



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Rudi E. Scheidt
School of Music

Presents:

The University of Memphis High School Choral Invitational

Monday, September 20, 2021

7:30PM

Harris Concert Hall

PROGRAM

Striving After God

Undine Smith Moore

Ukholo Lwami

Thabo Matshebo

Soloist, MacKenzie Thompson
Performed by Central High School
Ronald Wilson, Director

He That Dwells

Karliss Chapple

I'm Gonna Sing til the Spirit

Moses Hogan

Performed by Cordova High School
Adrian Maclin, Director

Love: Then and Still

Susan Labarr

Rytmus

Ivan Hrusovsky

Through Love to Light

Elaine Hagenberg

Performed by University Singers
Francis Cathlina, Director
Francisco Gascue, Collaborative Pianist

Beati quorum via

Charles V. Stanford

Cordova High School, Central High School, and University Singers Combined
Performance
Francis Cathlina, Director

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT SINGERS

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Roland Wilson, Director

Sophie Barker

Arecko Barksdale

Breanna Bledsoe

Matthew Brunson

Kristian Butler

Bianca Cayborne

Clem Fogleman

Oliver Gales

Gino Hall

Hayley Johnson

Whitley Johnson

Deztany Jones

RoKenya Kahill

Leo Kennedy

Ben Lacy

Leonora Leopard

Alexus Martini

William Massey

Semiah Minnis

Dasia Moore

Kierstin Mumford

Amelia Nwokeji

Skylar Parrish-Clark

Dacorria Perkins

Taylor Reddic

Dontavious Rhine

Triston Reed

Samaria Sallie

Brandon Simmons

Natia Simmons

Shawn Simmons

Alicia Thomas

MacKenzie Thompson

Jeremia Todd

Myles Turner

Jordan Williams

Cameron Wilson

CORDOVA HIGH SCHOOL

Adrian Maclin, Director

Josefat Aguilar

Roderick Allen

William Anderson

Mark Baker

Calvin Barnes

Camora Batemon

Jordan Bowen

Chuyler Byars

Calia Carmichael-Robinson

Alyssa Carpenter

Destin Collins

Iassic Crenshaw

Natayla Crosby

Kiersan Davis

Ma'Rea Deener

Tiffany Michell

Derrick Dotson

Corey Feilds

Katie Flores

Antonio Hardin

Unzel Heard

Alexis Hill

Tylan Hopson

Ta'mya Hopson

Camren Jones

Bailey Maghrbi

Eric Marston

TaLiyah Matthews

Kaleb Neal

Benjamin Nguyen

Alexander Norman

Beldon Partson

Kendall Paxton

Amiyah Price

Cameron Rodgers

Shamayah Roebuck

Raimiah Saulsberry

Ambria Shumpert

Amaare Simmons

Zoe Smith

Janiyah Spencer

Favour Turner

Kiara Valentine

Kalen Wilson

Adriana Yates

UNIVERSITY SINGERS

Dr. Francis Cathlina, Director

Sopranos

Hannah Gibson
Emily Hale
Karoline Larsen
Abby Luckett
Sarah McGinnis
Clara Norell
Gracelyn Penn
Lindsay Reeves

Altos

Chloë Abell
Caroline Phillips-Burk
Sarah Froncek
Cait Mocan
Stephanie Rolfe
Taylor Stumph
Holly Thiemann
Alexa Thomas
Evann Velasquez
Morgan Williams

Tenors

Ethan Baskin
Cody Christmas
Calvin Ellis
Samuel Johnson
Camden Kegley
Nicholas Kroboth-Larsen
Daniel Ward

Basses

Shawn Campbell
Paul Cummings
Tate Hansen
Cordara Harper
Andrew Heady
Marvin Holt
Donavon Hughes
Jacob Mohler
SirLatimore Wilson
William Wilson

TEXT TRANSLATION

Text Translation for *Rytmus*

Ave Eva fons amoris,
tu regina venustatit.

Be greeted Eve, you source of love,
you are the queen of nobleness.

Text Translation for *Beati quorum via*

Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

BIOGRAPHIES

Conductor-teacher **Francis Cathlina**, D.M.A., is a Vietnamese-American whose career is compelled by the shared human experience of connection. His Eastern heritage shapes his work: he builds community and efficacious leaders through choral artistry.

Currently, Dr. Cathlina serves as the Visiting Director of Choral Activities at the University of Memphis. He conducts the University Singers and Mazi, the treble choir; he teaches graduate and undergraduate conducting; and he guides a comprehensive Choral Department of five ensembles through administrative leadership and vision. Prior, he directed the Tenor/Bass Choir and taught conducting and music education courses at the University of North Texas as a doctoral teaching fellow.

Ensembles supported by Dr. Cathlina's direction sing to inspire through innovative programming, enhanced by the practice of Choregie. During his tenure at Centennial High School, the A Cappella Choir was nationally recognized as 3rd place in The American Prize for Choral Performance.

As a first-generation musician, Dr. Cathlina exemplifies a peerless work ethic, and he strives to instill this in all mentees. Former students describe their experience of him, highlighting his "high expectations, enthusiasm, and passion for not only teaching but for caring about every one of his students." While at UNT, the American Prize in Conducting recognized Dr. Cathlina as a National Finalist in the College/University Division for his work with the UNT Tenor/Bass Chorus. In addition, his work in the Southwestern ACDA Graduate Conducting Competition garnered him 2nd place both times he competed. Early in his career, he was designated the "Young Director of Distinction" by the Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA). An active clinician, Dr. Cathlina seeks to share choral music's transformative power through inclusive pedagogy. He hopes that his students mature into first-rate musicians, refined thinkers, and compassionate citizens that enhance their part of the world. Recent clinics involve students in Texas region choirs and public schools. Future engagements include guest conductor of the TMEA Region 30 HS Mixed Choir and clinics in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas.

Dr. Cathlina's scholarship focuses on conducting and vocal pedagogy in choral rehearsals. In summer 2021, the American Choral Directors Association's Choral Journal published his two-part article "7 Essentials for Developing Voices in Choir: Part I" and "Part II." Additionally, he serves the profession as adjudicator and coordinator and regularly presents interest sessions throughout the United States. He is an invited presenter for Southwestern ACDA (SWACDA) and Illinois Music Educators Association in 2022.

Dr. Cathlina holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting with a vocal pedagogy cognate from the University of North Texas, a Master of Music in choral conducting from Michigan State University, and a Bachelor of Music Education from Baylor University. Prior to his doctoral studies, he enjoyed a varied career as a public school teacher, working with elementary through high school-aged singers with diverse backgrounds.

A native of Cove City, North Carolina, and currently a Ph.D. student in music education at the University of Memphis, **Cordara Harper** brings over 20 years of serving through music. Mr. Harper is a graduate choral graduate assistant and currently serves as the Director of Music at Burdette United Methodist Church in Memphis, TN. Mr. Harper holds a master of music degree and post-masters certificate in school administration from The University of North Carolina. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of music from North Carolina Central University and holds a master of Science in human resources training and development and a bachelor of science in psychology. He has presented research at both regional and national conferences on numerous areas of music education, culturally responsive pedagogy, and music of the African diaspora. Mr. Harper is an active member of the National Association for Music Education, the North Carolina Music Educators Association, the American Choral Directors Association, the College Music Society, the Society for Arts Entrepreneurship Education, and the National Association of Negro Musicians. Mr. Harper currently serves as the Director of Music at Burdette United Methodist Church in Memphis, TN. He previously served as the Director of Choral Activities at Cleveland High School, West Craven High School in Vanceboro, NC, where he attended, and as an elementary/middle school general music teacher in Durham NC. Under Mr. Harper's direction, the choirs have earned superb ratings.

Calvin Ellis is a Memphis native, raised in Millington, TN and a graduate of Millington Central High School. He attended the University of Mississippi and graduated with a degree in Music Education. Calvin began his career as a public school choral director in 2002 at Shadowlawn Middle School. After continuing his career at Tupelo High School, Opelika High School in Opelika, AL, and finally at his alma mater, Millington High School, Calvin now serves as the Associate Music Director at Second Presbyterian Church. At Second Presbyterian Church, Calvin conducts the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, and leads the worship team. He is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Conducting here at The University of Memphis. Most importantly, Calvin enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Jauna, and his two wonderful two children, Caleb and Carrington.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Choral Department

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

Ryan Fisher - Associate Director of Choral Activities & Conductor of Chamber Choir

Emily Frizzell - Conductor of Tigerchor (tenor/bass choir)

Cordara Harper - Choral Graduate Assistant & PhD student

Calvin Ellis - MM Choral Conducting student

Voice Department

Faculty: Rebecca Arendt, Dror Baitel, Christopher Besch, Joyce Cobb, Randy Rushing, Benjamin Smith, Paulina Villareal, and Mary Wilson (chair)

CCFA & School of Music Administration

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Ryan Fisher - Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Kevin Sanders - Director of Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

Robyn Jones - Associate Director for Student Services & Administration

Randy Rushing - Interim Associate Director for Academic Programs

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School of Music UPCOMING *Events*

September

- 20: High School Choral Invitational
- 23-24: Musical Scoring for Video Games Workshop
- 24: Guest Artist Recital: Apple Blossom Trio
- 24: SoundFuzion at Hutchison School
- 25: Percussion Group at Latin Fest
- 26: University of Memphis Opera presents Aria Showcase
- 26: Scheidt at the Shell
- 28: The University of Memphis Southern Comfort Jazz Orchestra
featuring the UofM Jazz Singers presents "This and That"
- 30: 2021 Choral Sampler

October

- 4: The University of Memphis Jazz Singers presents "Contemporary Standards"
- 5: ComboNation featuring Commercial and Jazz Combos
- 6: University of Memphis Symphonic Band Concert
- 7: 901 Jazz
- 20: Oktubafest Recital
- 22-23: The Memphis International Piano Festival + Competition
- 23: Ace Your Audition
- 24: Chamber Choir Fall Concert with Northwest Community College
- 27-30: University of Memphis Honors String Orchestra and
String Quarter Festival
- 30: 55th Bandmasters Championship

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