

# University of North Texas ChoralFest

CHORALE Kenneth Sieloff, conductor

CONCERT CHOIR Dr. Jessica Nápoles, conductor J. Christine Le, associate conductor

> CAMERATA Julianna LoBiondo, conductor

UNIVERSITY SINGERS Dr. Marques L. A. Garrett, conductor Jacob Augsten, associate conductor

VOX AQUILAE Dr. Allen Hightower, conductor Dong Hyun Kang, associate conductor

A CAPPELLA CHOIR Dr. Allen Hightower, conductor J. Christine Le, associate conductor

Friday, September 22, 2023 7:30 pm Winspear Hall Murchison Performing Arts Center

# PROGRAM

#### CHORALE Kenneth Sieloff, conductor • Chun-Yuan Wei, collaborative pianist

Serenade, The Student Prince (1924) ......Sigmund Romberg/Dorothy Donnelly (1887–1951)/(1876–1928)

Professor William Joyner, Prince Tristino Ali, Detlef Caleb Aguirre, Asterberg Colin Busch-Kennedy, Lucas

Harriet Tubman (2015) ......Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970)

Michael Crawford, percussion

# CONCERT CHOIR Dr. Jessica Nápoles, conductor • J. Christine Le, associate conductor Daeun Kim, collaborative pianist

JAM! (Jom-Ayah-Mari!) (2022).....Tracy Wong

#### J. Christine Le, conductor

Dwight Reeves, bass • Caleb Greenwood, drumset

#### CAMERATA

# Julianna LoBiondo, conductor • Boyoon Choi, collaborative pianist

Ad Amore (2011).....Lee R. Kesselman (b. 1951) All shall be well (2021)......Sarah Quartel (b. 1982)

#### **UNIVERSITY SINGERS**

# Dr. Marques L. A. Garrett, conductor • Jacob Augsten, associate conductor Boyoon Choi, collaborative pianist

In the Middle (2016).....Dale Trumbore (b. 1987) My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord ......Negro Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)



### **VOX AQUILAE**

Dr. Allen Hightower, conductor • Dong Hyun Kang, associate conductor Jiyoung Kim, collaborative organist

Stabat mater (c. 1640) .....Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla (c. 1590–1664)

### Dong Hyun Kang, conductor

Deus in adjutorium meum intende (c. 1650) .....Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla

# A CAPPELLA CHOIR

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Come to the Woods (2015) .....Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

# TEXT

#### Serenade

Overhead, the moon is beaming White as blossoms on the bough Nothing is heard but the song of a bird

Filling all the air with dreaming Could my heart but still its beating, Only you can tell it how, beloved, From your window give me greeting While you hear my eternal vow!

Soft in the trees sight the echo of my longing,

While all around you my dreams of rapture throng.

My soul, my joy, my hope, my dear! Your heart must tell you that I am near,

Learn from above while I pour out my love,

For you know to my life you are dear. O hear my longing cry; oh love me

or I die!

Oh, love me!

Overhead, the moon is beaming White as blossom on the tree Nothing is heard but the song of a bird

Filling all the air with dreaming Could my heart but still its beating, Only you can tell it how, beloved, From your window give me greeting While here I swear my eternal vow!

# Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman didn't take no stuff Wasn't scared of nothing neither Didn't come in this world to be no slave

And wasn't going to stay one either

"Farewell," she sang to her friends one night

She was mighty sad to leave 'em But she ran away that dark, hot night Ran looking for her freedom

- She ran to woods and she ran through the woods
- With the slave catchers right behind her
- And she kept on going till she got to the North
- Where those mean men couldn't find her

Nineteen times she went back South To get three hundred others

She ran for her freedom nineteen times

To save Black sisters and brothers

Harriet Tubman didn't take no stuff Wasn't scared of nothing neither Didn't come in this world to be no slave

And wasn't going to stay one either

(And didn't stay one either)

# JAM! (Jom-Ayah-Mari!)

Jom, ayah, and mari all have similar meanings: "Come, let's go!"

#### **United in Purpose**

The onus is upon us all to work to improve the human condition. Perform good deeds, for that is truly the way to battle the forces of entropy that are at work in our world. The composite of all our efforts can have an effect. Good done anywhere is good done everywhere.

When we unite in purpose, we are greater than the sum of our parts

--Maya Angelou (1928–2014)



#### Ad Amore

Quello infinito e ineffabil bene chè là suè, così corre ad amore com' a lucido corpo raggio vene.

#### All shall be well

- I give this song to you and the giving fills me.
- I sing this song for you and in singing heal myself.
- Through every darkness, every ray of shining light,

I know all shall be well.

- I sing with love for you and the loving fills me.
- I sing with joy for you and feel joyfulness myself.
- Through every darkness through every ray of shining light, I know all shall be well.

In being open and giving I see the beauty around me.

The quiet star I carry reflecting love. And I shine.

#### To Love

That Goodness, infinite and ineffable, Which is above, runs to Love, As light comes to polished bodies.

#### In the Middle

IN THE MIDDLE of a life that's as complicated as everyone else's,

struggling for balance, juggling time. The mantle clock that was my

- grandfather's
- has stopped at 9:20; we haven't had time

to get it repaired. The brass pendulum is still,

- the chimes don't ring. One day I look out the window,
- green summer, the next, the leaves have already fallen,
- and a grey sky lowers the horizon. Our children almost grown,
- our parents gone, it happened so fast. Each day, we must learn
- again how to love, between morning's quick coffee
- and evening's slow return. Steam from a pot of soup rises,

mixing with the yeasty smell of baking bread. Our bodies

twine, and the big black dog pushes his great head between;

his tail, a metronome, 3/4 time. We'll never get there,

Time is always ahead of us, running down the beach, urging

us on faster, faster, but sometimes we take off our watches,

sometimes we lie in the hammock, caught between the mesh

- of rope and the net of stars, suspended, tangled up
- in love, running out of time.

-Barbara Crooker, from Radiance



#### My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

My soul's been anchored in the Lord. Before I'd stay in hell, one day I'd sing and pray myself away.

- Goin' shout an' pray and never stop until I reach the mountain top.
- Do you love him? (Oh yes!) God almighty. Are you anchored? (Oh yes!)
- Yes, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.
- Will you serve him? (Oh yes!) God almighty. Are you anchored? (Oh yes!)
- Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord, Hallelujah!
- Will you praise him? (Oh yes!) God almighty! Are you anchored?
- Yes, I'm anchored. Lord, I'm anchored.
- Oh yes! Lord I love you, yes I'll serve you, Lord I praise you.
- Hallelujah! God almighty, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

#### Stabat mater

Stabat mater dolorósa juxta Crucem lacrimósa, dum pendébat Fílius.

Cuius ánimam geméntem, contristátam et doléntem pertransívit gládius.

#### Deus in adjutorium meum intende

Deus in adjutorium meum intende; Domine ad adjuvandum me festina. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Alleluia.

#### **The Standing Mother**

The sorrowful mother was standing beside the Cross weeping, while the Son was hanging.

Whose moaning soul, depressed and grieving, the sword has passed through.

### O God, reach forth to my aid

O God, reach forth to my aid;

O Lord, hasten to help me.

- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.



#### Come to the Woods

Another glorious day, the air as delicious to the lungs as nectar to the tongue. The day was full of sparkling sunshine, and at the same time enlivened with one of the most bracing wind storms. The mountain winds bless the forests with love. They touch every tree, not one is forgotten. When the storm began to sound, I pushed out into the woods to enjoy it. I should climb one of the trees for a wider look. The sounds of the storm were glorious with wild exuberance of light and motion. Bending and swirling backward and forward, round and round, in this wild sea of pines. The storm-tones died away, and turning toward the east, I beheld the trees, hushed and tranguil. The setting sun filled them with amber light, and seemed to say,

"Come to the woods, for here is rest."

--John Muir (1838–1914), adapted by the composer

# PERSONNEL

# CHORALE

#### Tenor 1

Caleb Aguirre Kris Correa Sara Cullens Ze Fabiano Maple Hagans Ivan Martinez Graeme McRae Nolan Robertson Rustin Verret Ben Williams

# Tenor 2

Tristino Ali Willian De Martini Jules Elliott Emmanuel Godfreey-Igwe Ryan O'Dell Samuel Kim Weixin Li Luke Losavio Hunter Mathieson Prescott Mathieson Josiah Miears Grey Nguyen Preston Pruitt Alan Sanchez Eli Stockton Adam Szkudlarek Joshua Young

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# Bass 2

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# CONCERT CHOIR

#### Soprano

Megan Cornejo Rachel Cunningham Delia Esparza Kayla Flores Abby Gonzalez Caroline Konkle Rebecca Lang Alena Law Jessica Miller Noelle Rumsey Jacy Schoening Teagan Serink Lindsay Warner

# Alto

Ella Brown Nadia Cloud Lily Cohen Macey Deck Lyra Ehninger Maddie Frost Ayla Hanson Natalie Harlos Ty Holcomb **Rachel Howes** 

# Tenor

August Crowson Jacob Freshour Kadin Gonzalez Jakob Jeter Zachary Ligh Ricardo Oliveros Caiden Reisinger Jacob Royle Howard Russell Stephen Serrato KJ Wright

# Bass

Ben Bassett Colin Busch-Kennedy Xavier Garcia Bodi Gill Collin Huffman Jaden Jackson-Cooper Miguel Munoz DJ Robinson Gabe Scott Greg Serrato Owen Troy

# CAMERATA

# Soprano 1

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Soprano 2 Tabitha Allen Brianna Alexander Gabriella Ayala Aria Cai Emma Carlson Abigail Garner Ryánn Gillen Kassidy Kaluf Arieon Keller Ava Kinghorn Serenna Morrison Kris Nearhood Delaney Nita Maria Powell Abigail Ptaszek Emily Rhodes April Sandoval Anna Schmelter Katie Yue Xie

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#### <u>Alto</u>

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#### <u>Tenor</u>

David Ferguson Xavier Howard Dong Hyun Kang Marquis McBride Ken Sieloff Spencer Simpson

#### <u>Bass</u>

Seth Bazán Samuel Benavidez Matthew Dexter Luke Knittle Zachary Rohwer Avery Sanderlin

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