

Western Illinois University
Dr. Jack Thomas, President

College of Fine Arts and Communication
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School of Music,
Dr. Tammie Walker, Director

Western Illinois University Choirs
Dr. James Stegall, Director of Choral Activities

Present

Music of Our Time

University Singers
Dr. James Stegall, conductor
Dr. Pochuan Chiang, piano

Concert Choir
Mr. Jason Hawkins, conductor
Gwangwon Park, piano

Saturday, March 3, 2018
COFAC Recital Hall

*College of Fine Arts and
Communication Recital Hall*



WESTERN
ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM

I.

Ritmo Dan Davison
(b. 1956)

But Beautiful arr. Steve Zegree
(1953-2015)
Tiana Thakur, soprano

Circus Band Charles Ives
(1874-1954)

Prepare Michael Engelhardt
(b. 1974)
Erique Johnson, drums
Aaron Krings, bass
Koby Peterson, sax

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II.

Five Flower Songs Benjamin Britten
(1913-1976)

Ubi Caritas with Piano Improvisation Ola Gjeilo
(b. 1978)

Lux Aurumque Eric Whitacre
(b. 1970)

Chichester Psalms I Psalm 108 vs 2, Psalm 100 Leonard Bernstein
(1918-1990)
Claire Ryterski, soprano
Parker Carls, alto
Leonel Villarreal, tenor
Benjamin Rogers, bass

It was a lover and his lass George Shearing
(1919-2011)
From *Songs and Sonnets*
Aaron Krings, double bass

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UNIVERSITY SINGERS

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Angela Cabreza	Brianna Blake	Ignacio Carrillo	Deonte Bolden
Parker Carls	Elise Cangro	Törren Friberg	Dillon Daniels
Isabelle Debold	Minerva Diaz	Wesley Hunt	Tucker Lee
Amanda Ensign	Allison Hawbaker	Aaron Mendenall	Chris Marigomen
Erika Gonzalez	Heather Johnson	Nathan Miner	Ethan Nueva
Victoria Harmon	Emma Kovachevich	Shea Perry	Zach Palmer
Alison Huntley	Emily Kreiman	Leonel Villarreal	Gabe Rackers
Cicely McCain	Melliza Malabanan	Landon Wink	Spensor Randolph
Mara McClintock	Taylor Marshall		Chris Reyes
Abigayle Pedigo	Brittney McDaniel		Benjamin Rogers
Claire Ryterski	Gracelynn Norgaard		Jon Snyder
Ally Wiacek	Morgan Sarber		John Venneri

CONCERT CHOIR

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Morgan Burwell	Andy Anton	Yoseph Henry	Deonte Bolden
Angie Cabreza	Stephanie Bergland	Mark Mixon	Tucker Lee
Marrisha Devereueawax-Coates	Cami Carlson	Ben Scholz	Roger Martin
Audrey Griech	Elise Cangro	Jon Snyder	Chris Marigomen
Corbyn Holman	Ally Dodd		Gabe Rackers
Maddie Martin	Rebecca Helmeid		Spensor Randolph
Cicely McCain	AJ Lennox		Chris Reyes
Morgan Miller	Felicia Lonosky		Michael Rockstroh
Carissa Moore	Trisha Naftzger		Niko Sharp
Abbie Pedigo	Gracelynn Norgaard		
Lillian Schierbrock	Charlie Olson		
Tiana Thakur			
Shelby Tobias			

Choral Graduate Assistants

Törren Friberg, Alison Huntley,
Jon Snyder

Collaborative Pianists

Dr. Pochuan Chiang
Gwangwon Park

CONDUCTORS

James Stegall, Professor of Music, was named The Distinguished Faculty Lecturer at Western Illinois University in 2013. In addition to his role as Director of Choral Activities, he conducts the Western Illinois University Singers, Madrigal Singers and teaches graduate and undergraduate choral conducting and literature. He has also served on WIU President Jack Thomas' Faculty Roundtable. Through juried application, his University Singers have achieved significant recognition through state, regional and national convention performances including the Illinois Music Educators Association, the National Association for Music Education and the American Choral Directors Association. They have appeared on professional venues with the Dallas Brass, Kansas City Symphony, Peoria Symphony, Phoenix Symphony and University of Colorado Symphony. Dr. Stegall has presented for national and international conferences including the College Music Society, The International Conference on Arts and Humanities, The Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium, the National Association for Music Education, the National American Choral Directors Association and the International Symposium on Singing and Song. He recently spoke at the Inaugural President Institute's TEDxWesternIllinoisUniversity and presented sessions for The Center for Innovation and Research. Dr. Stegall will be retiring in June and join his wife, Erin, a Choral Director in Schaumburg, IL and his son, Evan, a conference champion backstroker for the Fremd High School Vikings.

Jason Hawkins is in his first year as Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at Western Illinois University where he teaches Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Music Education courses, and Aural Skills. He earned a B.A. in both Choral Music Education and Trumpet Performance from Western Illinois University, a M.A. in Education from Governors State University, and served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Illinois while pursuing a Ph.D. in Music Education. Mr. Hawkins returns to WIU following twelve years as Director of Choirs at Plainfield North High School in the Chicago suburbs where his choirs earned numerous accolades at the community, state, and national levels. He has been honored many times by the Plainfield Schools including selection as the 2016 "Teacher of the Year." He has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Lewis University. Mr. Hawkins makes frequent appearances as clinician/conductor for ILMEA, IHSA, IGSM, and regional choral festivals, including the 2015 ILMEA District 1 Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and has gained a strong reputation throughout the state. His research interests include the use of technology for assessment and instruction in the choral classroom, which led to a presentation at the International Symposium on Assessment in Music Education (2015) and subsequent publication (2016). He has also presented at the Illinois Music Educators Conference (2014) and has been a guest lecturer at numerous regional universities. Mr. Hawkins resides in Macomb with his wife, Laura, and their two beautiful daughters, Hannah and Olivia.

WIU CHOIRS CALENDAR 2017-2018

Fall 2017

- September 10-11 WIU Honor Reading Choir Festival
COFAC Recital Hall
- September 15 School of Music Scholarship Concert
COFAC Recital Hall, 7:30p
- September 25 University Singers at WIU Founder's Day
- September 29 University Singers at Orchestra Concert, 7:30
- September 30 WIU Choirs Homecoming Weekend Concert, and Alumni Choir
COFAC Recital Hall, 7:30p
- October 11-15 University Singers with the Boulder Philharmonic
- December 2 The Holiday Festival of Choirs
St. Paul Church, 2p and 7:30p performances

Spring 2018

- March 3 Spring Concert: University Singers and Concert Choir
COFAC Recital Hall, 7:30p
- March 23 WIU Junior Honors Chorus Festival
COFAC Recital Hall, 9:30a-4:30p
- April 11 Oh Freedom! with Chris Vallillo and University Singers
Songs of the Civil Rights Movement, Hainline Theater, 7:30p
- April 14 University Singers and Concert Choir Masterworks Concert
COFAC Recital Hall, 7:30p
- April 19 Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert
COFAC Recital Hall, 7:30p
- April 24 Friberg Graduate Choral Conducting Recital, COFAC, 1p
- April 29 Student Choral Conductors Concert
COFAC Recital Hall, 3p
- May 4-5 Opera Performance, Hainline Theater, 7:30p

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Recording Policy

The use of unauthorized recording devices is strictly prohibited.

Concert Etiquette

So that others around you may enjoy
the performance without distraction,
we ask that you refrain from:

speaking audibly;
taking flash photographs;
entering or leaving the hall unnecessarily;
or any other aural or visual distractions.

Thank you.



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