

Montclair State University
JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
PRESENTS

**2026 CHORAL SHOWCASE
+ IMMERSIVE RESIDENCY**

#Inspired!

Dr. Anton Armstrong, *guest conductor*

SHOWCASE CHOIRS

UNIVERSITY SINGERS + VOCAL ACCORD

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

HERRICKS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR

Louise O'Hanlon, *conductor*

HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL MIXED CHORALE

Ashley Mathews MA '21, *conductor*

COMBINED CHOIRS

FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CHOIR

Hannah Park BM '21, *conductor*

NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER SINGERS

Stephone Gaines BM '15, *conductor*

PASSAIC ARTS + SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

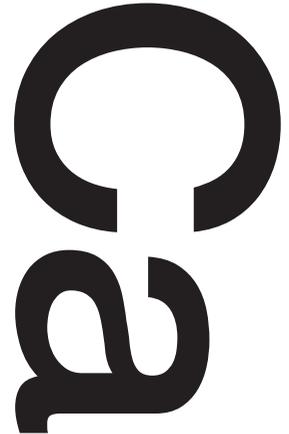
Matthew Petrozelli, *conductor*

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 8PM

ALEXANDER KASSER THEATER

**John J. Cali
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CALI
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RESIDENCY
PROGRAM

Daniel Gurskis
Dean, College of the Arts

Shea Scruggs
Director
John J. Cali School of Music

PROGRAM

MC: Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *Director of Choral Activities*



VOCAL ACCORD

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Gregory Stout, *accompanist*

I Am the Sunlight

Poem: *Immortality* by Clare Harner (1909-1977)

Reginal S. Wright

"All of Me" from A Vision Unfolding

Lyrics by Kyle Pederson

Kyle Pederson

Alexa Tammone & Gabrielle Cintrón, *prologue speakers & soloists*

Yuna Lee, *violin*

On the Common Ground

Lyrics by Alice Parker (1925-2023)

Alice Parker

Brian Corona & Kathryn Radcliffe, *soloists*

When Memory Fades

Text by Mary Louise Bringle

Eric Nelson

Get on Board Little Children

Spiritual with Gospel stylings

Arr. André J. Thomas

Jake McCreery, *electric bass*

Taylor Kitzman, *cajón*



HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL MIXED CHORALE

Ashley Mathews MA '21, *conductor*

Tristis est anima mea

Let My Love Be Heard

Fire of Hope

Orlando di Lasso

Jake Runestad

Darius Lim



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Performer Biographies**

HERRICKS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR

Louise O'Hanlon, *conductor*

"O Magnum Mysterium" from *4 Motets pour le temps de Noël* Francis Poulenc
Echo Tracy Wong
Lao Rahal Soti Shireen Abu-Khader
Zikr: An Islamic Chant A.R. Rahman arr. Ethan Sperry



UNIVERSITY SINGERS

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Measure Me, Sky! Elaine Hagenberg
Poem by Leonora Speyer (1872-1956)
Healing Heart Jacob Narverud
Poem by Robert Bode
When Thunder Comes Mari Ésabel Valverde
Poem by J. Patrick Lewis (2012)
Jayson Greengold, Taylor Kitzman, Brian Corona, *percussion*

For the Sake of Our Children Jeffrey L. Ames
Text: original + excerpts from chant *Victimae Paschali laudes*, Lamentations 2:11-13, 18 & 21
Armando Atanda, *viola*
Jayson Greengold & Taylor Kitzman, *percussion*
Angela Salvador, Gabrielle Cintrón, Omar Abdallah, Negin Saidian, Emily Gramley, Gordon Rowan,
Nicole Ulerio, Jayson Greengold, Alan Pinzon, & Sephora Santiago, *speakers*

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord Arr. Moses Hogan
Traditional Spiritual



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Hold Fast to Dreams Susan LaBarr
Poem *Dreams* by Langston Hughes (1902-1967)
I Dream a World André J. Thomas
Poem by Langston Hughes (1902-1967)
I Sing Because I'm Happy Arr. Rollo Dilworth
Words by Civilla D. Martin (1866-1948)

HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL MIXED CHORALE

Ashley Mathews MA '21, *conductor*

Soprano I

Kaustubha Akella
Eva Qin

Alto I

Sharvi Gosavi
Zaara Shaik

Tenor I

Nathan Joju
Zac Staskiewicz

Bass I

Max Petrik

Soprano II

Sylee Damie
Lily Duea-Ebner
Rathi Sundar

Alto II

Lilia Churchill
Naomi Medina
Darshiini Wadan

Tenor II

Yash Godbole
Pranav Yanamandra

Bass II

Isaiah Whittlesey

HERRICKS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR

Louise O'Hanlon, *conductor*

Soprano I

Madelyn Glennon
Reyna Kamity
Tessa Shelley
Serena Signorello
Aashna Venkatesh

Alto I

Dhanya Diya
Eden Pang
Samaira Singh
Natalie Tsui
Jia Wen Wu

Tenor I

Miles Cohen
Patrick Collins
Eli Jacob
Naman Gupta
Nathan Nebu

Tenor II

Elijah George
Rohan Pandya
Vendant Jain
Nicholas Brosky
Jeremy Thillainathan

Soprano II

Aarini Chakraborty
Kayla Hsu
Kyra Lew
Shyri Nanayanyara
Mia Paul
Janelle Vargas

Alto II

Isabella Marzo
Darsha Pillai
Aaizah Lakhani
Zixuan (Vivian) Tong
Anna Zou

Bass I

Aidan Chen
Aiden Cherian
John Chua
Suparna Kunda

Bass II

Kenneth Ng
Rohan Nair
James Baksh
Brian Lin
Christian Mastronardi

FORT LEE HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CHOIR

Hannah Park BM '21, *conductor*

Soprano I

Irene Choi
Jessica Hong
Deborah Joo
Gabrielle Mamaat
Kara Velazquez

Soprano II

Anishaa Dhadda
Yashika Dhadda
Hailey Kim
Ashley Park
Zu Zheng

Alto

Kai Ching
Isabella Franco
Katherine Garcia
Selina Jhang
Misaki Kasahara
Kylie Lam
Jayleen Mateo
Jules Santaella
Eri Ushiroda

Tenor

Gaku Akaboshi
Hudson Albanese
Jonathan Choi
William Cui
David DiMaulo
Jaehyeok Ryu
Khrish Shah

Bass

David Aaron
Eric Kim
Jason Kim
Eiden Lee
Jonathan Liu
Jules Oh
Ryusei Rothrock

PASSAIC ARTS + SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

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Soprano I

Merolin Medina-Reyes
Erika Pimentel Garcia
Hailey Toxtli

Alto I

Meeral Alnababteh
Irzel Bravo-Guerrero
Ashley Chen Camo
Hayley Francisco Gonzalez

Tenor II

Gustavo Revolorio Morales

Soprano II

Grace Caballero
Shiza Chaudry
Allinah Jurado
Alexa Rodriguez

Alto II

Destiny Blanford

Bass I

Sebastian Espinosa
Gerard Librado

Tenor I

Alana Stubbs

Bass II

Juan Suarez Acatecati

NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER SINGERS

Stephone Gaines BM '15, *conductor*

Makayla Albert (SI)	Lincoln Boyes (BII)
Samantha Alper (AI)	Bethany Duffy (SII)
Cameron Anderson (BI)	Haley Papeo (AII)
Noah Blasiak (BII)	Reva Patel (SII)

UNIVERSITY SINGERS

Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *conductor*

Gregory Stout, *accompanist*

Soprano I

Jenna Ferrera * (Music Performance - Voice)

Vera Grossman (Music Performance – Voice)

Megan Huber (Music Education – Voice)

Helen Makus (Child Advocacy + Policy)

Crystal Maoga (Music Education – Voice)

Madelynn McDevitt (English)

Mckenzie Miller (Music Therapy - Voice)

Hailey Morin (Music Therapy – Voice)

Negin Saidian (Music Education - Voice)

Alto I

Elinet Brito (Music Education – Voice)

Brianna Coppolino (MM Music Performance - Voice)

Alicia Gadek (Music Therapy – Voice)

Lydia Gebker (Theater Studies)

Melanie Gilbert (Music Education - Voice)

Emily Gramley (MM Composition – Voice)

Gabrielle Guida ^ (MM Music Performance - Voice)

Karina Kilbashian (Music Education – Voice)

Leah Laguerre (Music Performance – Voice)

Kathryn Radcliffe (Music Education - Voice)

Angela Salvador (Music Therapy - Voice)

Sephora Santiago (Music Performance - Voice)

Olivia Willms (Psychology)

Tenor I

Eddie Morel (Music Performance – Voice)

Gordon Rowan (MS – Statistics)

Samuel Sanchez (Music Education - Voice)

High Baritone

Brian Corona (Music Performance – Voice)

Luis Grados (Recording Arts & Prod. – Voice)

Mason Insana (Music Education - Voice)

Dean Tarriff (Music Education – Voice)

Julio Santiago * (Music Education – Voice)

Yadiel Rivera-Colon (Music Performance – Voice)

Christopher Vasquez (Jazz Performance – Voice)

Soprano II

Ava DeFebbo (Film + Television)

Amanda Guach (Music Therapy – Voice)

Anna Kodak + (Music Education – Voice)

Deborah Myhren (Music Education - Voice)

Vasilisa Pjevovic (Music Performance - Voice)

Aizhan Soltanova (Music Performance - Piano)

Taryn Spoto (Music Education - Voice)

Chloe Stavits (Musical Theater – Voice)

Alto II

Anamika Bachoo (Music Education – Voice)

Gabrielle Cintrón ^^ (MM - Choral Conducting)

Jelena Diaz (MM - Music Therapy)

Taylor Kitzman * (Music Education – Voice)

Jiana Mojica (Music Therapy - Voice)

Emily Piccola (Anthropology + Education)

Gabriella Surace (Music Therapy – Voice)

Nicole Ulerio (Music Performance – Voice)

Perla Villacampa (Music Education – Voice)

Tenor II

Raymond Del Gaudio (Music Therapy - Voice)

Damon Dellanno (Music Education - Voice)

Jayson Greengold (Music Education – Jazz Trumpet)

Benjamin Silvesti * (Music Education - Voice)

Bass- Baritone

Omar Abdallah (MA – Special Education)

Ryan Avallone (Mathematics)

Darren Butler (Music Performance - Bassoon)

Jake McCreery (Theater Studies)

Ethan Merritt (Exercise Science)

Alan Pinzon (Music Performance – Voice)

Elvin Santana Roa (Music Performance – Voice)

Ezra Snyder (Music Therapy – Guitar)

VOCAL ACCORD

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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 ^^

Arianna Joseph

Taylor Kitzman *

Emily Piccola

Tenor I

Samuel Sanchez

Eddie Morel

Claire Westling

Tenor II

Damon Dellanno

Gordon Rowan

Benjamin Silvesti *

High Baritone

Brian Corona

Mason Insana

Yadiel Rivera-Colon

Julio Santiago *

Joey Staltari

Dean Tarriff

Bass Baritone

Omar Abdallah

Ryan Avallone

Elvin Santana Roa

^ - Graduate Assistant ^^ - Teaching Assistant * - Section Leader + - Manager

SPECIAL THANKS

- Dr. Anton Armstrong - thank you for inspiring us with your artistry and wisdom
- HS Showcase Choirs and Combined Choirs participants and their directors
- Gregory Stout for his collaborative partnership and accompanying skills
- Student instrumentalists: Armando Atanda, *viola*; Yuna Lee, *violin*, Jayson Greengold, Taylor Kitzman, & Brian Corona, *percussion*; Jake McCreery, *bass guitar*
- Student leaders: Gabrielle Guida, *Graduate Assistant* and Gabrielle Cintrón, *Teaching Assistant*; Anna Kodak, *manager*; *Section Leaders* Jenna Ferrera (S), Taylor Kitzman (A), Ben Silvesti (T), Julio Santiago (B)
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- College of Communications and Media faculty and students - Prof. Eli Bosnick and the Senior FTV class + Broadcast Media Operations for concert video/livestreaming: Danna Mitchell, Rozin Abdat, Lissette Ventura, & Andrew Brown
- Cali Production Team – Andy Dickerson, *Production Manager*

Voice Faculty

William Amory
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Dr. Darian Clonts
Barbara Dever
Karen Driscoll
Jeffrey Gall
Anya Fidelia
Dr. Peter Gillis
Maya Lahyani
Dr. Lori McCann
Samuel McDonald
Dr. Jan Prokop
Beth Roberts
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Mary Saunders-Barton
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Matthew Shepard Smith
George Spitzer
Peter Stewart
Anastasia Swope
Peter Van Derick
Valerie Van Hoven
Helena Waterous

Vocal Coaches

Michael Caldwell
Peiwen Chen
William Hobbs
Mory Ortman
LeAnn Overton
Mary Pinto
Victoria Schwartzman
Grant Wenaus

UPCOMING CHORAL AND VOCAL PERFORMANCES



**Off Campus Spring Concert:
The West Side Concert Series
University Singers + Vocal Accord
West Side Presbyterian Chancel Choir**

Sunday, April 12, 2026 @ 4pm
West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ



**Mozart *Requiem* + Fauré *Pavane*
Chorale + NJS**

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

Saturday, April 18, 2025 @ 7:30pm
Prudential Hall, NJPAC

Sunday, April 19, 2025 @ 2 pm
State Theater, New Brunswick

Xian Zhang, *conductor*
NJS 35% discount ticket code MSU35



Spring Concert

***Sky Above Me | Earth Below Me | Fire Within Me*
Vocal Accord + University Singers
Symphony Orchestra**

Saturday, April 25, 2026 @ 8pm
Alexander Kasser Theater



**Opera Workshop
Opera Scenes Performance**

Sunday, May 3, 2026 @ 5pm
Directed by Rebecca Jo Loeb

Monday, May 4, 2026 @ 8pm
Directed by Karen Driscoll

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