

Upcoming Concerts

Choral Arts Society and Vocal Chamber Ensembles

Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall

W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets:

\$10 General Admission

Free for VCU students with ID

Jazz Orchestra I with guest pianist Lee Muskier

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 8 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall

W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets:

\$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

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Symphonic Wind Ensemble and University Band

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall

W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets:

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VCU Women's Choir and VCU Commonwealth Singers

present

Open Minds: Music that Mends

Friday, April 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall
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Program

- I Dream a World.....Joan Szymko, text by Langston Hughes
- It Takes a Village.....Joan Szymko
Christianna Casey and Mikala Swank, soloists
- No Time.....Traditional Camp Meeting Song, arr. Susan Brumfield
- Gaudete from Pies Canitones, 1582.....arr. Michael Engelhardt
Alyse Coleman, Kayla Seabolt, Cassidy Hamilton, and Dyson Roy, soloists
- Aint' No Grave Can Hold My Body Down.....Traditional
arr. Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory
- Stand in The Light.....Stephan Moccio & Lauren Christy
arr. Roger Emerson

VCU Women's Choir

Rebecca Tyree, conductor
Kate Julianna, assistant conductor
Dani Gibbons, pianist
Bryan Connolly, drummer/percussionist

- Unclouded Day.....Alwood, arr. Shawn Kirchner
- Open Minds, Closer Thoughts.....Antonio J. Garcia
Prologue
Hot Dogs
Kevin Mann and Trevor White, soloists
- Bam!
*Jack Anderson, Yasmine Uriah Scott, Synit Zecarias,
Collin W. Aloï, and Evan Heiter, soloists*
- Hell Was On the Way
Jonathan Carr and Renée McGowan, soloists
- Affirmations
Change
*Evan Heiter, Brian C. Donovan, Savannah Whittenburg,
and Samantha Garcia, soloists*
- Epilogue
- Let my Love Be Heard.....Jake Runestad
- True Colors.....Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly, arr. Deke Sharon
Georgia Cotter and Paige Melton, soloists
- Didn't my Lord Deliver Daniel.....Traditional, arr. Moses Hogan
*Jasmin Ward, Cathern Hazelwood, Hailey Broyles, Colleen Christman,
Hayleigh Wilson, and Lida Bourhill, soloists*

VCU Commonwealth Singers

Erin Freeman, conductor
David Kim, pianist

A note about *Open Minds, Closer Thoughts*, by Antonio J. Garcia

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Based on the book *Writing Our Way Out: Memoirs from Jail* by Dr. David Coogan

Incarcerated individuals are far from our thoughts, almost literally the last thing on our minds. It's easier to go about our daily lives that way. But if we're going to reduce crime, we have to deal with its root causes in our community--locally and beyond. Dr. David Coogan's book inspired me to focus "closer thoughts" on these causes--and on the hope for individual and community redemption--in my own "open mind," our students', and yours. These issues are not distant: if you don't have family members, neighbors, and friends whose lives have been darkened by drug abuse, child abuse, or resultant crimes, you are extraordinarily fortunate. If as a society we're going to lessen the number of citizens victimized by crime, we have to understand better the tragic path their offenders took to jail; we can't ignore this city within a city. Once inmates have served their time, they become our neighbors: so addressing crimes' causes before the act takes place is in everyone's best interests. This composition includes even more movements than you will hear premiered publicly today; and I am grateful to Drs. Freeman and Coogan, his contributing authors, the Commonwealth Singers, and VCUarts for the opportunity to create and share this music.

-- Prof. Antonio Garcia, Director, VCU Jazz Studies

VCU Women's Choir

Rebecca Tyree, Conductor
Dani Gibbons, Pianist

Elissa Bolden
Christiana Casey
Alyse Coleman
Victoria Cottrell
Sarah George
Cassidy Hamilton
Abigail Hauschild
Emily Horton
Yazmin John
Kate Juliana #
Trinity Kenny
Meredith Lee
Isabella Marchioli
Dyson Roy
Celeste Rubino * @
Kayla Seabolt
Mikala Swank
Ashby Whitehead *
Synit Zecarias

VCU Commonwealth Singers

Erin Freeman, Conductor
David Kim, Pianist

Soprano

Hailey Broyles @
Sarah Dobson
Haleigh Evaro
Abigail Graham
Cathern Hazelwood
Jasmin Ward
Colleen Christman
Renée McGowan
Yasmine Uriah Scott
Savannah Whittenburg *
Synit Zecarias

Alto

Lida Bourhill #
Georgia Cotter
Samantha Garcia
Jennifer Snyder
Hayleigh Wilson +
Paige Melton
Kristen Melzer *
Janey Silas

Tenor

Collin W. Aloï !
Micah Baldwin
Evan Heiter ^
Kirk McIntosh
Matt Evangelisto *
Kevin Mann
Keene Mendenhall
Connor Terrell

Bass

Jack Anderson
Calvin Bremer
Brian C. Donovan
Cannon West
Trevor White *
Jonathan Carr
Ricky Williams
Andrew Wingfield @

Key

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Conducting Assistant
@ Chorus Manager
+ Marketing Assistant
^ Music Research
! Choral Area Assistant

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