

**MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS**

**JAZZ  
AND  
ROMANCE**



**Sunday May 18 • 2025  
4PM**

**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.



### Collaborative Pianist 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.

## WELCOME MESSAGE

Thank you for joining us this afternoon for our "Jazz and Romance" concert featuring both our combined and individual voices singing classic jazz love songs. Many of these pieces were first written for musicals and films, some of which are well known and still performed or shown, while others have dropped into obscurity. Whatever the source, however, the songs themselves have become enduring standards of the American jazz repertoire and we are pleased to perform them for you today.

Looking ahead, we will start our 2025/2026 season in September. Visit our website [mccmusic.org](http://mccmusic.org) and join our contact list for updates on our rehearsal and concert schedule. We provide an opportunity for area residents to participate in a welcoming non-audition chorus and open to adult and high school singers at all levels of experience. Please consider joining us and pass on the word to your friends. And if you are attending the Middletown Peach Festival on 8/16, stop by our booth and say hi!



### YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE!



We would love to learn more about our audience and get your feedback and suggestions. Please scan this QR code or visit:

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# PROGRAM

**Mack the Knife**  
*(The Threepenny Opera)*  
Kurt Weill  
Lyrics: Bert Brecht  
Marc Blitzstein (English version)  
Arr. Mark Hayes

**The Way You Look Tonight**  
*(Swing Time)*  
Dorothy Fields  
Lyrics: Jerome Kern  
Arr. Kirby Shaw

**'Round Midnight**  
Thelonious Monk & Cootie Williams  
Lyrics: Bernie Hanighen  
Arr. Ed Lojeski

**Summer Wind**  
John Nanni  
Heinz Meier (Henry Mayer)  
Lyrics: Hans Bradtke  
Johnny Mercer (English version)

**Sway** (Ouien Será)  
Pablo Beltran Ruiz  
Norman Gimbel (English version)  
Arr. Kirby Shaw

**Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man**  
*(Show Boat)*  
Christine Giglio Nanni  
Jerome Kern  
Lyrics: Oscar Hammerstein II

## Intermission

**You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To**  
*(Something to Shout About)*  
Cole Porter  
Arr. Jay Althouse

**Let's Call the Whole Thing Off**  
*(Shall We Dance)*  
Gretchen and Jeremy Medon  
George Gershwin  
Lyrics: Ira Gershwin

**Bewitched**  
*(Pal Joey)*  
Richard Rogers  
Lyrics: Lorenz Hart  
Arr. Russ Robinson

**So In Love**  
*(Kiss Me Kate)*  
Mary Reppy  
Cole Porter

**I Love a Piano**  
*(Stop! Look! Listen!)*  
Gretchen Medon  
Irving Berlin

**I Wish You Love**  
Charles Trenet  
Albert Beach (English version)  
Arr. Kirby Shaw

# Middletown Community Chorus

## Soprano

Denitza Kalcheva  
Gretchen Medon  
Janice Mezier  
Sarah Mullen  
Christine Giglio Nanni  
Linda Ray  
Mary Reppy  
Anne Sewell  
Vicki Smith  
Cambria Sturtevant  
Martha Sturtevant  
Karen Zecher

## Alto

Karen Andrea  
Linda Bowman  
Janet Cornwell  
Amy Davis  
Joyce Irwin  
Kristina Kalcheva  
Dana Schnek  
Charla Phoenix  
Ruth Smith  
Jane VanValkenburg  
Brinn Worden  
Erin Worden

## Tenor

Page Boyce  
Bev Fawcett  
Jeremy Medon  
John Nanni

## Bass

Christopher Elliott  
Jack Fisher\*  
Joseph Fisher\*  
Dale Irwin  
Bill Rakay

\* Guest singers

## Instrumental Combo

Michele Taylor (piano)  
Nicholas Terramani (bass)  
Gabriele Spinazzola (drums)  
Jane VanValkenburg (piano)



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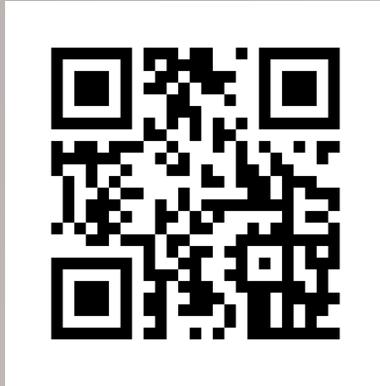
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