



Rudi E. Scheidt
School of Music

UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS CHORAL INVITATIONAL

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PROGRAM

Milan High School Choir

Paige Wilson, Director of Choral Activities

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

Cantar Jay Althouse
(b. 1951)

Brighton High School Choir

Matthew Bowsher, Director of Choral Activities

No Time Susan Brumfield

O Love Elaine Hagenberg
(b. 1979)

Germantown High School Concert Choir

Timothy Wise, Director of Choral Activities

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

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

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

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

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