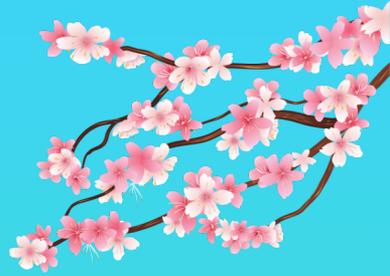




MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS



A

Time

for Music

Sunday May 19 • 2024

4:00pm

**Performing Arts Center • Odessa High School
570 Tony Marchio Drive • Townsend DE**

ARTISTIC STAFF



Artistic Director Rocky F. Tejada

Rocky F. Tejada has been working in Delaware since 2014 when he came to teach music in the Appoquinimink School District. He is currently on the performing arts faculty at Odessa High School, where he teaches choral music, piano, and musical theater. Mr. Tejada was the choral director at Middletown High School, where he enjoyed a fruitful

tenure. His students regularly performed major works with orchestra, and performed on community stages throughout the state of Delaware and the east coast.

Mr Tejada is an active choral conductor and singer, and regularly performs in chamber groups and choirs throughout the U.S. and abroad. He has performed with Delaware Choral Scholars, Delaware Choral Arts, Kent Chamber Choir, the Northern Delaware Choral Society, and the Memphis Chamber Choir among others. He is the artistic director for the Delaware Choral Society in Dover, and the Middletown Community Chorus where he enjoys performing in such a vibrant and talented communities.

Mr. Tejada received his bachelor's degree in music from Jacksonville State University where he studied vocal performance and opera. He received his master's degree in choral conducting from the University of Alabama in 2011. Over the past decade, he has conducted works such as Handel's Messiah, Mozart's Requiem, Vivaldi's Gloria, Rutter's Gloria, Pinkham Christmas Cantata, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, and a variety of early and modern works for large ensembles and chamber choirs.

Accompanist Michelle Taylor



Michelle Taylor is an active pianist and piano pedagogue. After earning a bachelor's degree in Piano Pedagogy and a master's degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Utah State University, she left the Rocky Mountains and moved to Delaware. In the last 10 years in Delaware, she has maintained a vibrant piano studio, worked

for The Music School of Delaware as both an instructor and accompanist, and started Michelle's Music Academy. She has studied the piano and accompanying for over twenty years, taught piano for over fifteen years, and has recently specialized in early childhood music education as a licensed Musikgarten teacher.

MCC SINGERS

Alto

Karen Andrea
Judy Appleton
Cat Chamlee
Janet Cornwell
Amy Davis
Laryn Fletcher
Teresa Harter
Joyce Hayes
Joyce Irwin
Kristina Kalcheva
Krista Liebmann
Beth O'Grady
Charla Phoenix
Dana Schnek
Ruth Smith
Jane VanValkenburg
Margaret Wisler

Tenor

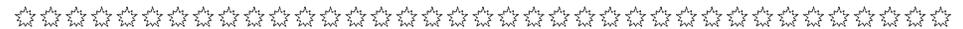
Page Boyce
Joseph Fisher
Jeremy Medon
John Nanni

Soprano

Beverly Blanchard
Denitza Kalcheva
Carol Kusel
Julie Lawrence
Gretchen Medon
Janice Mezier
Sarah Mullen
Christine Giglio Nanni
Linda Ray
Mary Reppy
Anne Sewell
Karen Zecher

Bass

Christopher Elliott
Glenn Everhart
Jack Fisher
Dale Irwin
George (Randy) Kusel
Paul Vines



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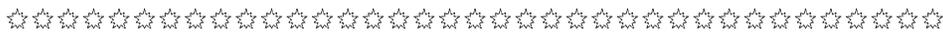
WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to our *A Time for Music* concert and thank you for coming! In addition to the MCC Chorus, we are very pleased to feature three vocal soloists: Samantha Smyth, Cambria Sturtevant, and Brian Whalen, as well as Cassie Peirce on piano and Brandon Peirce on cello, all high school students in the Appoquinimink District.

We have an eclectic yet beautiful mix of music for you this afternoon as we mark our first anniversary. In the first half we will present three pieces by contemporary classical composers. *And the Night Shall Be Filled with Music* is the theme piece of our concert (even if it is actually afternoon!) with the message that music will banish care and refresh the spirit. *Let Me Listen* was composed by Dan Forrest for the 2023 Staley High School Civil Rights Tour and expresses the importance of listening to those with different life experiences. After *The Music of Stillness*, we will move to performances by our student soloists. We will open the second half with a piano duet and then continue the choral program with the spiritual *Wayfaring Stranger*. We then turn to lighter and more sassy music with two Broadway pieces and conclude with the energetic and defiant *Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down*.

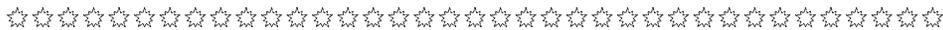
MCC's mission is to provide an opportunity for area residents to participate in a non-audition chorus. We are open to adult and high school singers at all levels of experience to help strengthen the bond across generations through participation in practice and performance. We are excited to be growing and performing choral music in the MOT area. We plan to reconvene in September 2024 for our second full season. Please consider joining us and pass on the word - new singers are very welcome.

You can find out more about MCC and how to join on our website: mccmusic.org. Now, it is time to sit back, relax and enjoy the music!



THANK YOU!

The Middletown Community Chorus is very grateful to Odessa High School and the Appoquinimink School District for their support in providing rehearsal and performance space.



PROGRAM

And the Night Shall Be Filled with Music Michael John Trotta
Text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Let Me Listen Dan Forrest
Text: Charles Anthony Silvestri

The Music of Stillness Elaine Hagenberg
Text: Sara Teasdale



Chi Vouì La Zingarella Giovanni Paisiello
Samantha Smyth (Soprano, Odessa HS Junior)

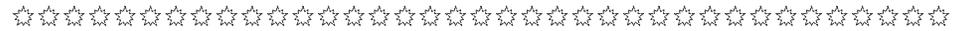
Down Among the Dead Men Leonard Van Camp
Brian Whalen (Baritone, Odessa HS Junior)

Night is Falling Franz Joseph Haydn
Cambria Sturtevant (Soprano, Middletown HS Sophomore)

INTERMISSION

Piano Sonata in D Major Duet for Four Hands W. A. Mozart

Cassie Peirce (Odessa HS Sophomore) & Rocky Tejada



Wayfaring Stranger Traditional Spiritual
Cello: Brandon Peirce Arr: Craig Courtney
(Odessa HS, Senior)

One Marvin Hamlisch
(from *A Chorus Line*) Text: Edward Kleban
Arr: Anita Kerr

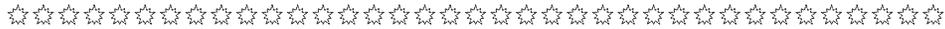
Everybody Says Don't Stephen Sondheim
(from *Anyone Can Whistle*) Arr: Mark Hayes

Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down Traditional Gospel
Arr: Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory

Thank You to our Donors!

The Middletown Community Chorus thanks the patrons who have supported us this season with their generous gifts to our organization and who donated through the DoMore24 Delaware fundraiser in March. Your support means the world to us, allowing us to grow while keeping dues and ticket prices affordable.

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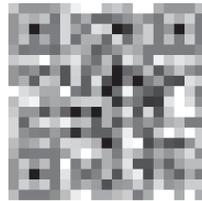


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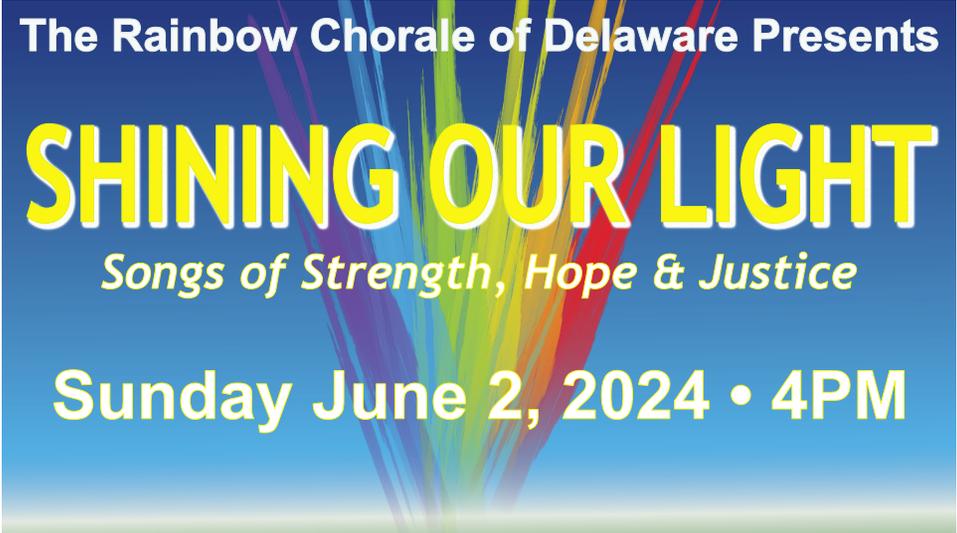
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