

Montclair State University
JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC

PRESENTS

2025 CHORAL FALL CONCERT

FEATURING

**UNIVERSITY SINGERS
+ VOCAL ACCORD**

Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *conductor*
Gregory Stout, *accompanist*

GUEST ARTIST

Maegan Hoogerhyde BM '20, *soprano*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
3PM
ALEXANDER KASSER THEATER

Daniel Gurskis
Dean, College of the Arts

Shea Scruggs
Director
John J. Cali School of Music

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PROGRAM



VOCAL ACCORD

The Last Words of David

II Samuel, 23:3-4

Randall Thompson

Rorate Caeli Desuper (Gregorian Chant)

The Advent Prose – Isaiah 45:8

Arr. Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory



Slant of Light

Poem by Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

Sam Scheibe

Arianna Joseph, *mezzo soprano*

NJ Premiere

Flight

Lyrics by Craig Carnelia (b. 1949)

Craig Carnelia arr. Ryan Murphy

NJ Premiere



Maegan Hoogerhyde '20, *soprano*

Gregory Stout, *accompanist*

“The trees on the mountains” from ***Susannah***

Carlisle Floyd

Morgen, Op. 27, No. 4

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

“Mi chiamo Mimi” from ***La Bohème***

Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)

“Mercé, dilette amiche” from ***I vespri siciliani***

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)



INTERMISSION



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UNIVERSITY SINGERS

God is Seen

Traditional Hymn Tune: Captain Kidd

Arr. Alice Paul

***Abendlied*, Op. 69, No. 3**

Luke 24: 29

Josef Rheinberger

Laudate Dominum

Psalm 150: 1-2, 6

NJ Premiere

David von Kampen



The Peace of Wild Things

Poem by Wendell Berry (b. 1934)

Dan Forrest

Hailey Morin, *soprano*

Jayson Greengold & RJ Chandler, *percussion*

NJ Premiere



Measure Me, Sky!

Poem by Leonora Speyer (1872-1956)

Elaine Hagenberg

“Sure on this Shining Night” from *Nocturnes*

Poem by James Agee (1909-1955)

Morten Lauridsen



We Shall Overcome

Gospel Song associated with the American Civil Rights Movement

Benjamin Silvesti, Jenna Ferrera, and Jeffrey Castellano, *solì*

Arr. Robert T. Gibson

Ezekiel Saw de Wheel

Traditional Spiritual

Arr. William L. Dawson

Please join us on **Saturday, December 6th at 8PM** for our

2025 CHORAL WINTER CONCERT

Featuring Vocal Accord, University Singers, and Chorale performing highlights from *Messiah* as well as William Payn's *LOVE*.

Tickets Are Available At The Box Office Now!

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY SINGERS

Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *conductor*
Gregory Stout, *accompanist*

Soprano I

Jenna Ferrera*
Vera Grossman
Megan Huber
Helen Makus
Crystal Maoga
Madelynn McDevitt
Olivia Meyer
Mckenzie Miller
Hailey Morin
Negin Saidian

Alto I

Elinet Brito
Brianna Coppolino
Alicia Gadek
Melanie Gilbert
Emily Gramley
Gabrielle Guida ^
Karina Kilbashian
Leah Laguerre
Kathryn Radcliffe
Angela Salvador
Sephora Santiago
Olivia Willms

Tenor I

Jeffrey Castellano *
Eddie Morel
Gordon Rowan
Samuel Sanchez ++
Jamie Yermish

High Baritone

Brian Corona
Luis Grados
Tyler Kriney
Dean Tarriff
Julio Santiago *
Joey Staltari
Yadiel Rivera-Colon
Christopher Vasquez

Soprano II

Ava DeFebbo
Amanda Guach
Emma Hinz
Anna Kodak +
Deborah Myhren
Katherine Sheeran
Savana Reyes
Aizhan Soltanova ~ ++
Taryn Spoto
Chloe Stavis
Hannah Stratton

Alto II

Anamika Bachoo
Gabrielle Cintrón ^^ ~
Jelena Diaz
Laurel Cousineau
Arianna Joseph
Taylor Kitzman *
Emily Piccola
Gabriella Surace
Nicole Ulerio
Perla Villacampa

Tenor II

Royalty Alori Roberts
Raymond Del Gaudio
Damon Dellanno
Jayson Greengold
Russel Gomez-Martinez
Benjamin Silvesti

Bass Baritone

Omar Abdallah
Ryan Avallone
Darren Butler
RJ Chandler
Jake McCreery
Ethan Merritt
Vidal Munoz
Alan Pinzon
Elvin Santana Roa
Ezra Snyder

^ - Graduate Assistant

^^ - Teaching Assistant

* - Section Leader

+ - Manager

~ - Student Conductor

++ - Student Accompanist

VOCAL ACCORD

Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *conductor*
Gregory Stout, *accompanist*

Soprano I

Jenna Ferrera *
Sabina Kunze
Madelynn McDevitt
Paige Stewart
Alexa Tammone

Soprano II

Anna Kodak +
Hannah Stratton
Sarah Sweeney

Alto I

Elinet Brito
Melanie Gilbert
Gabrielle Guida ^
Karina Kilbashian
Kathryn Radcliffe

Alto II

Gabrielle Cintrón ^^
Laurel Cousineau
Arianna Joseph
Taylor Kitzman *

Tenor I

Jeffrey Castellano*
Eddie Morel
Samuel Sanchez ++
Claire Westling
Jamie Yermish

Tenor II

Russell Gomez-Martinez
Benjamin Silvesti

High Baritone

Yadiel Rivera Colon
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UPCOMING CHORAL/VOCAL PERFORMANCES

Winter Concert – ft. *Messiah Highlights* + *LOVE* by William Payn

University Singers + Vocal Accord + Chorale

Sunday, December 6, 2025 @ 8pm

Alexander Kasser Theater

MSU Chamber Opera

The Medium

Sunday, December 7, 2025 @ 3 & 6pm

Karen Driscoll, *director*; William Hobbs, *conductor*

Alexander Kasser Theater

Messiah

University Singers + New Jersey Symphony

Friday, December 19, 2025 @ 7:30pm - Richardson Auditorium, Princeton

Saturday, December 20, 2025 @ 7:30pm – Richardson Auditorium, Princeton

Sunday, December 21, 2025 @ 7pm – Cathedral Basilica, Newark

Use Discount Code MSU35 for 35% discount

Choral Showcase *#Inspired!*

Dr. Anton Armstrong, *guest conductor*

University Singers + Vocal Accord

Showcase Choirs: Hillsborough, NJ HS Mixed Chorale & Herricks, NY HS Chamber Choir

Saturday, March 21, 2026 @ 8pm

Alexander Kasser Theater

West Side Concert Series

University Singers + Vocal Accord

Sunday, April 12, 2026 @ 4pm

West Side Presbyterian Church - Ridgewood, NJ

Mozart Requiem + *Faure Pavane*

Chorale + NJS

Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 1:30pm – Prudential Hall, NJPAC

Saturday, April 18, 2026 @ 7:30pm – Prudential Hall, NJPAC

Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 2pm – State Theater, New Brunswick

Xian Zhang, *conductor*

Use Discount Code MSU35 for 35% discount

Spring Concert – ft. Symphony Orchestra

University Singers + Vocal Accord

Saturday, April 25, 2026 @ 8pm

Alexander Kasser Theater

SPECIAL THANKS

- Maegan Hoogerhyde '20, alumna soloist, for sharing your artistic gift with a new generation of Red Hawks
- Gregory Stout – collaborative partner par excellence
- Gabrielle Guida (GA) and Gabrielle Cintron (TA) – for the many things you do in support of our choral program
- Rob Davidson for expert audio and video technical assistance
- MSU – ACDA Chapter and Choral Activities Student Leaders
- Andy Dickerson and the Cali Production Team

CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC **Audition Dates & Deadlines**

November 7th, 2025 (Friday) 2:00pm-5:00pm EST

Videos Only – Zoom Interviews Only

All applicants welcome – Spring 2026 transfers must use this date

Registration Deadline – Oct 20th, 2025

February 7th, 2026 (Saturday) 10:00am-6:00pm EST

Live & Video Auditions

All Fall 2026 applicants welcome

Registration Deadline – Jan 18th, 2026

February 14th, 2026 (Saturday) 10:00am-6:00pm EST

Live & Video Auditions

All Fall 2026 applicants welcome

Registration Deadline – Jan 26th, 2026

March 28th, 2026 (Saturday) 10:00am-6:00pm EST

Live & Virtual Auditions

All Fall 2026 applicants welcome

Registration Deadline – Mar 8th, 2026

More info: montclair.edu/music/apply/

Schedule a Visit Day at the Cali School of Music

A great way to learn more about the Cali School of Music at Montclair State University is to experience it for yourself. We invite you to spend time with us and meet students, faculty and staff as well as participate in classes and ensembles. Experience what it is like to be a music major in the Cali School of Music. Request a Visit Day and let us plan a day that is meaningful for you!

Register for a visit day: <https://bit.ly/CaliVisitDay>

The Cali School of Music
at Montclair State University
aims to create dynamic and
comprehensive pathways
to higher education
and careers in music

Cali name a seat project

goal

An opportunity for
School of Music
patrons **to name one
or more of the 180
permanent seats** in the
Leshowitz Recital Hall.



help fund
scholarships for
**under-resourced
backgrounds**



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