

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTERWORK HIGHLIGHTS

FEATURING

UNIVERSITY SINGERS

UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *conductor*

Steven W. Ryan, *accompanist*

GUEST ARTISTS

Omar Abdallah, *baritone*

Eliza Arnone, *soprano*

Abigail Brodnick, *soprano*

Barry Centanni, *percussion*

Mario Correa, *Baroque trumpet*

Isabella Cruz, *percussion*

Hannah D'elia, *percussion*

Evan Fleming, *baritone*

Taylor Goodson, *timpani*

Bryce Grier, *Baroque trumpet*

Gabrielle Guida, *mezzo soprano*

Dimitri Korneev, *piano*

Timothy Nuzzetti, *percussion*

Donna Scro Samori, *choreographer*

Thalia Suleymanov, *soprano*

Sydney Swearengin, *soprano*

Max Tripodi, *percussion*

THDN dance majors

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

8PM

ALEXANDER KASSER THEATER



John J. Cali
School of Music

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Highlights from Messiah

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

And he shall purify (*Chorus*)

O thou that tellest (*Air: Alto & Chorus*)

Gabrielle Guida, *mezzo-soprano*

For unto us a child is born (*Chorus*)



There were shepherds (*Recitative: Soprano*) - And lo, the angel of the Lord
(*Accompagnato: Soprano*) - And the angel said unto them (*Recitative: Soprano*) -
And suddenly there was with the angel (*Accompagnato: Soprano*)

Eliza Arnone, *soprano*

Glory to God (*Chorus*)

Rejoice greatly (*Air: Soprano*)

Thalia Suleymanov, *soprano*



I know that my Redeemer liveth (*Air: soprano*)

Sydney Swearengin, *soprano*

Since by man came death (*Chorus*)

Behold, I tell you a mystery (*Accompagnato: Bass*)

The trumpet shall sound (*Air: bass*)

Omar Abdallah, *bass-baritone*

Mario Correa '16, *Baroque trumpet*



Hallelujah (*Chorus*)

Audience members are invited to stand and sing with the choir

Mario Correa '16 & Bryce Grier, *Baroque trumpets*

Taylor Goodson '11, '13, *timpani*

INTERMISSION

CHORALE

Abigail Brodnick, *soprano*

Evan Fleming '19, *baritone*

Steven W. Ryan, *piano I* & Dimitri Korneev, *piano II*

Taylor Goodson '11, '13, *timpani*

Barry Centanni, Isabella Cruz, Hannah D'elia, Timothy Nuzzetti, Max Tripodi, *percussion*

Donna Scro Samori, *choreographer*

THDN dance majors, *dancers*

Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *conductor*

Highlights from *Carmina Burana* (Cantiones Profane)

Carl Orff
(1895-1982)

Two Piano & Percussion Accompaniment (1957 version)

FORTUNA IMPERATRIX MUNDI (Fortune, Empress of the World)

1. O Fortuna

2. Fortune plango vulnera

I. PRIMO VERE (In springtime - Awakening of Spring)

3. Veris leta facies

4. Omnia sol temperat

5. Ecce gratum

UF DEM ANGER (On the Lawn – Dance Songs)

6. Tanz (instruments only)

9. Swaz hie gat umbe

Chum, chum, geselle min

Swaz hie gat umbe

10. Were diu werlt alle min

II. IN TABERNA (In the Tavern)

11. Estuans interius

13. Ego sum abbas

14. In taberna quando sumus

III. COUR D'AMOURS (The Court of Love)

16. Dies, nox et omnia

17. Stetit puella

20. Veni, Veni, venias

21. In trutina

22. Tempus et iocundum

23. Dulcissime

BLANZIFLOR ET HELENA

24. Ave formosissima

FORTUNA IMPERATRIX MUNDI

25. O Fortuna

FROM THE PODIUM:

Masterwork Highlights serves the dual purpose of showcasing two of our curricular Choirs performing repertoire from opposite ends of the classical music spectrum: *Messiah* composed in 1741 and *Carmina Burana* composed in 1935-36. It also supports choral preparations for this season's New Jersey Symphony (NJS) collaborations. The December 15 and 17, 2023 *Messiah* performances are under the baton of internationally renowned Early Music specialist Maestro Nicholas McGegan. Tonight's concert provides a stepping-stone for the choir and highly valued solo opportunities for selected students. On March 1 and 3, 2024, Chorale will perform *Carmina Burana* with the NJS under Maestra Xian Zhang. Symphonic choir repertoire plays a special role in the development of our student musicians, with this piece in particular a thrilling experience for performers and audiences alike. We are delighted to feature graduate *soprano* Abigail Brodnick and alumnus Evan Fleming, *baritone*, in tonight's *Carmina Burana* solo roles. We trust you will enjoy these contrasting, virtuosic masterwork performances.

The Cali School of Music is launching the "Invest in Cali" fundraising campaign, aiming to raise \$75k for the Cali Pathways Project and student scholarships. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Spread the word and join us in creating a ripple effect of support!

Designate your donation towards scholarships or the Pathways Project, providing opportunities like tuition coverage, private instruction, and instrument provision. Plus, consider creating a lasting impact by naming a seat in the Leshowitz Recital Hall.

Let's come together to support our musical community and ensure a legacy of enrichment for future generations!



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Soprano I

Alain Altshuler
Abigail Brodnick
Deonia Conquest
Jenna Ferrera
Maya Henry
Sabina Kunze
Maeve Marron
Brooke Raughton
Thalia Suleymanov

Soprano II

Eliza Arnone
Hannah Bogard
Cristina Clare
Dillan Dabice
Julia Krempasky *
Christmas Lamoureux
Abigail Montesino
Aizhan Soltanova
Christine Tanko +

Alto I

Sabrina Cantatore
Melanie Gilbert
Gabrielle Guida *
Danielle Hughes
Cristina Latino
Melanie Lockwood
Gabriella Megale #
Izzy Ortiz
Sydney Swearengin ^^
Taryn Spoto
Alexa Tabbacchino
Jackie Wick ^

Alto II

Gabrielle Cintrón
Laurel Cousineau
Morgan Golinski
Jasmine Jones
Arianna Joseph
Taylor Kitzman
Alexandra VanderMaas
Marielle Wiley

Tenor I

Abner Bonifacio
Jeffrey Castellano
Dylan Kozlak
Gordon Rowan
Samuel Sanchez
Claire Westling

Tenor II

Royalty Alori
Camilo Chavez
Oren Cohen
Thomas Etts
Justin McBurney
Nate Robin *
Benjamin Silvesti

High Baritone

Rashaun Ashley
Brian Corona
David Iarkowski
Jonas Cruz-Morales
Kevin Gilroy
Tyler Kriney
Cal Murphy
Joey Staltari
Christopher Vehmas #

Bass Baritone

Omar Abdallah *
Ryan Avallone
Will Carter
RJ Chandler
Marcello Fois
Ian Kearney
Jacob McCreery
Julio Santiago

CHORALE

Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *conductor*

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Seth Velez, *assistant conductor*

Soprano I

Alain Altshuler
Samara DeCastro
Jenna Ferrera
Megan Huber
Annabelle Kempf
Vivian Luff
Morgan Maher
Victoria Mango
Maeve Marron *
Amanda Masefield
Olivia Meyer
Abby Montesino
Paige Stewart
Thalia Suleymanov

Soprano II

Cristina Clare
Dillan Dabice *
Genesis Harper
Emma Hinz
Brianna Jackson
Julia Krempasky
Hannah Lahr
Christmas Lamoureux
Elena Latiano
Gabriella Megale #
Bella Miller
Victoria Obayani
Jamie Shipman
Aizhan Soltanova #
Charlotte Speck
Taryn Spoto
Makayla Stargell
Sydney Swearengin ^^
Christine Tanko
Jackie Wick ^
Shelby Wood
Ava Youngreen **

Alto I

Briana Almonte
Maya Burrell
Roselita Cabelin
Sabrina Cantatore *
Dakota Dombrowski
Alicia Gadek
Judit Garcia
Melanie Gilbert
Patricia Gin
Cecilia Grossman
Gabrielle Guida
Danielle Hughes
Lauren Jeske
Karina Kilbashian
Claire Kwiat
Cristina Latino
Victoria Ortega
Izzy Ortiz
Caridad Pelayo
Dynaris Rivera
Suhayla Salcedo
Gabrielle Shields
Grace Velazquez
Ashley Wallis

Alto II

Jane Baranova
Claudia Charles
Gabrielle Cintrón **
Laurel Cousineau
Emma Creason
Isabella Cruz
Hannah D'Elia
Gianna DiLeo
Andrea Fabian
Gabriella Flores
Jasmine Jones
Arianna Joseph
Taylor Kitzman
Stefani Mladenovic
Racquel Palao
Stephanie Parmalee
Isabella Pasco
Nicole Stites
Semra Sulejmani
Gabriella Surace
Alexa Tabbacchino
Alex VanderMaas *
Marielle Wiley

Tenor I

Royalty Alori
Abner Bonifacio
Jeffrey Castellano
Dylan Kozlak
Nikiforos Pothos
Gordon Rowan
James Quinn
Samuel Sanchez **
Claire Westling *

Tenor II

Drew Abney
JT Adinolfi
Jaidan Becker
Camilo Chavez
Oren Cohen
Thomas Etts
Jayson Greengold
Damien Innella
Nate Robin #
Benjamin Silvesti *

High Baritone

Rashaun Ashley *
Basil Blasa
Brian Corona
Jonas Cruz
Paul Ferrera
Kevin Gilroy
Kevin Grealis
John Greisen
Domingo Hernandez
Holden Hutchinson
David Iarkowski
Tyler Kriney
Denton Moreland
Cal Murphy
Donny Nikola
Zoey Schroeder
Joey Staltari +
Christopher Vehmas #

Bass Baritone

Omar Abdallah
Ryan Avallone
Gerardo Barroso
Will Carter
RJ Chandler **
Marcello Fois
Bryan Gonzalez
Thomas Gray
Lucas Harvey
Sean Johnson
Ian Kearney *
Jacob McCreery
Jordy Monegro-Ventura
Joey Morra
Jason Nicolaou
Alan Pinzon
Emmanuel Reyes
Julio Santiago
Jacob Seabrook
Seth Velez

CARMINA BURANA DANCERS

Donna Scro Samori, *choreographer*

In collaboration with dance students

Laura Barbieri

Estefanía Forero

Isabella Merola

Antonia Stivaletti

Maya Bareket

Vanessa Martinez

A'vyonce Miller

Felix Tavarez

Heidi Berry

Juliana Martins

Colin Sheeley

Samantha Zgombic

SPECIAL THANKS:

- Professional instrumental guest artists: Mario Correa, *Baroque trumpet*; Dimitri Korneev, *piano*; Taylor Goodson, *timpani*, Barry Centanni, *percussion*
- Student instrumental guest artists: Bryce Grier, *Baroque trumpet* and Isabella Cruz, Hannah D'elia, Tim Nuzzetti, and Max Tripodi, *percussion*
- Barry Centanni, *Percussion Coordinator* and Don Batchelder, *trumpet instructor*
- Abigail Brodnick & Evan Fleming, *Carmina Burana soloists*
- Prof. Donna Scro Samori, THDN faculty and *choreographer*
- THDN dance majors
- Emily Clare Gocon, *Carmina Burana* lighting designer
- Prof. Seth Velez, *assistant conductor Chorale* – artistic support and diction prowess
- Sydney Swearengin (TA) – creating the *Carmina Burana* supertitles
- Sabina Kunze – volunteer supertitles operator
- Jackie Wick (GA) – logistical program support
- Choral Program Student Leaders – thank you for all you do!
- Rob Davidson – audio production and livestream video
- Prof. Stuart MacLelland, SCM student and BMO staff – video production
- Mike Peters – university photographer
- Cali Production Team – Phil Clifford, *Production Manager*

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CHORAL ACTIVITIES 2023-24 STUDENT LEADERS

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| CHORAL ACTIVITIES | Graduate Assistant Teaching Assistant Public Relations | Jackie Wick Sydney Swearengin Christina Clare (chair) Alexa Tabbacchino (recording) Arianna Joseph Deonia Conquest |
| CHORALE | Communications Manager Logistics Manager | Sydney Swearengin Joey Staltari |
| | Section Leaders: Soprano I Soprano II Alto I Alto II Tenor I Tenor II Baritone Bass | Maeve Marron Dillian Dabice Sabrina Cantatore Alexendra VanderMaas Claire Westling Ben Silvesti Rashaun Ashley Ian Kearney |
| | Assistant Section Leaders: Soprano Alto Tenor Bass | Ava Younggreen Gabrielle Cintrón Samuel Sanchez RJ Chandler |
| | Sectional Conductors: | Christopher Vehmas |
| | Student Accompanists: | Christopher Vehmas (principal) Chris D'Amato Nate Robin Gabrielle Megale |
| UNIVERSITY SINGERS | Manager Section Leaders: Soprano Alto Tenor Bass | Christine Tanko Julia Krempasky Gabby Guida Nate Robin Omar Abdallah |
| | Student Accompanists: | Christopher Vehmas (Principal) Aizhan Soltanova Nate Robin Gabrielle Magale |
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