



MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS

# MID-WINTER CHORAL FESTIVAL

Sunday January 12 • 2025

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.

## WELCOME MESSAGE

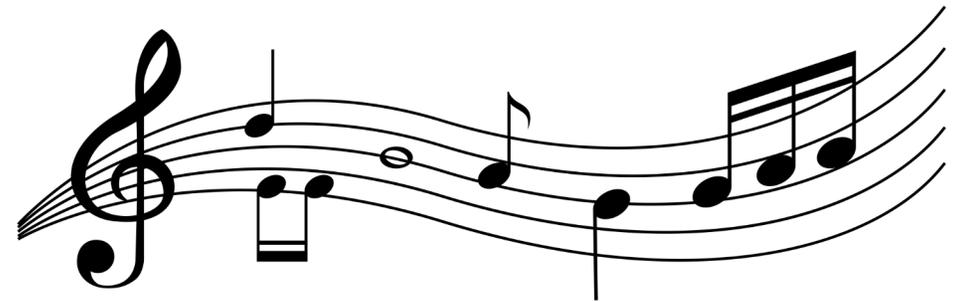
Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us this afternoon for our first mid-Winter Choral Festival, featuring both our own choral set as well as the performances of the Appoquinimink High School Chorale, the Middletown High School Advanced Chorus and the Odessa High School Advanced Chorus! We are very excited to be hosting this concert and hope that it will become an annual event.

There is a rich program of choral music awaiting you this afternoon. The era and style of the selections span from the Renaissance to traditional spirituals and folk songs to contemporary compositions - a wide variety united in beauty.

The Middletown Community Chorus' mission is to provide an opportunity for area residents to participate in a welcoming non-audition chorus. We are open to adult and high school singers at all levels of experience and we aim to help strengthen the bond across generations through participation in practice and performance. We will reconvene on February 6<sup>th</sup> for our spring semester. 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](http://mccmusic.org). We are currently finalizing the details of our spring concert so keep an eye on our website, follow us on social media and join our contact list to be informed. And now, it is time to sit back, relax and enjoy the music!



# Thank You to our Donors!

The Middletown Community Chorus thanks the patrons who have supported us the last two years 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.

Middletown Community Chorus Inc. Is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and donations are tax deductible to the extent



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# 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.

# Middletown Community Chorus

Director: Rocky Tejada • Accompanist: Michelle Taylor

## Alto

Wanda Allison  
Karen Andrea  
Cat Chamlee  
Janet Cornwell  
Teresa Harter  
Joyce Hayes  
Joyce Irwin  
Kristina Kalcheva  
Krista Liebmann  
Beth O'Grady  
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Rita Singles-Heite  
Ruth Smith  
Jane VanValkenburg  
Margaret Wisler

## Bass

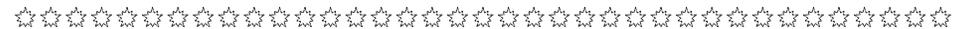
Bill Anthony  
Christopher Elliott  
Glenn Everhart  
Dale Irwin  
George (Randy) Kusel  
Bill Rakay  
Bret Rossi  
Paul Vines

## Soprano

Beverly Blanchard  
Denitza Kalcheva  
Carol Kusel  
Julie Lawrence  
Gretchen Medon  
Janice Mezier  
Sarah Mullen  
Christine Giglio Nanni  
Meredith Peterson  
Linda Ray  
Mary Reppy  
Sara Robinson  
Anne Sewell  
Vicki Smith  
Cambria Sturtevant  
Martha Sturtevant  
Karen Zecher

## Tenor

Page Boyce  
Bev Fawcett  
Jeremy Medon  
John Nanni



## MCC ORGANIZATION

### Board Officers

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### Artistic Staff

Artistic Director Rocky Tejada  
Accompanist Michelle Taylor

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Krista Liebmann

### Board Advisors

Rocky Tejada

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# PROGRAM

*Middletown Community Chorus*

**In This Moment We Sing**

John Prifoy  
Text: Amanda Peavyhouse

**i carry your heart with me**

David C Dickau  
Text: e.e. cummings

**Four Stanzas on Love**

James Quitman Malholland  
Text: Emily Dickinson

**Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal**  
(Traditional hymn)

Arr. Alice Parker

**Animal Crackers**

Eric Whitacre  
Text: Ogden Nash

**El Vito**  
(Andalusian folk song)  
Cassie Peirce (second pianist)

Arr. Mark Wilberg

*MCC with Odessa HS Advanced Chorus*  
**Londonderry Air**  
(Danny Boy)

Arr. Bob Chilcott  
Text: Fred Weatherly

**Lacrymosa**  
(Requiem in D minor)

W. A. Mozart

# INTERMISSION

*Appoquinimink HS Chorale*

**Betelehemu**

Traditional Nigerian Carol

**I Feel Tired Sometimes**

Judy A. Rose

**Will the Circle be Unbroken**  
Vienna Pasquarello (solo)

Arr. J. David Moore

Kailyn Burke, Joziah Candler, Silvana Garzon-Quintero  
Eesha Swaminathan, Viv Golpira (small group)

# PROGRAM CONTINUED

*Middletown HS Advanced Chorus*

**Sure on This Shining Night**

Morten Lauridsen  
Text: James Agee

**Ad Astra**

Jacob Narverud

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*Odessa HS Advanced Chorus*

**Pure Imagination**  
(Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory)

Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley  
Arr. Matthew Nielsen

**Cry Me a River**

Arthur Hamilton  
Arr. Jay Althouse

**Elijah Rock**

Arr. Moses Hogan

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*All Choruses*

**Turn the World Around**  
Harry Belafone & Robert Freeman  
Arr. Larry Farrow

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# 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



<https://mccmusic.org/audience-survey/>  
to take our survey.

# Appoquinimink HS Chorale

Director: Thomas Maloney

## Alto

Anuoluwapo Akinlotan  
Daniela Appiah  
Mallory Creveling  
D'ahzha Ellis  
Kara Flexer  
Silvana Garzon-Quintero  
Viv Golpira  
Ireland Hunt  
Kara Jessop  
Lyah Montas  
Laasyasri Pabathi  
Ricki Rice

## Bass

Alexander Beaudette  
Julian Dickenson  
Juan Felipe Martinez  
Gabriel Kunkel  
Elliot Miller  
Gian Royer

## Soprano

Heaven Adams  
Hannah Abubakari  
Kailyn Burke  
Samara Gill  
Alani Gonzalez  
Gabby Johns  
Alexandra Jones  
Scarlett McCabe  
Vienna Pasquarello  
Abby Pisano  
Ishika Roy  
Eesha Swaminathan  
Izzie Thomas

## Tenor

Joziah Chandler  
Isaac Coleman  
Trevor Jacques  
Paul Lapierre  
Skylar Pearson  
Siddharth Sharma  
Jacob Shockley  
Josh Zaballero

# Middletown HS Advanced Chorus

Director: Shane Hurley • Accompanist: Maria Parks

## Alto

Delaney Frydl  
Marina Pregel  
Lucy Williams  
Emma Zimmerman

## Bass

Dorian Archie  
Gavin Kennedy  
Alexander Quander-Swann  
Chase Stone

## Soprano

Caro Creque  
Lia Rigglin  
Angelica Rodriguez  
Yasmin Ruff  
Cambria Sturtevant

## Tenor

Nathan Duffy  
Camille Ellis  
Ethan Fink  
Avery Hamill  
Sebastian McKenna

# Odessa HS Advanced Chorus

Director: Rocky Tejada • Accompanist: Michelle Taylor

## Alto

Kyleigh Bryson  
Aubrey Free  
Jasmine Holmes  
Tayjaah Janvier  
Savannah Moore  
Reagan Moris  
Zoey Oliver  
Amelia Orr  
Cassie Peirce  
Savannah Rockey  
Samantha Symth

## Bass

David Barlett  
Nathan Ehman  
Ian Hembly  
William Marsh  
James Miller  
Matthew Shapiro  
James Short  
Vincent Surowiec  
Brian Whalen  
Kevin Young

## Soprano

Isabella Bullen  
Taylor Bush  
Jojo DiLeonardo  
Mia DiLeonardo  
Olivia Dowell  
Shelby Esler  
Meghan Gettings  
Denitza Kalcheva  
Ava Marvel  
Tianna McQuillar  
Amelia Rockwell  
Julia Schechter  
Delilah Schilling  
Abigail Smyth  
Ava Taylor  
Anna Wagner

## Tenor

Anyae Allen-Chin  
Brynn Greenfield  
Charles Keenan  
Nick Thomas  
Sean Young



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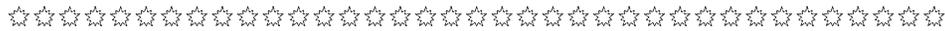
- **Odessa HS Musical *Legally Blonde***: Feb 21-22, Feb 28, Mar 1, 7pm
- **Appoquinimink HS Musical *Once Upon a Mattress***: Mar 13-16, 7pm
- **Middletown HS Musical *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***: Mar 21-23, 7pm
- **Appoquinimink HS Spring Choir Concert**, May 6, 7pm
- **Odessa HS Spring Choir Concert**, May 27, 7:30pm
- **Middletown HS Spring Choir Concert**, May 28, 7pm

### Addresses

Appoquinimink HS: 1080 Bunker Hill Rd, Middletown DE 19709

Middletown HS: 120 Silver Lake Rd, Middletown DE 19709

Odessa HS: 540 Tony Marchio Dr., Townsend DE



## THE DELAWARE CHORAL SOCIETY



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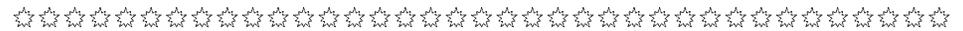
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April 27, 2025  
4PM**



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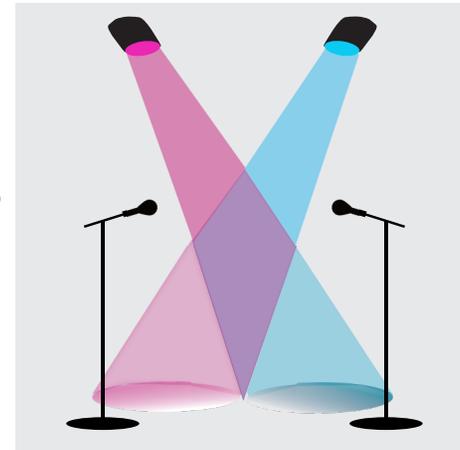
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