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A FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN’S CHOIRS
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PARTICIPATING CHOIRS

Children’s Chorus of Washington
Concert Chorus, Young Men’s Ensemble, and Advanced Bel Canto Choruses

Roanoke Valley Children’s Choir
Concert Choir

Shenandoah Valley Children’s Choir
Concert Choir

Strathmore Children’s Chorus
Concert and Young Men’s Choruses

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 4pm
PROGRAM

COMBINED CHOIRS

Come and Sing! ................................................................. Wallace Hornady (living, Alabama)

CONCERT AND YOUNG MEN’S CHORUSES, STRATHMORE CHILDREN’S CHORUS

Come, Let’s Be Merry .......................................................... James Q. Mulholland (living, Indiana)
Tuba ............................................................................. South African, arr. Michael Barrett (living, South Africa)
Nyon Nyon ........................................................................ Jake Runestad (living, from Illinois)

CONCERT CHOIR, ROANOKE VALLEY CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Magnificat ........................................................................ Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)
arr. Z. Randall Stroope (living, New Mexico)
The Bartered Bride ............................................................. Bedrich Smetana (1824–1884)
arr. Emily Ellsworth (living, Illinois)
Old Mac Doodle ................................................................. David J. Elliott (living, Canada)

CONCERT, YOUNG MEN’S ENSEMBLE, AND ADVANCED BEL CANTO CHORUSES, CHILDREN’S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON

Non Nobis Domine .......................................................... Rosephayne Powell (living, Alabama)
Dirait-on ........................................................................ Morten Lauridsen (living, California)
Gloria, from Mass No. 6 ..................................................... György Orbán (living, Hungary)

CONCERT CHOIR, SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHILDREN’S CHOIR

The Ether of Infinity .......................................................... Dan Walker (living, Australia)
A song about the invention of WiFi!
Dr. Edward Gant, cello
Wau Bulan (“Moon Kite”) .................................................. Malaysian Folk Song
Kai-Po Lan, percussion
arr. Tracy Wong (living, Malaysia)

Hoj, Hura Hoj (“O Mountain O”) ...................................... Otmar Mácha (1922–2006)
Augusta Nafziger, Kayleigh Sprouse, Adele Roulston, soloists

COMBINED SOPRANOS AND ALTOS

Psalm 23 ........................................................................... Srul Irving Glick (1934–2002)

COMBINED TENORS AND BASSES

Flying Solo ....................................................................... Philip Silvey (living, New York)

COMBINED CHOIRS

Hope for Resolution .......................................................... arr. Paul Caldwell (living, Michigan)
and Sean Ivory (living, Washington)

Plainchant Divinum Mysterium and Zulu song Thula Sizwe

Scott Clark, percussion
Megan Gryder, flute
CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON
For 23 years, Children's Chorus of Washington (CCW) has provided outstanding music education programs and performance opportunities for children in the nation’s capital region, regardless of background, economic status, or prior experience. Through its auditioned ensembles, preparatory classes, and SING DC program, CCW fosters students’ growth as musicians and leaders by emphasizing artistic excellence, personal responsibility, and working together toward a common goal. Internationally recognized and critically acclaimed for its outstanding artistry, CCW collaborates frequently with our community’s leading arts organizations, and maintains an active performance schedule that reaches thousands of audience members in marquee and neighborhood venues across the city. CCW is also one of few youth choirs that tours internationally. Each year, more than 250 students in Greater Washington benefit directly from CCW instruction. Founded in 1995 by Joan Gregoryk, CCW is now under the artistic leadership of Margaret Nomura Clark.

MARGARET NOMURA CLARK
Margaret Nomura Clark joined as artistic director in August 2016. She was the associate artistic director of the San Francisco Boys Chorus (SFBC) from 1997 to 2015, directing the intermediate chorus and supervising all tiers of the SFBC Training Chorus School. Together with Artistic Director Ian Robertson, Clark worked closely with the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Opera. A highlight of her career was an invitation with the SFBC to sing at the inauguration of President Barack Obama in 2009. In fall 2016, she was appointed to the choral faculty at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Pre-college Division and launched a choral program for instrumental students ranging in age from 7 to 18. Clark earned her bachelor’s of music and master of music education from the Oberlin Conservatory and has studied choral conducting with Robert Shaw, Rodney Eichenberger, Henry Leck, and Doreen Rao.

DONALD COTTON
In addition to 23 years at CCW, Donald Cotton teaches at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School in Clifton and is the director of music at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale. These choirs are known throughout the Arlington Diocese for their extraordinary performances. Choirs under his direction have performed for televised tapings, live television, at the White House, at the National Shrine, and on the Kennedy Center’s Millennium Stage. Cotton has also performed as a vocal soloist in Prague and as accompanist for children’s choral festivals throughout Europe, South America, and the United States. He directs the Treble Chorus and the Young Men’s Ensemble of the Children’s Chorus of Washington. He received his bachelor’s in music in piano accompanying from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music.

ROANOKE VALLEY CHILDREN’S CHOIR
The Roanoke Valley Children’s Choir (RVCC) was founded by Director Kim Davidson in 1987. Open to children ages 7 to 18, the 250-member RVCC includes four choirs, each focusing on a specific level of development and musicianship.

This challenging program of voice and choral repertoire demands dedication and discipline from its young members. This commitment to excellence has resulted in an impressive resume for the RVCC, including a joint concert with the United States Army Band, being chosen twice as the Official Choir of the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and a three-time featured solo choir at Carnegie Hall, as well as being selected to sing at the 2008 and 2014 Southern Division American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Conventions and the National ACDA Convention in 2015. In 2017, they participated in the International Children’s Choir Festival at Canterbury Cathedral where they were selected to be the solo choir for Evensong. The RVCC also performs regularly with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Opera Roanoke.

KIMBERLY RUSE DAVIDSON
Kimberly Ruse Davidson is the founding director of the RVCC for which she has served as both artistic director and administrative director since 1987. Her combination of enthusiasm and love for the children and music make this not only her life’s work, but also her passion.

A graduate of Valparaiso University in Indiana, Davidson has taught musicianship and school choir classes as well as directed youth and adult church choirs. She has served as adjudicator, guest director, and festival choral director on numerous occasions. Davidson has a full schedule of private piano and voice students along with her favorite occupation, the full time administrative and artistic director for the RVCC.

Serving in her 32nd year as director of the RVCC, she has watched the choir grow from 23 young singers to a choral program with nearly 250 children, ages 7 to 18 in four choirs.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHILDREN’S CHOIR
The Shenandoah Valley Children’s Choir (SVCC) is an advanced choral music education program for children who love to sing in an accelerated learning and performing environment. The program includes more than 220 children in three auditioned performing choirs and three non auditioned early elementary classes. SVCC choristers receive instruction in vocal production, diction, breathing, score study, musicianship, theory, and performing skills, informed strongly by the Kodály approach.

In addition to 23 years at CCW, Donald Cotton teaches at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School in Clifton and is the director of music at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale. These choirs are known throughout the Arlington Diocese for their extraordinary performances. Choirs under his direction have performed for televised tapings, live television, at the White House, at the National Shrine, and on the Kennedy Center’s Millennium Stage. Cotton has also performed as a vocal soloist in Prague and as accompanist for children’s choral festivals throughout Europe, South America, and the United States. He directs the Treble Chorus and the Young Men’s Ensemble of the Children’s Chorus of Washington. He received his bachelor’s in music in piano accompanying from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music.
The beauty and reputation of SVCC have afforded the concert choir the honor of performing for dignitaries, appearing in music conferences, collaborating with other elite children’s choirs, and touring both nationally and internationally. Highlights include a performance for Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, singing in multiple ACDA conferences, headlining for the Organization of American Kodály Educators, and traveling to Peru in 2017 to produce a YouTube video with the children’s choir, Los K’ana Wawakuna.

JANET M. HOSTETTER
SVCC artistic director Janet M. Hostetter is a doctoral candidate at James Madison University. She received a masters of music degree in choral conducting from James Madison University and a bachelors degree in music education from Eastern Mennonite University. Her doctoral research focuses on the pedagogical practices of children’s choirs outside of the United States, incorporating onsite visits to observe and interact with these internationally known choirs in their own countries. A passionate educator of the choral art and of future music educators, Hostetter continues to teach music to every age group from pre-K through college and beyond. She frequently serves as clinician, guest lecturer, and honor choir director. She served as repertoire and standards chair for elementary music in Virginia for five years and spent eight years providing oversight and direction for a thriving music ministry at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Her nonmusical pursuits include jogging and spending time with her husband and young adult children.

STRATHMORE CHILDREN’S CHORUS
Strathmore Children’s Chorus (SCC) is a choral music education program for children grades 2 through 12 inclusive. We have over 250 choristers singing in five ensembles — Preparatory, Apprentice, Treble, Concert, and Young Men. We teach music literacy and bel canto vocal production in an ensemble context. We foster authentic creative expression, challenge growth, bring joy, and contribute to the well-being of our choristers. We produce two concerts per season at Strathmore, and we contribute to the performances of many of Strathmore’s performing arts partners, including The Chieftains, National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale, Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras, and more.

MICHAEL WU
Michael Wu is the artistic director for Strathmore Children’s Chorus, and he conducts their Concert Chorus and Young Men’s Chorus. A full-time teacher at Landon School in Bethesda, his choirs have been to Carnegie Hall three times, and they have worked with notable musicians, including Maestro Leonard Slatkin and Charles Bruffy. He has been a clinician, adjudicator, and presenter extensively in the Mid-Atlantic region. Wu also directs music at Faith United Methodist, Rockville.

From 2006 to 2014, Wu led Bel Canto Chorus for the CCW. His CCW ensembles sang for John Rutter, toured the United States, and have collaborated with many other choirs. He is published by Boosey & Hawkes, holds Artist-Teacher Certification from the Choral Music Experience, has completed Organization of American Kodály Educators music education courses, and has earned degrees from Northwestern University and Peabody Conservatory. He is a doctoral candidate and a graduate music lecturer at George Mason University, and is president-elect for the American Choral Directors Association, Maryland/DC Chapter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STRATHMORE CHILDREN’S CHORUS CURRENT MUSIC
Fri, May 17

STRATHMORE CHILDREN’S CHORUS AUDITIONS
June 7, 8, 19 & 21
STRATHMORE.ORG/SCC

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PERFORMERS

CHILDREN’S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, CONCERT CHORUS, YOUNG MEN’S ENSEMBLE, ADVANCED BEL CANTO CHORUS
Margaret Nomura Clark, Artistic Director
Donald Cotton, Associate Artistic Director
Dr. Lester Green, Assistant Conductor and Accompanist

CONCERT CHORUS
Shira Ben-Ami
Miriam Bernstein
Amanda Bidigare
Elizabeth Budin
Corina Capuano
Mari Clark
Olivia Collotta
Maya Colohan
Addy Darnell
Olivia Emerson
Caroline Grant
Lucy Goldberg
Isabella Impavido
Angelica Jackson
Talia Jackson
Celia Johnson
Amelia Lashway
Elizabeth Lee
Rebecca Letsinger
Jenna Loescher-Clark
Carmen Lopez-Fernandez
Katie Manyin
Keshini Maynard
Michaela Melançon
Ella Pino
Néa Ranganathan
Lily Roslof
Aarti Sabharwal
Marley Schwarz
Erin Singdahlsen
Margaret Taylor
Gabriela Tuncer
Maddy Vieth
Elena Vol

YOUNG MEN’S ENSEMBLE
Ari Andelman
Teddy Beamer
Gaston Finger
Leo Fraize
Peter George
Damian Hanshew
William Kopp

Thomas Lynch, IV
Ian McDuffie
Samuel Mencimer
Andrew O’Daniel
Raph Prince
Shamar Simmons
Graham Vinyard
Jack Wisotzkey
Charles Wolfer
Andrew Zagurski
Daniel Zika

ADVANCED BEL CANTO CHORUS
Chloe Bartlow
Taylor Bowen-Langino
Maeve Brogan
Antonia Brooks
Isabella Bustillos
Alex Campbell
Katherine Davies
Maya Deutsch
Sofya Donets
Genevieve Dregen
William Ekrem
Pia Enders
Abby Geyer
Evelyn Goldin
Jackson Gray
Jacqueline Hull
Olivia Imo
Mary Kelly
Alexander Lamb
Nadia Limami
Ilaria Luna
Benjamin Maniscalco
Maria McLemore
Sarah McMahon
Edina Patterson Cook
Finn Porter
Nico Rasi-deMatties
Sarah Reif
Stella Roehrig
Jack Schulman
Sidney Slother
Louisa Sohier
Audrey Storey
Lalita Stromayer
Nicole Talledo
Amelia Taylor
Grace Taylor
Malin Thomas
Mallory Valmon
Aksela Vesensky
Haze Warren
Elizabeth Wysocki
Kangyi Zhou

ROANOKE VALLEY CHILDREN’S CHORI, CONCERT CHOIR
Kim Ruse Davidson, Founder and Artistic Director
Carla Crouse, Accompanist

Holly Acker
Abby Baldwin
Sarah Bell
Tianna Berkel
Piper Brown
Emma Bryant
Nicole Bulla
Keirin Capuano
Cassidy Church
Madison Church
Alex Cinquemani
Lillian Clevenger
Alex Coffey
Ari Cogen
Faith Cordle
Sadie Crouse
Isabella Crouse
Madeline Deskins
Kaitlyn Dickson
Aidy Dowling
Adalyn Eller
Ethan Fouch
Darby Fouch
Mia Franke
Cecilia Fraticelli
Josie Fraticelli
Margaret Frazier
Caleb Gaines
David Gepitulan
Eden Giannini
Lathan Gregory
Melody Hale
Naomi Hodges
Kim Hoyle
Harrison Huang
Ryan Huddleston
Zoe Jentsch
Katie Jeremiah
Ruby Kasmer
Sarah Beth Keller
Hannah Kemp
Elise Kincer
Zoe Larson-Harris
Sarah Latino
Claire Lawson
Maggie Layman
Annamaria Lund
Haley Lynch
Adelia Mau
Mercy Meyer
Annabelle Moore
Taylor Nguyen

Maggie Parkhurst
Katie Parks
Grace Partin
Rowan Pendergraph
Morgan Perdue
Abby Poling
Lauren Rakes
Victoria Riego de Dios
Abigail Rogan
Clarke Roudebusch
Amelia Safford
Haili Sink
Tes Smith
Emy Sylvester-Johnson
Oksana Tensen
Megan Vaughn
Kennady Wade
Silvia Wardell
Caroline Weston
Emily Wheeler
Elise Wilson-Leedy
Jewel Wood
Claire Wray

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHILDREN’S CHOIR, CONCERT CHOIR (AGES 10-17)
Janet M. Hostetter, Artistic Director
Tracey Schimmel Reed, Principal Pianist

Amanda Aponte
Olivia Baugher
Marena Benton
Luke Beyeler
Kira Blagg
Lena Blagg
Karina Bondaruk
John Byrd
Lauren Cabana
Aidan Calih
Colin Calih
Mara Carlson
Eleanor Carter
Arianna Casterline
Emma Coakley
Rebekah Compagnari
Avery Crockett
Kaylee Croy
Myles Curry
Alice Elkins
Devin Erbaugh
Jeremiah Esteban
David Fisher
Josiah Fisher
Sarah Fiske
Emma Gibson
Jessenia Gomez
Alex Green
Sam Groff
Briton Herron
Avry Hicks
Katie Hicks
Hans Holzer
Helene Holzer
Mattias Holzer
Thad Jackson
Kendra Johnson
Emily Jones
Sarah Keim
Daniel Khilkovich
Victoria Khilkovich
Mac Lehman
Mia Lemon
Evan Lilly
Matthew Long
Rebekah Long
Caleb Maas
Haile Madden
Anna Martin
Hannah Mast
Caroline McCutcheon
Maggie McCutcheon
Abbie Menard
Max Misterka
Nicholas Murch
Augusta Nafziger
Helena Nafziger
Leila Ortiz
Afton Rhodes-Lehman
Jack Richardson
Josiah Ropp
Adele Roulston
Dean Rowe
Jordyn Ryman
Micah Shank Zehr
Mika Showalter
Amelia Simmons
Trinity Spencer
Kayleigh Sprouse
Nathan Sprouse
Anna Stempel
Max Stempel
Eli Stoll
Nicholas Sych
Miley Thomas
Emma Talman
Rose Trainum
Emma Veerman
Paul Vogan
Annie Kate Walsh
Janine White
Tyler Williamson
Dante Witter
Eleanor Yoder
Gia Yoder
Sophia Yoder
Matthew Zotov
Carsten Portner
Antonio Rivera
Rafael Virador
Spencer Whims
Michael Yau
Austin Zhu
Kevin Zhu

**CONCERT CHORUS**
Fadbala Adjai
Monica Amery
Lana Anderson
Sophie Bagheri
Douglas Brown
Zoe Brown
Ida Chen
Sona Chudamani
Michelle Chung
Lauren Cooke
Abigail Dodd
Caroline Dwyer
Isabella Fan
Joshua Fawole
Lila Fishman
Shivani Hancock
Timothy Heiser
Michael Heman
Linnea Hultman
Katherine Hults
Anna Job
Jeanne Joublin
Dahn Kim
Tomoki Kobayashi-Nguyen
Elizabeth Lucille Kwoun
Isabella Larson
Kayla Laws
Joelle Lee
Olivia Linus
Saaniha Mahashteye
Emily Martinez-Olivares

**STRATHMORE CHILDREN’S CHORUS, CONCERT CHORUS AND YOUNG MEN’S CHORUS**
Michael Wu, Artistic Director
Hei Jung Kim, Principal Collaborative Pianist

**YOUNG MEN’S CHORUS**
Marc Burlina
Rafael Friedlander
James Heiser
Kevin Hernandez
Boris Iarochkin
Gabriel Kengni, Jr.
Nolan Lewis
Thomas Li
Gabriel Mouallem
Dhruv Pai
Brandon Parada
Arnav Patra

**STRING QUARTET**
Anna Kelleher, violin
Charlene Shiu, violin
Martin Rojas, viola
Oliver Cole, cello
Abigail Koehler, bass

Madeline Matson
Joe McFadden
Oorja Mishra
Simoni Mishra
Allison Munuz-Flores
Reheth Narula
Esther Ou
Sophia Parker
Brianna Patterson
Esme Pickel
Grace Reachmack
Jennifer Ren
Ashley Sadler
Samantha Sarcenio
Fernandez
Lucy Siegel
Ella Smith
Linnea Spear
Lena Streitweiser
Dylan Studley
Annie Sun
Bryce Thompson
Sophia Turkman
Miranda Wang
Adelaide Wildeemuth
Hylen Wu
Iris Xue
Clare Yang
Allison Zhang
Eileen Zhang
Amy Zhong