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CHORAL INVITATIONAL

CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 | 7 PM

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Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music
Jacob Allen, Interim Director
College of Communication and Fine Arts
Deb Burns, Dean

PROGRAM

Lausanne Collegiate School Singers

Katie Shea, conductor

In Flanders Fields.....arr. Roger Emerson (b.1950)
Text by John McRae

Et in terra pax.....Greg Gilpin (b. 1964)
Trad. Latin

Overton High School CAPA Choirs

Quinton Rayford, conductor

Women's Chorale

Cantate Domino.....Rupert Lang (b.1948)
arr. Doreen Rao (b. 1950)

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord.....African-American Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

University Singers

Dr. Francis Cathlina, conductor
Joseph Powell, assistant conductor
Amy Nguyen, collaborative pianist

In Your Company.....Patrick Vu (b. 1998)
Text by Audrey Burchfield

Alleluia.....Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
from Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden, BWV 230

Miracles.....J.D. Frizzell (b. 1983)
Text by Elizabeth B. Rooney

Swifter than Flame.....Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)
Text by Carl John Bostelmann

TEXT + TRANSLATION

Lausanne Collegiate School Singers

In Flanders Fields.....arr. Roger Emerson (b.1950)
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In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie,

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

Et in terra pax.....Greg Gilpin (b. 1964)
Trad. Latin

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

Overton High School CAPA Choirs

Women's Chorale

Cantate Domino.....Rupert Lang (b.1948)
arr. Doreen Rao (b. 1950)

Cantate domino, canticum novum
Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum et filiae sion, in rege
exultent suo

Sing to the Lord a new song
His praise, O church of the saints
Let Israel rejoice in Him who made him,
and the daughters of Zion, in their King
Let them be joyful.

TEXT + TRANSLATION

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord.....African-American Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

In the Lord, in the Lord,
My soul's been anchored in the Lord.
Before I'd stay in hell one day,
My soul's been anchored in the Lord;
I'd sing and pray myself away,
My soul's been anchored in the Lord.
I'm going to pray and never stop,
My soul's been anchored in the Lord;
Until I've reached the mountain top,
My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

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In Your Company.....Patrick Vu (b. 1998)
Text by Audrey Burchfield

I see you Here with me, With weary eyes Like a child fighting sleep, Find your rest.

Come, lay your head on my shoulder, Come, lay your burdens down.
Time will pass, But for a moment, Just for a moment, Stay with me.

The world has left me breathless and bruised, But in your company, I find my peace.

So stay with me, A moment longer, Just a moment longer, And another after that,
Until all that is left are moments Spent, no longer alone.

Alleluia.....Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
from Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden, BWV 230

Halleluia.

Miracles.....J.D. Frizzell (b. 1983)
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I hold within my hand infinities I cannot comprehend, Worlds within wonderworlds.
Again, a clover leaf, a bit of bark, a bug minute and unidentifiable.
I touch them reverently.
And wonder how God made it all.
Our world, our universe, so huge, so small.

Swifter than Flame.....Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)
Text by Carl John Bostelmann

Swifter than flame, prevailing tempests race
Along the lifted steel that bars their way.
From solid street up to the shore of space,
Each granite edifice transcends the day.

Tower on tower reach a final rung
From which winged feet step upward out of night—
To find again forgotten planets hung
In orbits measuring a timeless flight.

PERSONNEL

Lausanne Collegiate School Singers

Soprano

Lilah Benjamin
Sammie Bray
Clementine Butler
Saqqara Carnegie
Harper Epps
Paige Fausey
Anna Greenberg
Sasha Ozeryansky
Sonia Privette
Emma Ryan
Luna Shubbar
Kira Skolovskaia
Issa Syali
Kennedy Turner
Inara Vahn Knight
Zianne Versey

Alto

Violet Arthur
Carrie Benson
Ainsley Donecker
Erlic Farage
Avery Finch
Brie Henry
Violet Kaiden
Asha Lyons
Morgan McBride
Jordan Morris
Cameron Neubauer
Aiya Simmons
Sophia Vo

Tenor

Avi Kistangari
Ravi Naidu
Logan Rucker
Hank Smith
Charlie
Throckmorton
Jason Xuan

Bass

T.J. Jenkins
Sachin Lyons
Anthony Okira
Dher Shubber
Vikram Srinivas

Overton High School CAPA Chorale

Soprano I

Samiyah Yancey
Zoie Baker
Kennedi Boyce

Alto I

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Kiana Warren
Zaria Richards
Karlee Thomas

Bass

Courtney Durham
James Bingham

Soprano II

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Tyler Scott
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Irayda Vasquez

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PERSONNEL

University Singers

***denotes Section Leader*

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Soprano

Lauren Charves	BS Biology	Memphis, TN
Serafina Cid Ross	BM Commercial Music Performance	Memphis, TN
Caroline Davis	BM Vocal Performance	Amarillo, TX
Lynette Davis	BM Choral Music Education & Vocal Performance	Memphis, TN
Amy Enlow	BM Choral Music Education	Memphis, TN
Edlyn Jarquin	BM Choral Music Education	Nashville, TN
Kayla Jones	BM Recording Technology	Richmond, VA
Kylee Kee	BM Choral Music Education	Bartlett, TN
Annie McGinly	BM Choral Music Education	New Orleans, LA
Raegan McNutt	BA Hospitality Industry	Collierville, TN
**April Mendiola	DMA Choral Conducting	Alhambra, CA
Ava Shatley	BM Music Business	Jonesboro, AR
Hope Tillman	BM Choral Music Education	Memphis, TN
Hannah Warta	BM Vocal Performance	Memphis, TN
*Emily Woelke	BM Choral Music Education	Memphis, TN

Alto

Alexa Bustillo	BM Music Therapy	Memphis, TN
*Sarah Enoch	BM Choral & Instrumental Music Education	Memphis, TN
Cassie Gonzalez	BM Music Therapy	Walls, MS
Mercy Hammond	BM Choral Music Education	Olive Branch, MS
Mya Hawkins	BS Health & Exercise Science	Horn Lake, MS
Brio'Na Jackson	BM Vocal Performance	Southaven, MS
Cymalia Johnson	BS Psychology	Memphis, TN
Elis Jones	DMA Composition	Lux, FL
Kaja Kelson	BM Choral Music Education	Horn Lake, MS
Hailey Morano	BM Music Business	Southaven, MS
**Isabella Palmer	BM Choral Music Education & Violin Performance	Russellville, AR
Amanda Randolph	BM Choral Music Education	Cookeville, TN
Stephanie Rolfe	BM Choral Music Education	Memphis, TN
Katie Sann	BM Commercial Music Performance	Memphis, TN
Rachel Young	BS Nursing	Memphis, TN

PERSONNEL

Tenor

Calvin Barnes	BA Communication, Music Minor	Cordova, TN
Luke Brandon	BS Computer Science	Memphis, TN
Noah Canny	BA Recording Technology	Memphis, TN
Derrick Dotson	BM Choral Music Education	Memphis, TN
Bryce Goodson	BM Choral Music Education	Bartlett, TN
Ryan Cashon	BS Nursing	Coeur d'Alene, ID
Yasrah Haseeb	BM Commercial Voice Performance	Lahore, Pakistan
Cade Jett	BFA Musical Theater	Jackson, MS
Joshua Johnson	BM Commercial Music	Memphis, TN
Christian McAlister	BM Choral Music Education	Majuro, Marshall Island
*Brody Melton	BM Choral Music Education	Lakeland, TN
**Joseph Powell	DMA Choral Conducting	Mobile, AL
Recco Sargeant	BFA Musical Theater	Magnolia, AR
Terry Walker	DMA Choral Conducting	Tupelo, MS

Bass

Ethan Davis	BM Choral Music Education	Olive Branch, MS
Merritt Hanemann	BM Vocal Performance	Franklin, TN
Matthew Heathcock	BS Biology	Ypsilanti, MS
Garrett Heady	BM Choral Music Education & Music Theory/Comp.	Cordova, TN
Hezekiah Howze	Undecided	Memphis, TN
Liam Komulainen	BA Academic Focus—Arts	Bartlett, TN
West McElhany	BM Choral Music Education	Kansas City, MO
Benjamin Nguyen	BM Choral Music Education	Cordova, TN
Alex Perez-Afanador	BM Vocal Performance	Plano, TX
Jeffrey Peters	BA History	Memphis, TN
Dylan Swinger	BM Music Business	Bartlett, TN
Gregory Thomas	BA Liberal Arts Religious Studies	Memphis, TN
Liam Tubbs	BM Recording Technology	Jackson, TN
Jahmian Turner	BM Music Business	Memphis, TN
Anthony Valle	BM Vocal Performance	Miami, FL
Kalen Wilson	BM Choral Music Education	Greenwood, MS

BIOGRAPHIES

CONDUCTOR BIOGRAPHY

Francis Cathlina, D.M.A. (he/him) is a Vietnamese-American conductor and educator, renowned for his innovative approach to choral music. His concerts invite audiences into a world where choral artistry becomes a powerful storytelling medium.

Dr. Cathlina is currently the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Memphis, where he received the 2025 Dean's Award for Creative Achievement. He oversees the Choral Area, leads the MM/DMA Choral Conducting program, and conducts the University Singers.

A two-time GRAMMY-nominated educator, Dr. Cathlina draws deeply from his Eastern heritage. His work reflects a commitment to excellence and collaboration. In 2025, he will serve on the conducting faculty for Brazil's XV FIMUS Festival and work in the Philippines as part of ACDA's International Conductors Exchange Program. Early recognition came from the Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA), which named him a "Young Director of Distinction."

Cathlina's teaching philosophy centers on developing masterful technicians, expressive communicators, and thoughtful citizens. Under his direction, the UofM University Singers have been invited to perform for national conferences. His students lead prominent programs—as university DCAs and symphony chorus directors. Recent/upcoming engagements include All-State and honor choirs nationwide, the International Mu Phi Convention Chorus, and a Carnegie Hall debut. Of all these, conducting honor choirs remains his most cherished creative work.

An authority on vocal pedagogy, Dr. Cathlina's research focuses on choral tone and conducting gesture. He has presented over 71 sessions worldwide. He is published in international journals. In 2025, he served as the Headliner for the Ohio and Alabama choral conferences. In 2023, he co-led Conducting Masterclasses in Greece with the University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki) and Ionian University (Corfu).

Dr. Cathlina earned a DMA in conducting with a vocal pedagogy cognate from the University of North Texas, an MM from Michigan State University, and a BME from Baylor University. Before his doctorate, he taught in Texas public schools. Beyond the podium, Dr. Cathlina is a UDRIPPIN-sponsored pickleball athlete/coach. He, his husband Kyle, and their dog Coco call Memphis, Tennessee, their home.

In concert, Cathlina wears an áo dài, traditional Vietnamese formalwear. As one of the few Vietnamese conductors in the field, he proudly dons it as a tribute to his heritage.
www.franciscathlina.com

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ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR BIOGRAPHY

Originally from Mobile, AL, **Joseph Powell** is a conductor and tenor from Memphis, TN. He holds a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in Choral Conducting from The University of Southern Mississippi. Currently, he is pursuing his DMA in Choral Conducting with a Vocal Pedagogy cognate from the University of Memphis and serves as conductor of Mazi, the artistic director of Memphis ChoralArts and interim director of the Memphis Symphony Chorus.. From 2014 to 2024, he was Director of Choirs at White Station High School in Memphis, TN. Powell is a 2022 recipient of the Country Music Association's "Music Teachers of Excellence" award, and has twice been a nominee for Memphis-Shelby County Schools Teacher of the Year. In addition to his teaching career, Powell is an active performer, appearing with Opera Memphis and the Memphis Symphony Chorus. Powell is also the handbell choir director and a staff singer at Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis.

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST BIOGRAPHY

Amy Nguyen currently serves as the collaborative artist for the University of Memphis Choral Arts Department. She regularly performs with students, faculty, and guest artists at the University of Memphis. She works throughout the Mid-South, performing at area high schools, colleges, and churches. Nguyen has performed throughout the country, including performances with the Independence Symphony, the Kansas City Symphony, and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. She has played for the West TN Youth Chorus and the Collegiate School of Memphis.

Nguyen started her piano studies at the age of five. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors from Graceland University, where she studied with Charles Schmidt. Under the tutelage of Richard Smith, she earned a Master of Music Degree from Central Missouri State University. She also studied with Betty Mallard at the University of Texas at Austin.

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Terry Walker - DMA Choral Conducting

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Benjamin Smith - Opera Stage Director

Mary Wilson - Professor of Voice

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Finally, THANK YOU to all the former Music Educators, parents, family, and friends who have invested in these musicians' lives.

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UPCOMING CHORAL AREA EVENTS

FALL 2025

**University Singers' Home Concert
with Germantown HS (Mississippi)**

Tuesday, November 4, 2025
SFPAC Plough Hall
7:00 PM

Tigerchor Concert

Thursday, November 13, 2025
Harris Hall
7:00 PM

Mazi & Collegiate Choir Concert

Thursday, November 20, 2025
Harris Hall
7:00 PM

**University Singers' Recital with
Joseph Powell (Assistant Conductor)**

Monday, November 24, 2025
Harris Hall
1:45 PM

SPRING 2026

**UofM Honor Choir featuring the
UofM University Singers**

Friday, January 30, 2026
SFPAC Plough Hall
7:00 PM

University Singers' Southern ACDA Preview

Concert: 5 Love Languages
featuring Cordova HS
Friday, February 27, 2026
SFPAC Plough Hall
7:00 PM

University Singers Southern ACDA Performance

Thursday, March 5, 2026
Location TBD
11:15 AM

Tigerchor Concert

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
SFPAC Plough Hall
7:00 PM

**University Singers' Masterworks Concert with
UofM Symphony Orchestra**

Monday, April 20, 2026
SFPAC Plough Hall
7:00 PM

Mazi & Collegiate Choir Concert

Thursday, April 23, 2026
Harris Hall
7:00 PM



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