



Rudi E. Scheidt  
School of Music

# UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS CHORAL INVITATIONAL

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Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music  
Kevin Sanders, Director  
College of Communication and Fine Arts  
Ryan Fisher, Interim Dean

# PROGRAM

## Milan High School Choir

Paige Wilson, Director of Choral Activities

Keep Your Lamps arr. Andre Thomas  
(b. 1952)

Stomp on the Fire Traditional  
Andrea Ramsey  
(b. 1977)

## Brighton High School Choir

Matthew Bowsher, Director of Choral Activities

Set Me as A Seal Rene Clausen  
(b. 1953)

Cantar Jay Althouse  
(b. 1951)

## Germantown High School Concert Choir

Timothy Wise, Director of Choral Activities

No Time Susan Brumfield

O Love Elaine Hagenberg  
(b. 1979)

## University Singers

Francis Cathlina, conductor  
Terry Walker, assistant conductor  
Amy Nguyen, collaborative pianist

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Richard Farrant  
(1530-1580)

Alles, was Odem hat, lobe den Herrn  
from "Singet Dem Herrn ein neues Lied" BWV 225 Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

Credo Antonio Lotti  
(1667-1740)

My Heart Be Brave Marques L.A. Garrett  
(b. 1984)

## Combined Choirs

I Lift My Voice Andrea Ramsey  
(b. 1977)

# PERFORMERS

## Milan High School Choir

Cameron Arnold  
Alyssa Basham  
Drew Caldwell  
Cade Dycus  
Abbie Johnson  
Kaniyah Jones  
Lucas Jones  
Piper Lawson  
Kenzie Loeffel  
Isabel McKnight  
Maddie Neely  
Jasmine Ransom  
Addie Reed  
Claira Reed  
Ella Reed  
Kinley Todd  
Anna York

## Brighton High School Choir

Je'Riyah Bass  
Chloe Bridgewater  
Ella Darby  
Lyric Franklin  
Whitney Garland  
Saturn Marchant  
Lily Mashburn  
Mackenzie Owen  
Katie Scott  
Maleah Torres  
Kyra Yancey

## Germantown High School Concert Choir

Evelyn Aguirre Ruiz  
Alayah Batts  
Bethany Bland  
Kadin Bolton  
Aaralyn Boyd  
Emareon Briggs  
Autumn Brown-Holt  
Tatiana Clark  
Alexia Clayborne  
Maricus Cobbins  
Kelsey Cox  
Destiny Cummings  
Jenise Currin  
Tyler Curry  
Mary Davenport  
Lynette Davis  
Jaden Dickson

Madison Dockery  
Ashton Fogle  
Jaela Foster  
Meadow Fuqua  
Amaya Green  
Taylor Harden  
Cicely Heard  
Michael James  
Annalise Johnson  
Marlie Johnson  
Amir Lanfair  
McKenzie Littlejohn  
Acey Lofton  
Bailei Lopez  
Daryneshia Love  
Malachi Maxwell  
Braylin Monger

Sade Muller  
Justin Nunez-Baez  
Bryson Parker  
Jordan Phillips  
Tyra Rhodes  
Ashlyn Robinson  
Aaliyah Ross  
Shiloh Sanders  
Walter Sheppard  
Khoi Sims  
Khloe Sylvester  
Daila Taylor  
Amaya Turner  
Aniya Vaught  
Sanaa Young  
Hesham Zokari

# PERFORMERS

## University Singers

### Soprano 1

Amanda Bolanos  
Caroline Davis  
Edlyn Jarquin  
Fantasia Jones  
Kylee Kee  
Anne Catherine Landsgaard  
Angelee Pham

### Soprano 2

Karoline Larsen  
Kayla Jones  
Sarah McGinnis  
Ava Shatley  
Emily Woelke  
Karen Zeferino

### Alto 1

Nohelia Gomez  
Mercy Hammond  
Isabella Palmer  
Caroline Phillips-Burk  
Katie Sann  
Lindsay Reeves  
Rachel Young

### Alto 2

Heaven Hubbard  
Bibiana Roblero  
Stephanie Rolfe  
Mae Sistrunk  
Bella Grace Valente  
Morgan Williams

### Tenor 1

Kane Bradley  
Christian Johnson  
Nick Kroboth-Larsen  
Cait Mocan  
Myles Robinson  
Evan Velasquez

### Tenor 2

Derrick Dotson  
Christian McAlister  
Brody Melton  
Spencer Newberry  
Brandon Sewell  
Evan Torres  
Terry Walker

### Bass 1

Shawn Campbell  
Merritt Hanemann  
Andrew Heady  
Alex Perez-Afanador  
Nate Perkins  
Dylan Swinger

### Bass 2

Samari Gowdy  
Garrett Heady  
Ben Nguyen  
Griffin Taylor  
Gregory Thomas  
SirLatimore Wilson

# BIOGRAPHIES

## Francis Cathlina

**Francis Cathlina, D.M.A.** (he/him) is a distinguished Vietnamese-American conductor and educator, known for his innovative programming that seamlessly weaves choral music with narrative. His transformative concert experiences invite audiences into a world where choral artistry becomes a powerful storytelling medium.

A two-time GRAMMY-nominated educator, Dr. Cathlina serves as the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Memphis Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music. He provides visionary leadership for the Choral Area, oversees the Doctoral and Master's Choral Conducting program, and conducts the University Singers (flagship SATB choir) and Mazi (SSAA choir).

As a first-generation musician, Dr. Cathlina's Eastern heritage profoundly shapes his teaching. His dedication to collaboration and rigor has earned international recognition, including being named a 2023 National Finalist for The American Prize: Dale Warland Award in Choral Conducting (College Division). The UofM University Singers, under his direction, have been selected to perform at the 2024 Tennessee Music Educators Association Conference. Early in his career, the Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) designated him the "Young Director of Distinction."

Dr. Cathlina's teaching philosophy centers on developing masterful technicians, creative communicators, and responsible citizens. His former students successfully lead programs at diverse institutions—universities, public schools, prominent churches, and community choirs. Driven by a passion for human connection, he finds great inspiration as an honor choir conductor. Upcoming and recent engagements involve the International Mu Phi Convention Chorus, Mississippi All-State Treble Choir, UofM Symphony Orchestra, and honor choirs nationwide.

A recognized authority in vocal pedagogy, Dr. Cathlina's research focuses on choral tone and conducting gesture. He has published articles in ACDA's Choral Journal and has presented over 47 interest sessions across the globe. In 2023, he co-led two Conducting Masterclasses in Greece with the University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki) and Ionian University (Corfu). In 2024, he is set to be the Choral Headliner for the Alabama Music Educators Association Conference.

Dr. Cathlina holds a D.M.A. in conducting with a vocal pedagogy cognate from the University of North Texas, an M.M. from Michigan State University, and a B.M.E. from Baylor University. Before his doctorate, he taught in Texas public schools, working with elementary through high school-age singers. He is deeply grateful for the steadfast support of his husband, family, and friends, who embrace his unique blend of Vietnamese culture and Western upbringing. Dr. Cathlina, his husband Kyle, and their fur baby, Coco, proudly call Memphis, Tennessee, their home. [www.franciscathlina.com](http://www.franciscathlina.com)

# **FACULTY AND STAFF**

We'd like to thank the following people in their contributions toward this concert:

## **Choral Area**

Francis Cathlina - Director of Choral Activities &  
Conductor of University Singers and Mazi (SSAA choir)

Emily Frizzell - Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education &  
Conductor of Tigerchor (TTBB choir)

Kane Bradley - DMA Choral Conducting student  
Terry Walker - DMA Choral Conducting student  
Karen Zeferino - DMA Choral Conducting Student

## **Vocal Area**

Faculty: Matthew Burns, Stephen Karr, Randy Rushing,  
Benjamin Smith, Paulina Villareal, and Mary Wilson

## **CCFA Administration**

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