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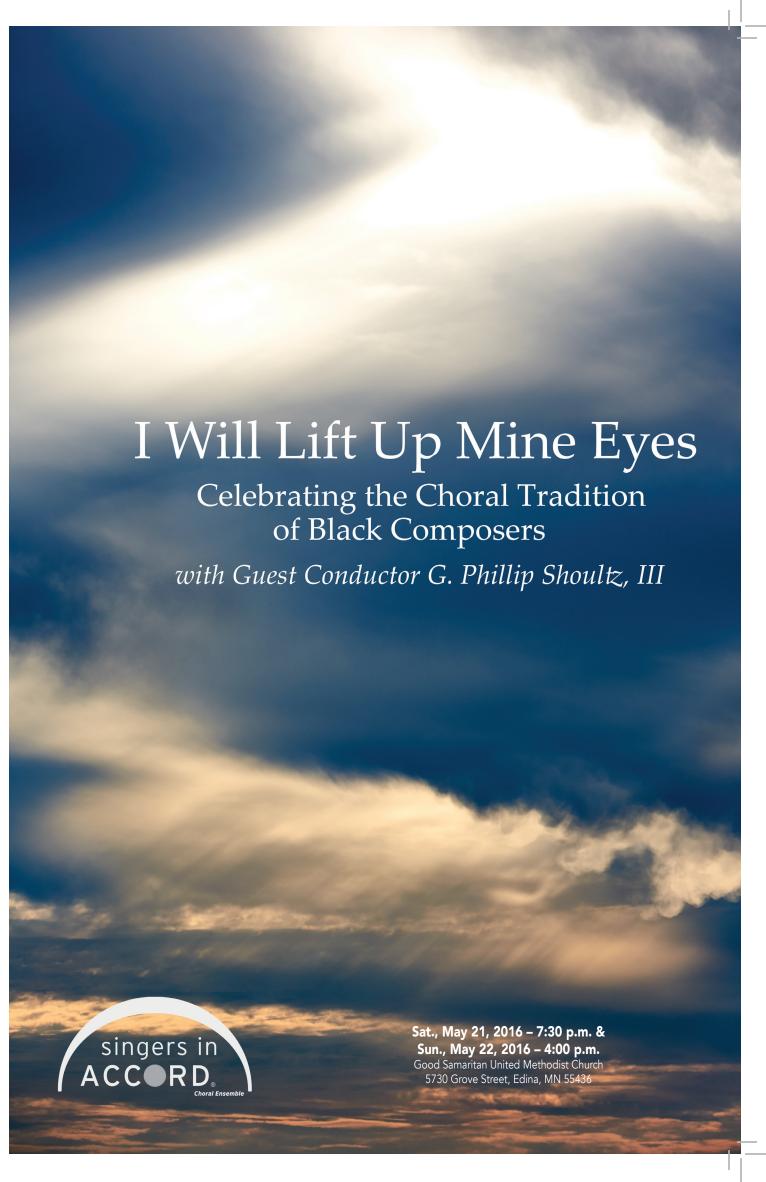
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# G. Phillip Shoultz, III Guest Conductor

Known for his ability to inspire singers of all ages and abilities, **G. Phillip Shoultz, III** is the Associate Conductor of *VocalEssence*. This spring, Phillip completed his doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota and enjoys a multifaceted career as a conductor, educator, singer, and speaker. In addition to his work with *VocalEssence*, he serves as director of music, worship, and the arts for Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, and as founding conductor of the Elizabeth Hall Elementary Satellite Choir of the Minneapolis Youth Chorus



The winner of the 2015 American Choral Directors Association Graduate Student Conducting Competition, Phillip adjudicates vocal festivals, and frequently appears throughout the U.S. as a guest clinician. He has served as a Conducting Fellow for many festivals including the Oregon Bach Festival. This August, he will travel to Germany to participate in the Weimar Bach Cantata Academy under the baton of Helmut Rilling for the second time.

Prior to moving to the Twin Cities, Phillip earned degrees with high honors from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University. He served as artistic director of the Atlanta Youth Choir and Gwinnett Choral Guild, founded the Georgia Young Men's Ensemble, and his work in public schools garnered school- and county-level Teacher of the Year honors on three separate occasions by different organizations.

Phillip enjoys biking, boxing, and all things related to sports and food. He believes every person can experience great joy through singing and passionately encourages exploration of body, mind, and voice through corporate singing experiences. Phillip lives in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, with his wife, Michelle, and their two-year-old son, Malachi.



# Dr. Gregory S. Broughton Tenor Soloist

Dr. Gregory S. Broughton is Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Voice Area at the University of Georgia. He was awarded the General Sandy H. Beaver Teaching Professorship in 2011 and is a member of the UGA Teaching Academy, a UGA Senior Faculty Teaching Fellow, and a recipient of the UGA Sarah Moss Fellowship. He received both the Doctor of Musical Arts and the Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Michigan. He earned the Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where his concentration was in voice and choral music.

Notable solo engagements have included the world premieres of Stephen Newby's Symphony: Let Thy Mercy Be Upon Us with the Seattle Symphony; Ja Jahannes and Steven Newby's Montage for Martin with members of the Savannah Symphony; the Michigan premiere of David Baker's Through This Vale of Tears with the Lafayette String Quartet; and the Michigan and Ohio premiere of Adolphus Hailstork's oratorio Done Made My Vow with the Toledo Symphony. He was tenor soloist for the Beethoven Symphony No. 9 with the Memphis Symphony and he made his debut appearance at Carnegie Hall as guest soloist in a celebration of the African American Spiritual under the baton of Jacqueline Hairston. Additional performances include Haydn's The Creation, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Handel's Judas Maccabeaus, Britten's St. Nicolas Mass, Handel's Messiah, and numerous other engagements as soloist with musical organizations throughout the United States. As a recitalist he has an affinity for the interpretation of the African American Spiritual.

Dr. Broughton's discography includes *Montage for Martin* with members of the Seattle Symphony; *The Lily of the Valley* with the American Spiritual Ensemble; *Love Letters*, a compilation CD of original works by UGA composer Roger Vogel; and he appears on the original soundtrack for the musical *Yes, Lord!* by Ja Jahannes.

Currently, Broughton has students performing in major professional venues throughout the United States and abroad in major opera houses, and musical theater on and off Broadway. A significant number of students from the private studio as well as from the African American Choral Ensemble are recording contemporary Christian and numerous popular music styles. Quite a large number of his students are currently college and university professors, secondary school educators, and private voice teachers.



#### Bill Munson

Pianist / Organist / Singers in Accord Accompanist

Bill Munson is a piano teacher at Faith Music Academy in Forest Lake and accompanist for the Highland Chorale at Macalester College. A Minnesota native, Munson holds a Bachelor of Music in piano performance from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Music in Collaborative Piano from the University of Colorado. Bill has studied piano with Dr. Alexander Braginsky and Professor Robert Spillman and has served as a vocal coach at Metro State College in Denver, Colorado. Bill and his wife, Lisa, and their dogs, Chopin and Poochini, currently live in Hopkins.



#### Message from the Chairman of the Board

Choirs. Lots and lots of choirs in Minnesota. Aren't we fortunate to be living in a state that has a passion for choral music and sees value in its power to enrich lives and build community? At a time when so much of what we hear is about disagreement and exclusion, coming together is renewing and reaffirming.

Singers in Accord choral ensemble is a unique choir in that our entire focus is about collaboration and sharing our mutual passion for the choral arts with others outside of our organization.

Today that passion allows us to work with G. Phillip Shoultz, III (soon to be Dr. G. Phillip Shoultz, III). Phillip is a rising star in the choral conducting field - a national ACDA award-winning conductor, Associate Conductor of internationally renowned VocalEssence, and this summer will receive his DMA. He is talented, personable, passionate, and skilled as a conductor, soloist, and vocal coach. It has been such a pleasure for us to work with him throughout this project.

The passion for choral music is also shared by a group of young singers who are learning about the joys and rewards of the choral art. We welcome back to the SIA stage ComMUSICation, an organization which is all about empowering youth with lifelong skills through music, service, and community. They embody what's right about our community and our youth.

Most of all, this passion allows us to share today's incredible music with you - our friends, family, coworkers, and fellow lovers of choral music. We thank you for your continued encouragement and financial support of our mission to bring people together to share a common love and passion for choral music.

Dan Digre Chairman of the Board, Singers in Accord



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# Fall 2016 Kathy Saltzman Romey, Conductor

#### November 11 & 12, 2016

Our conductor this fall is **Kathy Romey**, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Minnesota and Artistic Director of the Minnesota Chorale. The concert will feature French choral and organ music: Requiem, Op. 9 by Duruflé and Missa Brevis by Yves Castagnet. Both pieces will feature internationally renowned organist **Tom Trenny**.



# Spring 2017 Larry Bach, Conductor May 6 & 7, 2017

Our conductor next spring is Larry Bach, Dean of the College of Fine Arts at North Central University. Dr. Bach is a distinguished national clinician and conductor in the choral genres of gospel and jazz. Dr. Bach envisions a concert program that explores the vocal colors of music from the Renaissance through modern jazz.

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The Singers in Accord family lost one of its most beloved singers this past summer, June Griffin. "June Bug" had been a founding member of Singers in Accord and World Voices, singing in the organization for 20 seasons. June was a pure singer – and for her there was no difference between singing and living. She loved to sing all styles of music, being equally comfortable as a soloist or a chorister. At the time of her passing, she sang in three choirs – Singers in Accord, Alive & Kickin', and Edina Morningside Church Choir.

June grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and sang in the Central High School A Capella Choir and the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. She studied voice and music at Kent State, and sang in a quartet traveling rural parts of the country before moving to Minnesota.

June will be deeply missed by all of us who were blessed by her beautiful voice and equally beautiful spirit. We dedicate our 2015 - 2016 Singers in Accord concert season to her memory.



# 2016 Singers in Accord Roster

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Ryan LaBoy, conductor Jacob Dodd, piano

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#### **ComMUSICation Bio**

At home in the St. Paul Promise Neighborhood, ComMUSICation (CMC) is a choral youth-development program with a mission to "empower youth with life skills through music, service, and community." Now in its second full season, CMC continues to be a highly collaborative organization, teaming up with artists such as the Minnesota Orchestra, Minnesota Boychoir, Singers in Accord, and various college and university ensembles.

Featuring two programs—ComMUSICation Choir and Crescendo—CMC accepts all students, and strives to attain a high level of artistic excellence by providing a time-intensive musical experience that includes ensemble rehearsals, piano lessons, and music & leadership classes. To learn more, please visit <a href="https://www.cmcmn.org">www.cmcmn.org</a>

#### **Conductor Bio**

Ryan LaBoy is an active conductor and teaching artist throughout the Twin Cities. In St. Paul, he serves as the Founding Music Director of ComMUSICation. In Minneapolis, he serves as the Director of Youth Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Beyond the podium, Ryan enjoys singing with *VocalEssence Ensemble Singers* and *MPLS (imPulse)*. He holds degrees in Choral Conducting and Music Education from the University of Minnesota and Westminster Choir College, and has completed field research and studies in Estonia, Iceland, and Ghana.

## Program Notes from G. Phillip Shoultz, III

When the *Singers in Accord* asked me to serve as the guest collaborator for this project, I wanted to choose a project that would introduce each musician, audience member, and even myself as the conductor to hidden gems in our vast body of repertoire. Often, when people think of the African-American music experience, their mind is drawn to Negro spirituals or the idioms of jazz, gospel, R&B, and hip-hop. For some time now, I have been interested in sharing the choral output of Black composers beyond these traditions. While one concert cannot cover the vast diversity of styles and experiences represented by Black composers around the world, this program is designed to whet the appetite of those who want to dig deeper. Our concert features the works of male and female composers from three countries and spans 250 years of sacred and secular compositions.

José Maurício Nunes Garcia was born in Rio de Janeiro, the son of mulattos, and was given the nickname of the *Brazilian Mozart*, thanks in large part to a musical style greatly influenced by the Viennese composers of his era, Wolfgang A. Mozart and Franz Joseph Haydn. He was a priest, singer, and talented harpsichordist. Over two hundred of his compositions still survive and are being edited on a regular basis by musicologists in Brazil. His *Sinfonia Fúnebre* and *Abetura em Ré* are both orchestral overtures that represent two examples of classicism.

Dr. Rosephanye Powell has been hailed as one of America's premier women composers of choral music. She currently serves as Professor of Voice at Auburn University. Most known for her sacred music, this concert features two of her secular works.

*Sorida* is an original work based on an African greeting of brotherhood and unity. Powell used an African children's song that plays on the syllables of the word as inspiration.

Solidaridad has a Spanish flavor, takes its text from 19th-century Mexican poet Amado Nervo, and celebrates the beauty of nature, the power of singing, and the strength of unity.

Ulysses Kay was a composer in the neoclassical style who studied under Howard Hanson, Paul Hindemith, and William Grant Still. He won several awards for his work, including a Fulbright Fellowship. He is known mostly for his symphonic and choral works. He also wrote five operas. *Alleluia* is the third and final movement of his *Choral Triptych*, which was commissioned by Daniel Pinkham under a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Dr. Robert A. Harris is professor emeritus at Northwestern University, where he led the school's choral program from 1977-2012. He has been the recipient of over forty commissions and his compositions have been performed throughout the United States, Europe, Hong Kong, and in South Africa. *Canticle: The Hungry Angels* was composed as a call to action and inspired by the words of the nutritionist Dr. Philip L. White, who discovered the limited access to food of quality that young children in Peru faced in the late 1970s.

Sydney Guillaume is originally from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and takes great pride in his roots. His homeland is one of his greatest inspirations, and he hopes his music will serve as an ambassador to create an awareness of the beautiful culture that exists amidst the economic and political turmoil. The text of *Twa Tanbou* uses the philosophy of the poet Louis Marie Celestin as applied to the interactions of three drums, "In order for a team to reach the optimal result, each member must play his or her own part as a team. There is no room for self-obsessed glory; this ultimately brings down the team. True leaders are those who put their team's collective well-being before themselves."

Undine Smith Moore paved the way for many female composers, thanks to her prolific output of over 100 works. She studied at Fisk University and the Julliard School and received a graduate degree in teaching from Columbia University. She was professor emeritus at Virginia State University. While she was mostly known for her works based on spirituals and folk music, *Tambourines to Glory* branches out and uses onomatopoeia in setting this Langston Hughes poem.

André Thomas is Professor of Music at Florida State University and is known as one of America's most highly sought after guest conductors. Known for many compositions in the spiritual and gospel genres, Thomas created an original melody for *I Dream a World* and uses the poetry of Langston Hughes as a response to the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Dr. Adolphus Hailstork is a composer and educator with degrees from the Manhattan School of Music and Michigan State University. His works fuse together the traditions of his African-American heritage with European principles. The recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship, he has served as professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio as well as Professor of Music and Composer-in-Residence at Virginia's Norfolk State University. He is currently Professor of Music and Composer-in-Residence at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes* is a cantata for tenor soloist, chorus, and orchestra. The work is in three movements, each based on a different text from the book of Psalms: 121, 13, and 23. Hailstork dedicates the work to the memory of Undine Smith Moore.

#### I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Psalm 121 Music by Adolphus Hailstork

1. I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
I will lift up mine eyes to the hills,
From whence cometh my help.
My help surely cometh from the Lord,
Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber nor sleep.
The sun will not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from evil:
The Lord shall preserve thy soul!

#### 2. How Long?

How long, O Lord, will Thou forget me?
How long will Thou hide Thy face from me?
How long must I suffer anguish in my soul
And grief in my heart?
Look now and answer me, O Lord.
Give light, O Lord, give light to my eyes,
Lest I sleep the sleep of death.
I will lift up mine eyes to the hills,
From whence cometh my help.

3. The Lord Is My Shepherd, Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me *In the presence of my enemies:* Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me, All the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Alleluia.

#### This Little Light of Mine

Traditional Spiritual arr. Ken Berg

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This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
All through the night, I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.

#### Tambourines To Glory

Words by Langston Hughes Music by Undine Smith Moore

Tambourines! Tambourines! Tambourines to the glory of God! Tambourines! Tambourines! Tambourines to glory!

A gospel shout And a gospel song; Life is short But God is long!

Tambourines! Tambourines! Tambourines to the glory of God! Tambourines! Tambourines! Tambourines to glory!

#### I Dream a World

Text by Langston Hughes Music by Andre' J. Thomas

Of such I dream, of such I dream.

I dream a world where man No other man will scorn, Where love will bless the earth And peace its paths adorn.

I dream a world Where all will know sweet freedom's way, Where greed no longer saps the soul Nor avarice blights our day.

A world I dream Where black or white, Whatever race you be, Will share the bounties of the earth And every man is free,

Of such I dream, of such I dream. Where wretchedness will hang its head And joy, like a pearl, attends the needs of all mankind Of such I dream, I dream a world.

#### **Concert Order**

Sinfonia Fúnebre

Sorida

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

Alleluia from *Choral Triptych*Canticle: The Hungry Angels

O Nata Lux Solidaridad Twa Tanbou José Maurício Nunes Garcia | 1767-1830

Rosephanye Powell | b. 1962

Traditional African-American Spiritual

arr. James DesJardins
Ulysses Kay | 1917-1995
Robert A. Harris | b. 1947
G. Phillip Shoultz, III | b. 1975
Rosephanye Powell | b. 1962
Sydney Guillaume | b. 1982

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This Little Light of Mine

Tambourines to Glory
I Dream a World
I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

José Maurício Nunes Garcia | 1767-1830

Traditional Spiritual arr. Ken Berg

Undine Smith Moore | 1904-1989 André Thomas | b. 1952

Adolphus Hailstork | b. 1941

- 1. I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
- 2. How Long?
- 3. The Lord is My Shepherd, Alleluia

Dr. Gregory S. Broughton, tenor

#### REPERTOIRE & TEXTS

#### Sorida

Words and music by Rosephanye Powell

Sorida is a term of greeting in the Shona language of Zimbabwe, Africa, similar to *shalom* in Hebrew or *jambo* in Swahili.

Sorida, darida.

Greetings, my brothers. Greetings, my sisters. Greet ev'rybody. Love one another.

Sing to your brothers. Sing to your sisters. Greet ev'rybody. Love one another.

#### Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

Traditional African-American Spiritual arr. James DesJardins

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the walls came a tumblin' down.
You may talk about your kings of Gideon,
You may talk about your men of Saul,
But there's none like good old Joshua at the
Battle of Jericho.
I'm singing...
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the
walls came a tumblin' down.

Then up to the walls of Jericho,
They marched with spear in hand,
"Now blow your trumpets," Joshua cried,
"for the battle is in my hand."
I'm singing...

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the walls came a tumblin' down.

# Choral Triptych III. Alleluia

Ulysses Kay

Alleluia

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#### Canticle: The Hungry Angels

Words by Philip L. White Music by Robert A. Harris

I have seen the angels,
Heard their cry, and watched them die.
I have seen the angels.
Listless and lonely, dry staring eyes,
I have seen the hungry angels:
Born in jeopardy, reared in adversity,
Matured in uncertainty.
I have seen the hungry angels.

Children need food, love and stimulation; A life today, a part to play. Without these blessings, they will repeat The tragedy of unknowing society.

Help now your children, feed now your angels, Touch the little ones; Please, God, help the hungry angels.

Oh, God, show thy tender mercy.
Teach the family to animate the children;
Show them every way
To nourish the hungry angels.

#### O Nata Lux

Music by G. Phillip Shoultz III

O light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
With kindness deign to receive
The praise and prayer of supplicants.
You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
For the sake of the lost,
Grant us to be made members
Of your blessed body.

#### Solidaridad

Words by Amado Nervo Music by Rosephanye Powell

Word-for-Word Translation: Lark, Let us sing! Cascade, Let us jump! Brook, Let us run! To sing! To jump! To run! Solidarity! Diamond, Let us shine! Eagle, Let us fly! Aurora, Let us be born! To shine! To fly! To be born! Solidarity!

Composer's Interpretative Translation:
In one voice, as a lark, let us sing!
As one, let us jump the cascade!
As one, let us run the brook!
Let us sing, jump and run in solidarity!
As the diamond, we shine in unity!
As the eagle, we fly as one!
As the dawn brings life, so we are born!
Solidarity!

#### Twa Tanbou

Words by Louis Marie Celestin Music by Sydney Guillaume

Three drums
Are having an argument
A great Sunday morning
On their way back from Guinea

A little Kata... A little Tanbouren... A big Boula...

Boula declared
That he can hit the loudest
Boula declared
"I can hit the loudest!"

Tanbouren said "I have the most beautiful sound: He said "When I perform, keep quiet and listen! Kata who was hearing all this became angry He could not comprehend how two soldiers Who are dressed with the same outfit And are children of the same mother Are sitting around making a scandal

One fine Mardi-Gras day, Kata started to "souk" Every single person there began to dance...

Tanbouren and Boula who were there listening
To make the party more exciting, they started a great throng

That day,
They all sang a song that I'll never forget:

All drums that are dispersed Let's put our shoulders together To make life more beautiful