



Rudi E. Scheidt
School of Music

**UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
UNIVERSITY SINGERS
HOME CONCERT:**

Don Miguel Ruiz's 4 Agreements

featuring
the Olive Branch HS Cantabile

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 | 7:30 PM

SFPAC Plough Hall

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

PROGRAM

Olive Branch High School Cantabile

Terrell Hall, Director

Jennifer Rushton, Collaborative Pianist

Kwangena Thina Bo

arr. Lhente-Mari Pitout

Through the Dark

Andrea Ramsey
(b. 1977)

I Am Power

Mark Burrows
(b. 1955)

Better is One Day

Matt Redman
(b. 1974)
arr. Trey McLaughlin
(b. 1984)

PROGRAM

University Singers

Dr. Francis Cathlina, Conductor
Terry Walker, Assistant Conductor
Amy Nguyen, Collaborative Pianist

Agreement #1: Be impeccable with your word

Hear My Prayer Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

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

Agreement #2: Don't take anything personally

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

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

Agreement #3: Don't make assumptions

Credo in unum Deum from "Credo in F" Antonio Lotti
(1667-1740)

Grace Before Sleep Susan LaBarr
(b. 1981)

Agreement #4: Always do your best

Hope Lingers On Lisa Schneckenburger
arr. Andrea Ramsey
(b. 1977)

PERFORMERS

Olive Branch High School Cantabile

A'nyah Richmond
Abraham Serna
Aiden Warren
Akeria Smith
Alijah Hibler
Amaya Wilson
Bethany Putman
Braniyia Logan
Brayden McDurmon
Caylen LeSure
Chloe Wood
Christopher Robinson
Daniel-Thomas-Shackelford
David Brackin
David Green
Devyn Crouch
Emily Moore
Felicity Sansom
Israel Cecil
Jacobbi Hall
Jayden Bowen
Jakira Nelson
Jayden Purnell
Jeremiah Edwards
Jernisha Payne
Jershad Walls
Kathryn Bland
Kendall Sanders
Kori Jefferies
Landon Holcumb
Lauren Charves
M'syah Greene
Macy Sullivan
Mallory George
Mason Sell
Parks Pugh
Ryan Cashon
Sania Terry
Sarah Grace Niblett
Terrence Baker
Tyrese Howell

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

Mr. Terrell Hall

Terrell Hall graduated from the University of Mississippi with a B.M.E. in Vocal Music Education in 2013 and a M.M. in Choral Conducting in 2015. While at the University of Mississippi, he was a member of the Concert Singers, Men's Glee, the Graduates ensemble, and the Gospel Choir.

Terrell began his teaching career in 2015 at New Albany Middle School where his choirs and ensembles earned superior ratings at both district and state choral adjudications. Terrell is currently in his fifth year as Director of Choral Activities at Olive Branch High School. His choirs have consistently earned superior ratings at choral festivals and competitions. In the spring of 2023, Cantabile was selected as a performing choir at the MS ACDA/MMEA state conference.

In addition to conducting five choral ensembles, he teaches General Music, Music Theory, and Dual Enrollment Music Appreciation.

Terrell has served as district chairperson for the Mississippi Music Educators Association at both the middle school and high school levels. He currently serves as the Mississippi ACDA SATB All-State Honor Choir Coordinator and as a clinical instructor for Student Teaching Interns.

Terrell holds active memberships in the American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Mississippi Association of Educators.

Terrell is an active adjudicator, clinician and presenter in both Mississippi and Tennessee. Most recently, Terrell has been appointed to the position of artistic director of Coro Rio. He also serves that organization as the conductor for CoroRio, Ictus, and assists with the Mississippi River Chorale.

BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. 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, Carlos Santelli,
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