard  
Nick Lara  
Zach Ligh  
Nicholas Navarro  
William Parris  
Bryan Perez  
Howard Russell III

### Bass

Ian Baez Matos  
Eli Barreto  
Andrew Eggers  
Jimmy Hademenos  
Brady Hanson  
Collin Huffman  
Luke Lawless  
Eric Martinez  
Jacob Royle  
Marc Villaceran

## UNT A Cappella

### Soprano

Lauren Abell  
Sarah Barrow  
Julianna Carden  
Victoria Cerda  
Rachel Cunningham  
Kayla Flores  
Sara Foshée-Knoy  
Emma Garcia  
Sorrel McCarthy  
Katie Grace  
Stephenson  
Maryn West

### Alto

Julia Amundson  
Abi Bahng  
Nadia Cloud  
Kathryn Davidson  
Delia Esparza  
Pebbles Guest  
Isa Jovanovic  
Talitha Murphy  
Ris Kemp  
Diane Tiscareño  
Jade Wesley  
Eleanor Williams  
Kristina Wueger

### Tenor

Piero Centurion  
Mason Clarkson  
James Dickens II  
Gavin Godbey  
Jordan Jones  
Marquis Xavier McBride  
Robby Napoli  
Rudy Polk  
Tyler Warwas  
Moisés Ybaben-  
Burciaga

### Bass

Ben Bassett  
Michael Binkley  
Colin Busch-Kennedy  
Isaac Carlin  
Matt Carlson  
Ely Eckles  
Christopher Gray  
Jaden Jackson-  
Cooper  
Joshua LaPrade  
Eric Martinez  
Demetrius Robinson Jr.  
Noah Wyckoff

## Text and Translations

### A Song of Life

Text by Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850–1919)

In the rapture of life and of living,  
I lift up my heart and rejoice,  
And I thank the great Giver for giving  
The soul of my gladness a voice.  
In the glow of the glorious weather,  
In the sweet-scented sensuous air,  
My burdens seem light as a feather—  
They are nothing to bear.

In the strength and the glory of power,  
In the pride and the pleasure of wealth,  
I can laugh at the world and its sages—  
I am greater than seers who are sad,  
For they are most wise in all ages  
Who know how to be glad.

I lift up my eyes to the beautiful days,  
And my spirit soars off like a swallow  
And is lost in the light of its rays.  
Are you troubled and sad? I beseech you  
Come out of the shadows of strife—  
Come out in the sun while I teach you  
The secret of life.

Come out of the world—come above it—  
Up over its crosses and graves.  
Come up where the dust never rises—  
But only the perfume of flowers—  
And your life shall be glad with surprises.  
And your life shall be happy and full of delight.

### Amazing Grace

Text by John Newton (1725–1807)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me,  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved,  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home!

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun!  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

### **Hymn to the Waters**

Text from Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda 3

Flowing from the firmament

Forth to the ocean,

Healing all in earth and air,  
never halting.

Indra, Lord of Heav'n, formed their courses

Indra's mighty laws can never be broken.

Cleansing waters flow ye on,  
hasten and help us.

Lo, in the waters, dwelleth One,  
Knower of all on earth and sea.

Whose dread command no man may shun,

Varuna, sovran Lord is He.

Onward ye waters onward

Cleansing waters flow ye on,

Hasten and help us.

Dance in the bright beams of the sun.

Cleansing waters flow ye on,

Obey the ruler of the sky

Who dug the path for you to run.

Flowing from the firmament

Forth to the ocean,

Healing all in earth and air,  
never halting.

Indra, Lord of Heav'n, formed their courses

Indra's mighty laws can never be broken.

Cleansing waters flow ye on, hasten and help us.

### **Thulele Mama Ya**

This piece is inspired by the Zulu phrase 'thula mama' meaning 'don't cry' or 'don't worry mama'.

### **Beati Quorum Via**

Psalm 119 (New International Version translation)

Beati quorum via integra est,

qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.

**Mantra**

Text from "Today Means Amen" by Sierra DeMulder

Vitamin D. Sunlight.

Go outside.

Get a good night

of sleep. Not too good.

Not shades drawn forever good.

Not like you used to.

Open the windows.

Buy more houseplants.

Breathe. Meditate. (One day,

you will no longer be

afraid of being alone

with your thoughts.)

Exercise. Actually exercise

instead of just Googling it.

Eat well. Cook for yourself.

Organize your closet, the

garage. Drink plenty of

water and repeat after me:

I am not a problem

to be solved. Repeat after me:

I am worthy I am worthy

I am neither mistake nor

the punishment. Forget to take

vitamins. Let the houseplant die.

Eat spoonfuls of peanut butter.

Shave your head. Forget

this poem. It doesn't matter.

There is no wrong way

to remember the grace of your

own body; no choice

that can unmake itself.

There is only now, here,

look: you are already forgiven.

**De profundis clamavi**

Text from Psalm 130

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine

Domine, exaudi orationem meam

Out of the depths, I have cried out to You, O Lord

Lord, hear my prayer



## **Good Timber**

Text by Douglas Malloch (1877–1938)

The tree that never had to fight  
For sun and sky and air and light,  
But stood out in the open plain  
And always got its share of rain,  
Never became a forest king  
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

Good timber does not grow with ease,  
The stronger wind, the stronger trees,  
The further sky, the greater length,  
The more the storm, the more the strength.  
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,  
In trees and men good timbers grow.

Where thickest lies the forest growth  
We find the patriarchs of both.  
And they hold counsel with the stars  
Whose broken branches show the scars  
Of many winds and much of strife.  
This is the common law of life.

## **Christ the Appletree**

Text compiled by Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be,  
Compar'd with Christ the appletree.

This beauty doth all things excel,  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see,  
In Jesus Christ the appletree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I miss'd of all, but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the appletree.

I'm weary'd with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest a while;  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the appletree.

## **I'll Be On My Way**

Text by Shawn Kirchner

When I am gone, don't you cry for me,  
Don't you pity my sorry soul.  
What pain there might have been will now be past  
And my spirit will be whole.

I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way,  
I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground,  
I will be glory bound, I'll be on my way.

When I am gone, please forgive the wrongs  
That I might have done to you;  
There'll be no room for regrets up there,  
High above, way beyond the blue.

I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way,  
I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down,  
I'll be puttin' on my crown, I'll be on my way.

When I am gone, don't you look for me  
In the places I have been;  
I'll be alive, but somewhere else,  
I'll be on my way again!

I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way,  
I will lift my wings, and soar into the air,  
There'll be glory ev'rywhere, I'll be on my way.