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**VCU CHORAL ENSEMBLES PRESENT:**

# **ADAPTATION**

A choral film project



*Featuring*

**COMMONWEALTH SINGERS  
VOX CONCORDIA  
CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY  
VOCAL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**

**April 21, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

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**Commonwealth Singers, Choral Arts Society, Vocal Chamber Ensemble**

Dr. Erin Freeman, conductor

**Vox Concordia**

Lisa Fusco, conductor

**David Kim, pianist**

## **COMBINED CHORAL ENSEMBLES**

Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing

James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson

## **VOCAL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**

*How have earlier composers and musicians responded to historic plagues?*

### **Chant and Polyphony from Plague**

Stella Caeli      Original Chant by Sisters of the Monastery of Santa Clara in Coimbra, Portugal  
(Around 1317)

Combined Groups

Stella Caeli      John Cooke  
(Active 1426-1442)

The Masked Madrigals

Stella Caeli      John Thorne  
(c. 1519-1573)

The Super Sonic Awesome Ambassadors (The SSAAs)

### **A Christmas Rose**

There is No Rose of Such Virtue      Anonymous  
(Written approx. 1420)

The Super Sonic Awesome Ambassadors (The SSAAs)

Es Ist Ein Rose Entsprungen      Vulpius/Praetorius  
(c. 1600)

The Masked Madrigals

Ave Maria      Franz Biebl  
(1906-2001)

Combined Groups

# CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY

*How has African music adapted and influenced both American and European classical music?*

Wonfa Nyem Trad. Akan Folksong  
arr. Abraham Kobena Adzinyah

Deep River Traditional  
arr. Christoph Lahme

Going Home from Symphony no. 9 Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)  
arr by William Arms Fisher (1861-1948)  
Caitlyn Vidra, Emma Jo Hargis, and Nicole Silva, soloists

The Negro Speaks of Rivers Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)  
Text: Langston Hughes (1901-1967)

A Change is Gonna Come Sam Cooke (1931-1964)  
arr. Jay Althouse  
Leila Grace Abad and Andrew Bonieskie, soloists

# VOX CONCORDIA

*How have musicians who have been silenced due to racism, sexism, and other forms of oppression expressed their voice through text and song?*

*From Dusk to Dawn* Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)  
Text: Martha Greene Eads  
Adapted from *Mighty Be Our Powers* by Leymah Gbowee  
Jessica Pain, soloist

Nigra Sum Pablo Casals (1876-1973)  
Text: from Old Testament Song of Solomon

No Fairy Tale Here Zanaida Robles  
Text: Robyn Watson "On Ida"  
A tribute to American journalist Ida B. Wells  
Lucretia Anderson, Voice-over Artist

We Are the Storm Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate (b. 1968)  
Text by Charles Anthony Silvestri  
Caroline Gryder and Jessica Pain, soloists

The Storm is Passing Over Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933)  
Arr. Dr Barbara W. Baker

## COMMONWEALTH SINGERS

*How have people turned to music to overcome, process, and adapt to social and political disparity, conflict, and fear?*

"Va Pensiero" from *Nabucco*

Giuseppe Verdi  
(1813-1901)

"He That Shall Endure to the End Shall be Saved" from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

*The Talk*

Damien Geter

Nya Powell, soloist

"Amadou Diallo" from *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed*

Joel Thompson  
(b. 1988)

Cvana Clarkson and Travis Krickovic, soloists

"Change" from *Open Minds, Closer Thoughts*

Antonio Garcia

Nate Roper, Cat Johnson, Kelly Adam, and Kayro Mendoza-Ibara, soloists

## COMBINED SINGERS

When Dreams Take Flight

Rollo Dilworth

## FALL 2020 CHORAL ENSEMBLE PERSONNEL

### CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY

Leila Grace Abad  
David Adeleye  
Philip Anderson  
Chloe Angel  
Mikaela Beidler  
Andrew Bonieskie  
Olivia Carlton  
Hannah Chapman  
Chloe Doell  
Wesley Eldridge  
Nadia Elhafdi  
Kiara Ellison  
Ryan Evans  
Christian Farrace  
Alana-Marie French  
Sarah Hamilton  
Emma Jo Hargis  
Winifred Hurd  
Ethan Hurst  
Tiarra Johnson  
Haley Johnson  
Grayson Kim

Nina Lam  
Reilly Leahy  
Jordan Luu  
Mary McLean  
Valeria Nava Moncada  
Abigail Monroe  
Brooklyn Morgan  
Sydney Morrissey  
James Norman  
Amanda Reboucas  
Alexis Scott  
Kayla Seabolt  
Nicole Silva  
Julia Smith  
Devin Sullivan  
Caitlyn Vidra  
Milton Villa  
William Ware  
Ellis Williamson  
Elizabeth Wittmer  
Stephanie Yap

### COMMONWEALTH SINGERS

Kelly Adam  
Collin Aloï  
Elissa Bolden  
Jhilian Breiby  
Cvana Clarkson  
Sarah Dobson  
Haileigh Evaro  
Gemauria Fennell  
Frances Frederick  
Emily Hubbard  
Katarina Izdepski  
Cathleen Johnson  
Travis Krickovic

Kayro Mendoza-Ibarra  
Jordan Osborne  
Nya Powell  
McAllister Reed  
Nathaniel Roper  
Helena Ruiz  
Zachary Short  
Janey Silas  
Alexei Staruk  
Claire Sutliff  
Alexys Weihl  
Allison Yablonski

## **VOCAL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**

### **The Super Sonic Awesome Ambassadors (The SSAAs)**

Elissa Bolden  
Cvana Clarkson  
Frances Frederick  
Nicole Silva

### **The Masked Madrigals**

Janice Guzman  
Kayro Mendoza-Ibarra  
Nya Powell  
Nathaniel Roper  
Janey Silas  
Henry Ware

## **VOX CONCORDIA**

Alyssa Benfield  
Bailey Blake  
Meredith Duncan  
Audrey Fauvel  
Caroline Gryder  
Rylee Hughes  
Katarina Izdepski  
Hannah Overton

Jessica Pain  
Ariela Press  
Tanya Ravi  
Simran Rijhwani  
Alana Riso  
Beth Wittmer  
Zhiqian Mona Wu  
Stephanie Yap