

DEPARTMENT OF  
**MUSIC**

**Longwood Chamber Singers**

*Kristen Topham, accompanist*

*Dr. Pamela McDermott, conductor*

**VCU Women's Choir**

*Margaret Taylor, accompanist*

*Rebecca Tyree, conductor*

**The VCU Polyphonics**

**Friday, March 18, 2016 | 7:30 p.m**

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall

Virginia Commonwealth University

W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

922 Park Avenue | Richmond, VA

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## Upcoming VCU Music Events

### **HORSZOWSKI TRIO**

Saturday, March 19, 2016, 8 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall - W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets: \$34 general admission

\$31 for seniors/VCU Alumni Association members

### **VCU GUITAR ALUMNI CONCERT**

Sunday, March 20, 4 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall - W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$10 for VCU students

### **JAZZ ORCHESTRA II**

Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 8 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall - W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at door. Free for VCU students with ID.

### **CONNOR STEVENS, PERCUSSION**

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall - W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Free admission

### **SIMPLY BARTÓK: BARTÓK SONATA FOR TWO PIANOS & PERCUSSION**

Saturday, March 26, 2016, 7 p.m.

*Yin Zheng & Laurens Patzlaff, piano; Justin Alexander & Jim Jacobson, percussion*

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall - W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Free admission

### **FACULTY RECITAL: PATRICK SMITH, HORN MAGDALENA ADAMEK, PIANO**

Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 8 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall - W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Free admission

**For tickets and information, visit  
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## **Program**

Gloria and Sanctus from Gloria.....György Orbán

*Combined Choirs*

*Dr. Pamela McDermott, conductor*

*Kristen Topham, accompanist*

Regina Coeli from Litanie della Modonna.....Michael Haydn

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One .....James McCray

*Haley Mizelle, soloist*

*Tiarrah Crouch, flute*

Morning Light .....Sarah Quartel

*Longwood Chamber Singers*

Due pupille amabili Notturmo KV 439.....W. A. Mozart  
Ecco quell fiero istante Notturmo KV 436

Gute Nacht from BWV227 Jesu, meine Freude.....J. S. Bach

When I Fall In Love.....Victor Young, arr. Kirby Shaw

*Georgia Cotter, Aaron Frisbie, Alex Goia, Ella Mort,*

*Aaron Moyers, Arianna Rose, Savannah Whittenburg*

*The VCU Polyphonics*

Gnothi Safton (Know Thyself).....Jim Papoulis

*Carrie Bullard, Robyn Freidin, Cassidy Hamilton*

*Descant: Cassie Tilman, Laycee Bell, Savannah Whittenburg*

*Kimberly Strothers, Boomwhackers*

Voices of Broken Hearts.....Steven Sametz

*Ghost Chorus: Anna Webster, Gabrielle Debra, Katie Cappuccio*

*Dr. Justin Alexander, Vibraphone*

A City Called Heaven.....Arranged by Paul Carey

*VCU Women's Choir*

*Margaret Taylor, accompanist*

Womanly Song of God.....Libby Larsen

*Combined Choirs*

*Rebecca Tyree, conductor*

## VCU

**Laycee Bell**  
*Chemistry*

**Erin Bolden**  
*Music B.A.*

**Hailey Broyles**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Carrie Bullard**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Katherine Cappuccio**  
*Music B.A. /Music  
Industry*

**Gabrielle Debra**  
*Biology*

**Nicole Frank**  
*Early & Elementary  
Education*

**Robyn Freidin**  
*Music B.A.*

**Lexie Gruber**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Cassidy Hamilton**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Devon Howsmon**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Marie Kreck**  
*English, Music*

**Emily Nesbit**  
*Music: Vocal  
Performance*

**Simone Plater**  
*English*

**Taylor Ramirez**  
*Music B.A.*

**Charlotte Roth**  
*Music B.A.; Cinema  
B.A.; Creative  
Writing minor*

**Daniella Sniffen**  
*Psychology*

**Janet Speight**  
*Fashion  
Mechandising*

**Kimberly Strother**  
*Broadcast  
Journalism; Music  
minor*

**Cassie Tillman**  
*Music: Vocal  
Performance*

**Anna Webster**  
*English; Russian and  
Music minors*

**Clarissa Whitehead**  
*Elementary  
Education*

**Savannah Whittenburg**  
*Music: Vocal  
Performance*

## Longwood

**Kelsey Brooks**  
*Communications;  
Spanish/Business  
minors*

**Tiarrah Crouch**  
*Music Education:  
Instrumental*

**Courtney Cunningham**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Bethany Dennis**  
*Communication  
Sciences &  
Disorders; Music  
minor*

**Nikki Elkins**  
*Music: Voice*

**Lacy Hodges**  
*Liberal Studies:  
Special Education*

**Halie Leslie**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Haley Mizelle**  
*Theatre; Music  
minor*

**Anna Norman**  
*Liberal Studies:  
Special Education*

**Annaliese Palmer**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Dani Rauchwarg**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Katy Sexton**  
*Nursing;  
Neuroscience minor*

**Alika Sledd**  
*Anthropology;  
History minor*

**Kirsten Vis**  
*Music Education:  
Instrumental*

**Stacie-Lynn Wood**  
*Music Education:  
Choral*

**Kathryn Zeh**  
*Music Education:  
Instrumental*

## Director Biographies

**Rebecca Tyree** currently serves as Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at Virginia Commonwealth University. In 2007 she founded the VCU Women's Choir, a select ensemble performing music of all styles with a focus on new works by living composers. She teaches conducting and choral music education curriculum in the undergraduate and graduate programs. In 2011 she founded the VCU Vocal Arts Project, a summer choral and performing arts camp for grades 6-12 which has received two grants from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Ms. Tyree brought to VCU Music over 25 years of public school secondary choral experience. Her choirs (high school, community and college) have toured nationally and internationally, performing in venues including the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC, the Teatro Romano in Verona, Italy, Le salle de Pierre Mercure in Montreal, and at Virginia ACDA and VMEA conferences. She was named Music Educator of the Year for Henrico County Public Schools in 2000 and received the Gilman Award for Excellence in Education from HCPS in 2003. In 2013 she was awarded the Virginia Music Educators Association Sidney Swiggett Award for dedicated service to the Virginia Choral Directors' Association.

Ms. Tyree is a frequent guest conductor for honor choirs throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, and regularly serves as adjudicator and clinician for music festivals and state events. She served as President of the Virginia Chapter of ACDA (American Choral Director's Association). Rebecca holds a BME from Virginia Commonwealth University, an MM from the University of Maryland, and is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda.

**Dr. Pamela McDermott** is the Director of Choral Activities at Longwood University, where she teaches conducting, choral methods and ear training. She is the choir/handbell director at Farmville United Methodist Church and serves as the choirmaster for the Summer Garden Opera in Farmville.

McDermott completed her DMA in Choral Conducting with a cognate in Choral Pedagogy in 2010 at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she served as vocal coach and director for the UNC-G Opera Theater. Her dissertation analyzed Brahms's "Ein deutsches Requiem" through the lens of semiotics in an examination of the work's relationship to the requiem genre. She received her BM in choral music education (piano) from ECU and an MM in Theory/Composition from JMU.

Recent presentations include Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" for the College Music Society; Unlocking Artistry, practical tips for teaching musicality for ACDA's Voices United; and Tedesco's "Romancero Gitano" at Longwood University's Blackwell Talks. She is an adjudicator at Kings Dominion's Festival of Music, and enjoys conducting and adjudicating choral events across the state. She is president-elect for Virginia ACDA and serves on the planning committee for the ACDA Voices United summer conference.

Dr. McDermott has performed as a singer and conductor with classical organizations and with more popular styles of music, especially 40's big band and jazz standards. A Virginia native, Dr. McDermott lives at Hampden-Sydney College with her husband, Mike, and has twin daughters.