

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF ERIC WHITACRE

FEATURING

**VOCAL ACCORD
UNIVERSITY CHORALE
UNIVERSITY SINGERS**

Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *conductor*

Steven W. Ryan, *accompanist*

GUEST ARTISTS

Isabella Cruz, *percussion*

Hannah D'elia, *percussion*

Rose Quartet

Tomoko Fujita, *cello*

Timothy Nuzzetti, *percussion*

Max Tripodi, *percussion*

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

8PM

ALEXANDER KASSER THEATER

Daniel Gurskis
Dean, College of the Arts

Anthony Mazzocchi
Director
John J. Cali School of Music

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School of Music**

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PROGRAM

VOCAL ACCORD

Five Hebrew Love Songs
Poems by Hila Plitmann

Eric Whitacre (1996)

- I. Temuná (A Picture)
- II. Kalá kallá (Light Bride)
- III. Lárov (Mostly)
- IV. Éyze Shéleg! (What Snow!)
- V. Rakút (Tenderness)

Rose Quartet
Christine Tanko, *tambourine*
Abigail Brodnick, *soprano*
Alain Altshuler, *speaker*

City and the Sea
Poems by e.e. cummings

Eric Whitacre (2009-11)

1. i walked the boulevard
2. the moon is hiding in her hair
3. maggie and milly and molly and may
4. as is the sea marvelous
5. little man in a hurry

Steven W. Ryan, *piano*



Chili Con Carne

Anders Edenroth

Libertango

Astor Piazzolla arr. Oscar Escalada
Sydney Swearengin & Nate Robin, *Tango dancers*
Harrison Smith '23, *choreographer*



CHORALE

Steven W. Ryan, *piano*

The Seal Lullaby

Whitacre (2007)

Cloudburst

Whitacre (1995)

Omar Abdallah, *baritone* – Abigail Montesino, *speaker* – Olivia Meyer, *soprano*
Isabella Cruz, Hannah D’elia, Tim Nuzzetti, Max Tripodi, *percussion*
Sabrina Cantatore, Victoria Ortega, Gordon Rowan, JT Adinolfi, Ian Kearney, Sheldon Senek,
Casey Gilbert, Maeve Marron, Bella Miller, Izzy Ortiz, Emma Creason, Laurel Cousineau,
Alexa Tabbacchino, Joey Staltari, Jenna Ferrera, *hand bell ringers*



INTERMISSION



UNIVERSITY SINGERS

Lux Aurumque

Abigail Brodnick, *soprano*

Whitacre (2000)

Sleep

Whitacre (2000)

Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine

Whitacre (2001)

Abigail Brodnick, *soprano*
Maya Henrey & Alain Altshuler, *SI*
Christine Tanko & Aizhan Soltanova, *SI*
Gabrielle Guida, Alexa Tabbacchino, Alexandra VanderMaas,
Gabrielle Cintrón & Arianna Joseph, *alti*
David Iarkowski, *baritone*
Steven W. Ryan, Arianna Joseph & RJ Chandler, *percussion*

*Dedicated to Professor Laura Dolp -
With gratitude for her generous and enthusiastic support of the choral program!*

The Sacred Veil

Whitacre (2019)

2. In a Dark and Distant Year
3. Home
4. Magnetic Poetry
5. Whenever There is Birth

Tomoko Fujita, *cello*
Steven W. Ryan, *piano*



Hold On!

Arr. Moses Hogan

Maya Henry *soprano*
Jeffrey Castellano, Nate Robin, Benjamin Silvesti *tenor trio*
Maya Henry & Alain Altshuler, *SI*
Abigail Montesino & Aizhan Soltanova, *SII*
Sydney Swearingin, Arianna Joseph & Gabrielle Guida, *A*

Deep River

Arr. Norman Luboff

Still I Rise

Rosephanye & William Powell

Arianna Joseph *soloist*
Steven W. Ryan, *piano*



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SPECIAL THANKS:

- **Steven W. Ryan**, *accompanist*
- **Prof. Seth Velez**, *assistant conductor Chorale*
- Guest instrumentalists: **Tomoko Fujita**, *cello*, **Rose Quartet**, *percussionists* **Isabella Cruz**, **Hannah D'elia**, **Timothy Nuzzetti**, **Max Tripodi**
- **Harrison Smith '23** for choreographing Libertango
- **John Miller & the Cathedral Basilica, Newark** for lending us the hand bells
- Cali Production Team: **Phil Clifford**, *Production Manager*
- **Rob Davidson Photography** – video recording and livestream
- **Jacklynn Wick, GA** – for event management and program assembly
- **Sydney Swearengin, TA** – for creating the supertitles
- **Choral Program Student Leaders** – thank you for all you do!
- **ACDA Collegiate Chapter** – for IMR event support and providing student Ambassadors
- **Deniol McGovern** - volunteer supertitle caller
- Diction coaching: **Alain Altshuler** (Hebrew) and **Alexandra VanderMaas** (Spanish)

VOCAL ACCORD

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Soprano I

Alain Altshuler
Abigail Brodnick
Sabina Kunze
Maeve Marron
Sarah Walton

Soprano II

Eliza Arnone
Cristina Clare
Julia Krempasky
Aizhan Soltanova
Christine Tanko

Alto I

Sabrina Cantatore
Gabrielle Guida
Sydney Swearengin
Alexa Tabbacchino
Jacklynn Wick

Alto II

Gabrielle Cintrón
Arianna Joseph
Alexandra VanderMaas

Tenor I

Abner Bonifacio
Jeffrey Castellano
Dylan Kozlak
Samuel Sanchez
Claire Westling

Tenor II

Oren Cohen
Justin McBurney
Nate Robin

High Baritone

David Iarkowski
Kevin Gilroy
Joey Staltari
Christopher Vehmas
Alex Walton

Bass Baritone

Omar Abdallah
Ryan Avallone
RJ Chandler
Sean Johnson
Ian Kearney
Julio Santiago

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Steven W. Ryan, accompanist

Soprano I

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

Alto I

Maya Burrell
Roselita Cabelin
Sabrina Cantatore *
Alicia Gadek
Princess Gant
Judit Garcia
Melanie Gilbert
Patricia Gin
Cecilia Grossman
Gabby Guida
Danielle Hughes
Elaria Ipecki
Lauren Jeske
Karina Kilbashian
Cristina Latino
Victoria Ortega
Izzy Ortiz
Caridad Pelayo
Dynaris Rivera
Jaylin Rosado
Suhayla Salcedo
Gabrielle Shields
Grace Velazquez
Ashley Wallis

Tenor I

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

High Baritone

Rashaun Ashley *
Basil Blasa
Brian Corona
Jonas Cruz – Morales
Paul Ferrera
Adam Flax
Kevin Gilroy
Kevin Grealis
Domingo Hernandez
Holden Hutchinson
David Iarkowski
Tyler Kriney
Will Schetelich
Joey Staltari +
Chris Vehmas

Soprano II

Morgan Burns
Cristina Clare
Dillan Dabice *
Naomi Feldman
Amanda Guach
Emma Hinz
Julia Krempasky
Hannah Lahr
Christmas Lamoureux
Elena Latiano
Gabriella Megale #
Yuchen Meng
Bella Miller
Victoria Obayani
Jamie Shipman
Aizhan Soltanova #
Charlotte Speck
Taryn Spoto
Sydney Swearingin ^^
Christine Tanko
Jackie Wick ^
Shelby Wood
Ava Youngren **

Alto II

Gabrielle Cintrón **
Laurel Cousineau
Emma Creason
Isabella Cruz
Gianna DiLeo
Andrea Fabian
Arianna Joseph
Taylor Kitzman
Lucia Mebius
Stefani Mladenovic
Racquel Palao
Isabella Pasco
Dora Rodriguez
Dana Ryan
Nicole Stites
Semra Sulejmani
Gabriella Surace
Alexa Tabbacchino
Alexandra VanderMaas *
Marielle Wiley

Tenor II

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

Bass Baritone

Omar Abdallah
Ryan Avallone
Gerardo Barroso
Will Carter
RJ Chandler **
Marcello Fois
Thomas Gray
James Hoffman
Sean Johnson
Ian Kearney
Darryl Lloyd
Jacob McCreery
Jordy Monegro-Ventura
Joey Morra
Jason Nicolaou
Alan Pinzon
Julio Santiago
Sheldon Senek
Seth Velez

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Dillan Dabice
Mia Grizzuti
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Christine Tanko +

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CHORAL ACTIVITIES 2023-24 STUDENT LEADERS

CHORAL ACTIVITIES	Graduate Assistant Teaching Assistant	Jacklynn Wick Sydney Swearengin
	Public Relations	Christina Clare (chair) Alexa Tabbacchino (recording) Arianna Joseph Deonia Conquest
CHORALE	Communications Manager Logistics Manager	Sydney Swearengin Joey Staltari
	Section Leaders:	
	Soprano I	Maeve Marron
	Soprano II	Dillan Dabice
	Alto I	Sabrina Cantatore
	Alto II	Alexandra VanderMaas
	Tenor I	Claire Westling
Tenor II	Ben Silvesti	
Baritone	Rashaun Ashley	
Bass	Ian Kearney	
	Assistant Section Leaders:	
	Soprano	Ava Youngreen
	Alto	Gabrielle Cintrón
	Tenor	Samuel Sanchez
	Bass	RJ Chandler
	Student Conductors:	
		Omar Abdallah
		Gabrielle Cintrón
		Nate Robin
		Alexandra VanderMaas
	Student Accompanists:	
		Gabrielle Megale (Principal)
		Aizhan Soltanova
		Nate Robin
UNIVERSITY SINGERS	Manager	Christine Tanko
	Section Leaders:	
	Soprano	Julia Krempasky
	Alto	Gabriella Guida
	Tenor	Nate Robin
	Bass	Omar Abdallah
KINDNESS CREW	Laurel Cousineau (chair)	Ariana Joseph
ACDA CHAPTER	President President Elect Secretary PR	Nate Robin Arianna Joseph Joey Staltari Deonia Conquest