



Presents

2024 MARYLAND YOUNG VOICES FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 7pm



CONCERT PROGRAM

ALL CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF ANNAPOLIS

Lauren Walker, *Managing Artistic Director*

Emily James, *Conductor*

Dr. Yee Von Ng, *Pianist*

TREBLE CHORUS

Tres Canciones de Los Elementos (Three Songs About the Elements)

Victor Johnson

Translation of the Spanish:

I. Esuchar al viento (Listen to the Wind): Listen to the wind | Blowing through the night | Breathing the peace for all

II. La Lluvia está cayendo (The Rain is Falling): The rain is falling | Over the earth falling

III. !Fuego¡ (Fire!): Fire | See the glow red | See the flame orange

Oceans and Stars

Amy Bernon

BALTIMORE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Joseph Shortall, *Conductor*

Christopher Correlli, *Pianist*

CANTARE AND CHAMBER SINGERS

See the Light

Sarah Quartel

I Need You to Survive

David Frazier

CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF MARYLAND

Rachel Morgan Im, *Conductor*

Dr. Yee Von Ng, *Pianist*

LYRIC CHOIR

Salangadou

Traditional Creole, Louisiana

arr. Susan Brumfield

Bhombela

Traditional Zulu game song

arr. Will Skaff

Translation of the Zulu: Chimney (smoke) of the train! | What is mother doing? | She is waking the children.

DEER CREEK YOUTH CHOIR

Julie Culotta, Stacey Scarff, *Conductors*

Dr. Yee Von Ng, *Pianist*

Music of Life

B.E. Boykin

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Philip Silvey

GLORystAR CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Maria Chu, *Conductor*

Dr. Jasmin Lee, *Pianist*

TREBLE CHOIRS

Earth Songs: "The World is Full of Poetry"

David L. Brunner

Thian sang peh ia (天送伯)

arr. 黄俞憲 (Huang Yuxian)

THE MARYLAND STATE BOYCHOIR

Joseph Shortall, *Conductor*

Stephen Holmes, *Pianist*

TREBLE CHOIRS

Festival Alleluia

Allen Pote

Sing Alleluia

Victor Johnson

STRATHMORE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Michael Wu, *conductor*

Ann Bartlow, *pianist*

TREBLE CHOIRS

Doctor Jazz

Joe "King" Oliver

arr. Anita Cracauer

Pata Pata

Jerry Ragovoy, Miriam Makeba

arr. Audrey Snyder

Translation of the Xhosa: So we grooved and said: "Check it out!" | This is the Pata Pata... | So we grooved and said: "Check it out!" | This is the Pata Pata... || That's it, lady! | This is the Pata Pata... | That's it, lady! | This is the Pata Pata!

MARYLAND YOUNG VOICES FESTIVAL CHOIR

Diana V. Sáez, *Conductor*

Ann Bartlow, *Pianist*

I Sing Because I'm Happy

Civilla D. Martin, Charles H. Gabriel

arr. Kenneth Paden

adapted by Rollo Dilworth

The Beat of a Different Drum

Sarah Quartel

Maquerúle

Traditional Colombian

Julián Gómez Giraldo

Translation of the Spanish: Maquerúle was a baker fellow from Andagoya | They called him “good old Maquerúle” | Going broke selling on credit. | *Refrain* | Knead the bread, Maquerúle, work it out | Work the bread with your hands, sweat it out. | Pim, pam, pum, Maquerúle, | Pim, pam, pum, sweat it out. | Maquerúle isn't here, Maquerúle is in Condoto | When he comes back, he'll find his wife's gone off with another. | *Refrain* | Maquerúle kneads the bread, but now he sells cash only. | Maquerúle doesn't want to sell his bread on credit. | *Refrain*

GUEST CONDUCTOR



DIANA V. SÁEZ, CONDUCTOR

Dr. Diana V. Sáez is the Director of Choral Activities at Towson University in Baltimore. In the past, she has served as Visiting Choir Director at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois;

Visiting Choir Conductor at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland; director of the Catholic University Women's Choir, and artistic director of the World Bank-IMF Chorus.

As a leading specialist in the field of Latin American music, Dr. Sáez is a frequent guest conductor, adjudicator, and lecturer in both the United States and abroad. She has presented at American universities, national and regional ACDA conventions, and various engagements in North and South America. She has also guest conducted at the

Festival Distrital de Coros en Bogotá, Colombia, and she has directed regional honor choruses in Virginia, Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sáez is perhaps best known for serving as artistic director of Cantigas, an award-winning chamber choir that she founded with the mission to increase awareness and appreciation of Latin America and Spanish choral music. For 25 years, Cantigas was a principal performer of Latin American music in North America, with appearances at the ACDA Eastern Division Convention, Kennedy Center, and Strathmore Center, as well as international tours in Colombia, Argentina, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. In 2014, the choir was awarded the Choral Excellence Award for Most Creative Programming by the Choralis Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Sáez began her musical education at the Escuela Libre de Música in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She earned a Master of Choral Conducting from Temple University and a Doctorate in Musical Arts at the University of Maryland, College Park. She also holds a Master of Education from Harvard University.

Her compositions for choir are published by Hal Leonard, Boosey and Hawkes, and the Roger Dean Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation. Her academic writings have been published in *Maryland Music Educator Journal* and in an anthology, *Choral Perspectives: Insights from American Choral Conductor-Teachers*.

CHOIR BIOGRAPHIES

ALL CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF ANNAPOLIS

Lauren Walker, Artistic Director

Emily James, Assistant Director

Founded in 2001, the All Children's Chorus of Annapolis (ACCA) is a community chorus that strives for vocal excellence, diversity in our membership, and making a difference in the lives of our children by teaching them the rewards of hard work, team play, and service to the community.

We are proud of our comprehensive vocal education program that includes regular individual vocal

instruction for each child. Our weekly rehearsals focus on vocal technique, ear training, Kodály solfege exercises, and performance discipline.

There are three choirs for children ages 6 to 18, currently under the Artistic leadership of Lauren Walker and Emily James: Training Chorus, Treble Chorus, and Chamber Singers. Members of the chorus have been selected to participate in the highly regarded All-State Choruses, and Honor Choirs of the American Choral Directors Association conferences. All Children's Chorus has partnered with Annapolis Opera to provide choristers for their productions of *La Boheme* (2022) and *Tosca* (2019). In April 2023, our choirs join the University of Maryland Chamber Singers under the baton of Dr. Jason Max-Ferdinand for a joint performance at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

BALTIMORE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Joseph Shortall, Artistic Director

**Christopher Correlli, Head Collaborative
Pianist, Assistant Director**

Cecile Audette, Assistant Director

Joshua Franklin, Assistant Director

Delia Hatten, Conductor

Erica Timmerman, Conductor

Drew Young, Conductor

Patricia Shortall, Program Coordinator

The Baltimore Children's Choir believes that every child has a unique voice that deserves to be heard, and we are committed to providing a platform for expression and growth. The Baltimore Children's Choir works with over one hundred youth between the ages of 5 and 18 years old in its neighborhood program and over 1,300 youth in its school programs. The choir regularly performs approximately 15-20 concerts a year including recent performances at Strathmore Concert Hall, the Cathedral of the Incarnation (Baltimore), and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF MARYLAND

Rachel Morgan Im, Artistic Director

Children's Chorus of Maryland and School of Music (CCM) inspires and empowers children through exceptional and joyous musical learning and collaboration. CCM achieves this mission through a comprehensive program of musical training and

performance experience dedicated to excellence, aesthetic sensitivity, play-based learning, respect, and diversity. The program includes a thriving conservatory with three performing choruses and ten graded levels of instruction, focusing not only on making beautiful music but also on sight-singing, dictation, arranging, and composing—the tools of music literacy. Based in Towson, Maryland, just outside of Baltimore City, and founded in 1976 by Betty Bertaux, CCM is one of the oldest and most distinguished programs of vocal literacy training and choral music education in the United States.

In 2023, Rachel Morgan Im became Artistic Director and is leading the organization in new and innovative directions that explore the diversity of musical cultures and traditions from around the world.

DEER CREEK YOUTH CHOIR

Julie Culotta, Artistic Director

Stacey Scarff, Assistant Director

The Deer Creek Youth Choir (DCYC) is a community choir that inspires young singers to reach their full musical potential. DCYC is committed to developing each singer's vocal technique, music literacy, performance discipline, self-esteem and ability to work well with others. We strive to provide a welcoming and encouraging environment where students feel comfortable to express themselves while working towards a common goal with their peers. Founded in 2016 with just 17 singers, DCYC now brings together over 40 singers from across Harford and Baltimore counties and Southern Pennsylvania. Our singers are in grades 2 through 9 and sing in one of our two ensembles: *Jubilate* and *Vivace*. DCYC is supported by the Deer Creek Chorale (DCC), the premiere adult choral ensemble in Harford and Northern Baltimore Counties. In line with the values of the DCC, the Deer Creek Youth Choir is committed to "singing locally and giving globally," serving our community and the world.

GLORystAR CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Maria Chu, Program Director

Jasmin Lee, Accompanist

Glorystar Children's Chorus provides excellent music education to children and youth (5–18 years old) with a rich repertoire of East Asian and Western music. GCC celebrates our Asian cultural heritage and creates an inclusive and enriching learning

environment for singers to build connections within our community.

- To inspire the joy of singing with family, friends, and audiences
- Create team spirit through collaboration, discipline, responsibility, and respect.
- Teach singers to strive for musical excellence.

The Glorystar Children’s Chorus has performed at many venues in the metropolitan area such as the White House, the Washington National Cathedral, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Montgomery College, and Strathmore Hall. They have toured all over the US and internationally including Oregon, New Orleans, Colorado, Vermont, Hawaii, Taiwan, Italy, Austria, and Hungary.

Glorystar’s artistic director and founder, Mrs. Cherie Jeng, invites children of all backgrounds to participate in a joyful environment, to strive for excellence, to cultivate caring for one another, and to promote community harmony and cross-cultural appreciation.

THE MARYLAND STATE BOYCHOIR

Stephen Holmes, Artistic Director

Joseph Shortall, Assistant Director

The Maryland State Boychoir (MSB), Maryland’s “Official Goodwill Ambassadors,” is comprised of approximately 130 choristers, ages 7 to 20, who represent a wide range of ethnic, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds. They come from nine Maryland counties, Baltimore City, and the D.C. suburbs. Not only do choristers receive training in voice lessons and music theory, they also develop friendships with boys from varied backgrounds, build self-esteem and self-discipline through hard work and dedication, and develop a sense of community through their commitment to the organization. In recent years the organization has toured to Denmark, Iceland, Bermuda, Ireland, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

STRATHMORE CHILDREN’S CHORUS

Dr. Michael Wu, Artistic Director

**Ann DuBose-Li and Carla Wardell,
Associate Conductors**

**Dr. Yee Von Ng and Ann Bartlow,
Collaborative Pianists**

Strathmore Children’s Chorus (SCC) provides a pre-professional choral experience to students ages 7-18 from diverse backgrounds. Founded by the late Christopher G. Guerra (1956–2024) and led by Artistic Director Michael Wu, six performing ensembles promote self-expression in singers, celebrate the

diverse musical traditions of our Montgomery County community, and engage talented youth in joy-filled and uplifting music-making. SCC also performs with professional orchestras, other choral groups, and featured artists in ensemble performances, allowing Strathmore to provide a living, breathing, singing presence in our community. Tonight’s featured group is the Treble Chorus, composed of over 30 students ranging between 5th- and 8th-grade.

CHOIR ROSTERS

ALL CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF ANNAPOLIS

Maggie Bradford
Ellie Connelly
Ben Coster
Rylee Curo
Bryn Farrell
Linda Flaherty
Madeleine Fuchs
Alexa Grossarth
Maria Hammond
Bridgette Hildebrandt
Maeve Hosman
Ava Khamvongsa
Anna Lindgren
Madeline Malsar
Maggie McDaniel
Alyssa Molchanov
Scout Murphy
Madelyn Schreffler
Londyn Singer
Betty Teates
Livvie Templeton
Elizabeth Thibodeau
Lorelei Walker
Dorine Walker
Skylar Yeager
Riley Yeager

BALTIMORE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Angel Allen
Paul Austin
Isabella Barrera
Adeline Beaudry
Owen Bradbury
Campbell Burd
Blaire Chase
Carmen Collins
Annie Correlli
Yolanda Dennison
Elizabeth Dennison
Hazel Fink
Chelsy Flores
Sophia Gardiner-Horrigan
Mariah Gayle
Imani Hazelwood
Nell Hutchinson
Nora Kanagy
Clara Kanagy
Nora Kermond
Dia Kess
Tessa Kirtz
Louisa Kocher
Audrey Kocher
Madeline Lundquist
Cassandra Marable
Lena Moyes
Zoe Naasz
Reina Nious
Gideon Norris
Hatshepsut O'Connor
Daria Olszewski

Urijah Parran
Mariana Romano
Nadia Shelton
Nathan Smith
Olivia Smith
Eleanor Stephens-Kalmar
Antonia Utech
Ryan West
Natalie White
Camille Wilson
Calem Witte
Xzuriana Woodlon
Julia Young

CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF MARYLAND

Johannes Althouse
Leo Amasia
Caitlin Cahutay
Eliza Davies
Ariana Gonzalez-Jimenez
Abbot Heley-Lee
Gavin Leu
Avie McIver
Hugh McIver
Ayah Nur Tajdar
Anna Pantzer
David Yu

DEER CREEK YOUTH CHOIR

Caterina Amasia
Uwakmfon Archibong
Elena Bennett
Elizabeth Bennett
Reuben Bennett
Amalia Bettini
Isabella Brietenback
Alec Brock
Emily Brock
Eleanor Call
Jayden Cogswell
Addie Culotta
Cooper Culotta
Grace Dauses
Danis Derby
Scarlett Dodge
Ella Eshelman
Richard Fields
Eamon FitzGerald
Natalie Fulford
Gabriel Furches
Dagne Hudson
Ethan Jennings-Jones
Lillian Johnson
Evelyn MacDonald
Zara Maddula
Ruth McFillin
Mollie McHugh
Sarah Miklos
Callum Petterson
Azalea Peredia-Novak
Liam Patterson

Garrett Scarff
Adrienne Schwaninger
Elsa Schwaninger

GLORystAR CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Daniela Ambrosio
Julia Bloise
Maxwell Chan
Amelia Chen
Lena Chen
Olivia Chen
Marshall Cui
Yasmin da Rocha
Immanuel Davani
Larissa Deng
Lucy Ding
Charisse Fung
Alicia Gu
Grace Guo
Danielle Hsu
Brian Huang
Claire Huang
Elise Huang
Kate Huang
Lucas Ji
Isabella Jiang
Wandi Jin
Hadassah Larsen
Ruthie Larsen
Annabelle Laurenzi
Izzy Laurenzi
Charlotte Li
Mirabelle Li
Diane Liu
Samuel Lu
August McFeaters
Dash McFeaters
Sophy Pan
Kaitlyn Phillips
Anya Qin
Astra Ren
Hailey Shiu
Emma Smith
Alyssa Wang
Ava Wang
Bryan Wang
Emily Wang
Emma Wang
Grace Wang
Lucas Wang
Richard Wang
Jerry Xu
Kellen Xu
William Yan
Jiwei Yang
Aurora Ye
Philana Ye
Sophie Ye
Grace Yin
Abigail Zhang
Elizabeth Zhang
Ethan Zhang

Jimmy Zhang
Luna Zhag

THE MARYLAND STATE BOYCHOIR

Julian Carpenter
Auggie Dvorak
Peter Dvorak
Cier Fit
Edmund Hindman
Rafael Holmes
Zachary Liu
Manny Mullaj
Jack Pfund
Ender Richards
Connor Rummell
Rumi Sadek
Isaiah Selassie
Jude-Michael Snow
Aaron Sun

STRATHMORE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Gabriel Ahrens
Fitzpatrick Bates
Nhyira Blankson
Loumie Bouvet
Kristian Carpenter
Tianxi Chi
Danielle Cho
Henry Corcoran
Amara Dersley
Mahi Celeste Dumas
Tian Feng
Naomi Fishbein
Eva Glomb
Philipp Golovnin
Athena He
Serena Huang
Savi Kanal
Soya Kitayama
Abby March
Mateus Neis
Rinzin Phuntsokyi
Leela Ramaswamy
Isabella Reyes
Harriet Ritchie
Saloni Roy
Arya Roy
Palen Russell
Nicholas Sabran
Adrian Lucas Saelzer-Broxton
Sreyam Sen
Miriam Tillemann
Kieran Tyan
Reena Veshi
Leah Wang
Anastasia Wong
Ethan Xia
Peishi Yu
Juliana Zarate
Marilyn Zhang