



Rudi E. Scheidt  
School of Music

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## University of Memphis Honor Choir Concert

Alexander Lloyd Blake, conductor  
Francis Cathlina, conductor  
Liz Parsons, collaborative pianist

Friday, January 28, 2022

7 PM

Rose Theater

Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music  
Kevin Sanders, Director

College of Communication and Fine Arts  
Anne Hogan, Dean

# PROGRAM

*-selected from the following-*

## University Singers Repertoire

Come, Thou Fount	arranged by Molly Ijames
Sehnsucht	Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Rytmus	Ivan Hrušovský (1927-2001)

## Honor Choir Repertoire

Poor Wayfaring Stranger (SATB divisi)	Alexander Lloyd Blake (b. 1937)
Man of Truth (TTB)	Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)
United We Dream (SATB minimal divisi)	Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)
Bonse Aba (SATB)	Victor Johnson (b. 1978)
I Will Be Earth (SSA)	Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

# PERFORMERS

## First Assembly Christian School

Emme Hope Ballard  
Macy Bragg  
Courtney Conklin  
Kyle Dean  
Calee Douglas  
Brooke Evans  
Chaeli St. Bernard

## Brighton High School

Teagan Abernathy  
Peyton Ervin  
Whitney Garland  
Ma'Kaya Givhan  
George Glidewell  
Elijah Howard  
Evan Torres

## Hernando High School

Maddie Cummings  
Chase Epps  
Madison Glidewell  
Ashlyn Joyner  
Zash Nance  
Ian Thomas  
Kayla Weatherly  
Morgan Woods

## Overton High School

Briah Bland  
Nyla Wilson  
Jennyfer Baez  
Khaylan Bell  
Denisha Hankins  
Monterrya Chrisman  
Ruth Herrera

## Whitehaven High School

Ethan Brooks  
Ja'Cari Burnette  
Cadence Chambers  
Jalayah Jones  
Brandon Marshall  
Morgan Matthews  
Ay'sha McConnell  
Nathan Transou

## East High School

Kathleen Silkes

## Briarcrest High School

Ella Harris  
Evelyn McGee  
Emma Mulrooney  
Holly Scheinblum

## Southwind High School

Nasir Denny  
Angel Gonzales  
Alyson Griffin  
Cymalia Johnson  
Tyreek Solomon  
Nick Tran  
Isis Walker  
Courtne Wilson

## Germantown High School

Katelyn Byars  
Jandon Cobb  
Bryson Coleman  
Cicely Heard  
Myles Land  
Aaliyah Ross  
Shiloh Sanders  
Kaleb Steward  
London Wilkerson

## Bartlett High School

Roman Dawidow  
Jewel Frison  
Jerimiah Hatley  
Kaitlynn McDonald  
Anglee Pham  
Dylan Swinger  
Chloe Thorne  
David Webster

## White Station High School

Natela Bonaparte  
Jake Brooks  
Tyus Davis  
Lyle Dodson  
Taylor Ellis  
Maddie Frost  
Allie Maury  
Cal Winsett  
Emilin Ruales

## Arlington High School

Camden Carter  
Morgan Ervin  
Alex Hutchinson  
Laurie Isgett  
Jordan Mooneyhan  
Emily Richard  
Lauren Smith  
Christian Taylor

## Ridgeway High School

Jaylah Carson  
Ethan Dickerson  
John Ford  
Malaki Gipson  
Tayler Henry  
Amiah Johnson  
Melanie Martinez  
Jillian McCormick  
Christopher McKay  
Ra'Shelle Miller  
Yasmine Miller  
Kaleb Spring

## Hamilton High School

Dylan Bolden  
Tarlajja Chornes  
Ke'Osha Jordan  
Ja'Cyla Love  
Jordan Moore  
Zanaiyah Woods

## Kingsbury High School

Jesona Arrington  
Marjorhy Chacon  
Carlyse Irby  
JaCinta Leblanc

## Olive Branch High School

Shelby Andersen  
Kaitlyn Batts  
Ryan Cashon  
Ethan Davis  
Logan Durley  
Jeremiah Edwards  
Amelia Lackey-Jenkins  
Malik Mitchell  
Abby Parr  
Finn Sobalvarro  
Jacobie Steen  
Ellen Taylor

# PERFORMERS

## Covington High School

Lauren Cromwell  
Jordan Haley  
Cameron Hall  
Jashaun Jones  
Olivia Jones  
Samaria Macklin  
Riley McDaniel  
Emilin Ruales

# UNIVERSITY SINGERS

## Soprano

Emily Hale  
Karoline Larsen  
Abby Lockett  
Sarah McGinnis  
Clara Norell  
Gracelyn Penn

## Alto

Caroline Phillips-Burk  
Sarah Froncek  
Cait Mocan  
Lindsay Reeves  
Stephanie Rolfe  
Bella Grace Valente  
Evann Velasquez  
Morgan Williams

## Tenor

Ethan Baskin  
Cody Christmas  
Samuel Johnson  
Nicholas Kroboth-Larsen

## Bass

Shawn Campbell  
Calvin Ellis  
Andrew Heady  
Marvin Holt  
Camden Kegley  
Ethan Smith  
SirLatimore Wilson

## ABOUT THE CONDUCTORS



### Alexander Lloyd Blake

Dr. Alexander Lloyd Blake works as an award-winning conductor, composer/arranger, vocal contractor, singer, and music activist. Named Musical America's 30 Professionals of the Year in 2019 and the Louis Botto Award for Innovative actions and Entrepreneurial Zeal from Chorus America, Blake was recently featured in both the NY Times and LA Times for work in diversity and anti-racism within classical music.

Blake is the Founding Artistic Director of Tonicity, an award-winning choral ensemble focused on spreading a message of unity, peace, and social justice through a culturally diverse choral setting. He also serves as the Choir Director at Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA). He also serves in Los Angeles and New York City as a

Principal Associate Conductor of the National Children's Chorus. As an arranger, Blake's "Wade in the Water" was a featured arrangement at the North Carolina Music Educators Association convention in 2013 and is published with Santa Barbara Music Publishing. His arrangements of "Deep River" and "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" are published by Alliance Music Publishing and Walton Music Publishing, respectively. Other musical activities include an opera conducting premiere at the 2019 Prototype Festival in New York City and preparing choirs for live performances with UCLA Center for the Art of Performance.

Recent film and TV credits include singing on the soundtrack of Jordan Peele's "Us", Disney's "Lion King", and Pixar's "Spies in Disguise." Blake also worked as the choral contractor and vocal arranger for Andy Grammer's performance at the 2019 ARDYS (Radio Disney Awards). Blake recently prepared singers for the 2020 Grammy Awards and performed at the 92nd Academy Awards.

Blake completed the Doctorate in Musical Arts degree at the University of Southern California in 2019. He completed the Master of Music degree at the University of California Los Angeles in 2014 and the Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude) in Vocal Performance at Wake Forest University in 2010.

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### Francis Cathlina

Conductor-teacher Francis Cathlina, D.M.A., is a Vietnamese-American whose work lies at the intersection of choral music and narrative. Within a concert experience, the musicians engage the audience in a story told through choral artistry. Such innovative programming connects the power of choral music to 21st-century students and audiences.

Currently, Dr. Cathlina serves as the Visiting Director of Choral Activities at the University of Memphis. He guides a comprehensive Choral Department of five ensembles through administrative leadership and vision; he teaches graduate and advanced undergraduate conducting; and he conducts the University Singers (flagship SATB choir) and Mazi (treble choir).

As a first-generation musician, Dr. Cathlina's Eastern heritage shapes his teaching. He cultivates a collaborative and rigorous culture, which has yielded ensemble recognition at the national level during his tenure with the UNT Men's Chorus and the Centennial High School choirs. Early in his career, he was designated the "Young Director of Distinction" by the Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA).

An active guest conductor, Dr. Cathlina builds masterful technicians and creative communicators through inclusive pedagogy. Recent clinics involve students in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. Future engagements include guest conductor of the Arkansas Region 1 Treble Choir and the Texas All-Region 30 Mixed Choir.

Dr. Cathlina's scholarship focuses on vocal pedagogy in choral rehearsals and conducting. 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 an adjudicator and coordinator and regularly presents interest sessions throughout the United States. He is an invited presenter for Southwestern ACDA (SWACDA), Texas Music Educators Association, Illinois Music Educators Association, and Tennessee 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 taught public school, working with elementary through high school-aged singers with diverse backgrounds. Dr. Cathlina lives in Memphis, Tennessee with his husband, Kyle, and their dog, Coco.

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