

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY  
***THE ARTISTRY OF  
JAKE RUNESTAD***

FEATURING

IMMERSIVE RESIDENCY ARTIST,  
COMPOSER & GUEST CONDUCTOR  
**JAKE RUNESTAD**

VOCAL ACCORD

CHORALE

UNIVERSITY SINGERS

**DR. HEATHER J. BUCHANAN**, *CONDUCTOR*  
**STEVEN W. RYAN**, *ACCOMPANIST*

GUEST ARTISTS:  
**TRILLIUM QUARTET**  
**JP BERNABE**, *DOUBLE BASS*  
**TAYLOR GOODSON**, *PERCUSSION*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025**  
**11:30 AM**  
ALEXANDER KASSER THEATER

**John J. Cali**  
**School of Music**

**MONTCLAIR**  
STATE UNIVERSITY



**Daniel Gurskis**  
Dean, College of the Arts

**Anthony Mazzocchi**  
Director  
John J. Cali School of Music

# PROGRAM

## VOCAL ACCORD

***Alleluia***

**Jake Runestad (2014)**

***The Peace of Wild Things***

**Runestad (2013)**

Poem by Wendell Berry (b. 1934)

***Paper Boats***

**Runestad (2023)**

Text adapted from poem *Paper Boats* by Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

***Your Soul is Song***

**Runestad (2018)**

Poem *Sing!* by Germán Aguilar (1979-2014)

Combined Choirs

***El Aire Baila***

**Runestad (2023)**

Poem by Humberto Ak'abal, trans. Runestad

Yadiel Rivera-Colon, *vocal solo*

Christine Tanko & Gabrielle Guida, *percussion*



## CHORALE

***A Silence Haunts Me***

**Runestad (2019)**

Libretto by Todd Boss (b. 1968)

Joey Staltari, *audience introduction*



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## ***Let My Love Be Heard***

**Runestad (2014)**

Poem by Alfred Noyes (1880-1958)



## ***The Secret of the Sea***

**Runestad (2018)**

Poems by Walt Whitman, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,  
Hilda Doolittle, Uvavnuuk (Iglulik Eskimo)

I. The Unbounded Sea

II. Crash On Crash

III. The Light that Fills the World

Trillium Quartet

JP Bernabe, *double bass*

Taylor Goodson, *percussion 1* + Jayson Greengold, *percussion 2*

## ***Please Stay***

**Runestad (2016)**

Text adapted from tweets using #IKeptLiving

Chloe Stavis, *soloist*

## ***I Was Love***

**Runestad (2022)**

Text adapted from poem *Revery* by Fenton Johnson (1888-1958)

Benjamin Silvesti, *tenor*

Omar Abdallah, Suriya Ali-Crowe, Arianna Joseph, *improv soli*

Taylor Goodson, *drum kit*

Jake McCreery, *electric bass*

Combined Choirs

## ***Nyon Nyon***

**Runestad (2006)**



## PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOLS

### Allentown HS

Megan Wolff '12, director

### Bridgewater-Raritan Regional HS

Lisa Rotondi, director

### Carteret HS

Grace Gardner, director

### Celia Cruz Bronx HS of Music

Jacqueline Bergland, director

### Fort Lee HS

Hannah Park '21, director

### Hillsborough HS

Ashley Mathews '21, director

### Liberty Middle School

Alexa Tammone '21, '22, director

### Nutley HS

Stephone Gaines '15, director

### Pascack Valley HS

Argine Safari, director

### Perth Amboy HS

Jeffrey Pando '16, director

### Pine Bush HS

Nick Ruggeri, director

### Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS

Jan Allen, director

## VOCAL ACCORD

**Dr. Heather J. Buchanan**, *conductor*

**Steven W. Ryan**, *accompanist*

### Soprano I

Alain Altshuler  
Jenna Ferrera  
Sabina Kunze  
Maeve Marron  
Alexa Tammone  
Sarah Walton

### Soprano II

Cristina Clare  
Dillan Dabice \*  
Aizhan Soltanova #  
Taryn Spoto  
Sydney Swearengin ^  
Christine Tanko

### Alto I

Sabrina Cantatore  
Melanie Gilbert  
Gabrielle Guida ^^  
Hannah Stratton

### Alto II

Gabrielle Cintrón  
Laurel Cousineau  
Arianna Joseph +  
Alexa Tabbacchino \*

### Tenor I

Jeffrey Castellano  
Samuel Sanchez  
Eddie Morel  
Claire Westling

### Tenor II

Thomas Etts  
Nate Robin \* #

### High Baritone

Kevin Gilroy  
Tyler Kriney  
Yadiel Rivera-Colon  
Julio Santiago  
Joey Staltari  
Dean Tarrieff  
Alex Walton

### Bass Baritone

Omar Abdallah \*  
Ryan Avallone  
RJ Chandler  
Sean Johnson  
Ian Kearney

# CHORALE

**Dr. Heather J. Buchanan**, *conductor*

**Prof. Seth Velez**, *assistant conductor*

**Steven W. Ryan**, *accompanist*

## **Soprano I**

Alain Altshuler \*\*  
Elizabeth Caplan  
Mia Costa  
Jenna Ferrera  
Vera Grossman  
Megan Huber  
Vivian Luff  
Morgan Maher  
Victoria Mango  
Crystal Maoga  
Maeve Marron \*  
Madelynn McDevitt  
Olivia Meyer  
Hailey Morin  
Sophie Negrete  
Jillian Pongonis  
Monica Rodriguez  
Paige Stewart  
Thalia Suleymanov  
Krystal Tardif

## **Soprano II**

Naomi Feldman  
Ariana Giammanco  
Amanda Guach  
Rosalie Judd  
Anna Kodak  
Hannah Lahr  
Gabriella Megale  
Karla Menjivar-Guerrero  
Deborah Myhren  
Izzy Ortiz \*  
Giana Pellegrini  
Kathryn Radcliffe  
Savana Reyes  
Genesis Rodriguez-Medina  
Negin Saidan  
Gabrielle Shields  
Aizhan Soltanova #  
Taryn Spoto  
Sydney Swearengin ^  
Bry Torres

## **Alto I**

Milo Bersten  
Elinet Brito  
Mackenzie Brown  
Zarina Campos  
Sabrina Cantatore \*  
Alicia Gadek  
Princess Gant  
Melanie Gilbert \*\*  
Patricia Gin  
Emily Gramley  
Cecilia Grossman  
Gabrielle Guida ^^  
Seonyu Han  
Karina Kilbashian  
Leah Laguerre  
Giovanna Limaldi  
Isabella Pasco  
Caridad Pelayo  
Cynthia Pena-Matos  
Michelle Peralta  
Lou Sheeran  
Perla Villacampa

## **Alto II**

Shayna Barkan  
Laurel Cousineau  
Emma Creason  
Suriya Crowe  
Sabrina Cruz  
Janelys Guzman  
Arianna Joseph  
Taylor Kitzman \*  
Eliza Leszczynski  
Sofia Oro  
Emily Piccola  
Dora Rodriguez  
Tina Salomone  
Angela Salvador  
Nicole Stites  
Gabriella Surace  
Iva Verba

## **Tenor I**

Jeffrey Castellano \*  
Kelvin Guillen  
Jovan Lira  
Ezra McMurren  
Eddie Morel  
Xavier Pesante  
Carlos Revelo  
Gordon Rowan  
Samuel Sanchez \*\*

## **Tenor II**

Drew Abney  
Jaidan Becker  
Franke Carbonaro  
Oren Cohen  
Krystofer Collier  
Ray Del Gaudio  
Thomas Etts  
Jayson Greengold  
Alan Moreira  
Nate Robin #  
John Rodriguez  
Benjamin Silvesti \*  
Tyler Skelly

## **High Baritone**

Brian Corona  
Russell Gomez-Martinez  
Luis Grados  
Mario Hernandez  
Joseph Hurtado  
Tyler Kriney \*  
Mathew Nieves  
Stefan Nita  
Noah Powelson  
Yadiel Rivera-Colon  
Julio Santiago  
Joey Staltari +  
Jacob Swanson  
Dean Tarriff  
Perry Zoe

## **Bass - Baritone**

Omar Abdallah  
Ryan Avallone  
Darren Butler  
Thomas Gray  
Ian Kearney \*  
Jake McCreery  
Ethan Merrit  
Jordy Monegro-Ventura  
Joey Morra  
Vidal Munoz  
Alan Pinzon \*\*  
Elvin Santana-Roa  
Denis Sheeran  
Ezra Snyder  
Gabriel Vega  
Seth Velez

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Olivia Meyer  
Hailey Morin

**Soprano II**

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Brianna Coppolino  
Dillan Dabice \*  
Anna Kodak  
Christmas Lamoureux  
Abigail Montesino  
Kathryn Radcliffe  
Aizhan Soltanova #  
Taryn Spoto  
Chloe Stavis  
Sarah Sweeney

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Marielle Wiley

**Tenor I**

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Eddie Morel  
Gordon Rowan  
Samuel Sanchez  
Claire Westling  
Jamie Yermish

**Tenor II**

Oren Cohen  
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Jayson Greengold  
Royalty Roberts  
Nate Robin \* #  
Benjamin Silvesti

**High Baritone**

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Jonas Cruz – Morales  
Kevin Gilroy  
Russell Gomez-Martinez  
Luis Grados  
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Elvin Santana-Roa

## SPECIAL THANKS

### Special Thanks:

- Jake Runestad – thank you for accepting the invitation to participate in our Cali Immersive Residency. We are grateful for your artistry!
- Steven W. Ryan, *accompanist*
- Prof. Seth Velez, *assistant conductor Chorale*
- Guest instrumentalists: Trillium Quartet, JP Bernabe, Taylor Goodson, Jayson Greengold
- Director Tony Mazzocchi, visionary leader and IMR program impetus
- Kathryn Lockwood, *IMR Coordinator*
- Dr. Marla Meissner, *Recruitment Coordinator*
- Stephanie Haggerstone, *Associate Director Cali School*
- Cali Production Team: Phil Clifford, *Production Manager* and Heather Kern, *Marketing and Outreach Coordinator*
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- Choral Program Student Leaders – thank you all for your passionate investment!
- ACDA Collegiate Chapter – for IMR event support and providing Student Ambassadors
- Our High School and Middle School choirs and their conductors – we hope you've been inspired by today's workshop and music-making!

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