



MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS

# Schubert Mass in G



**Thursday January 25 2024  
7:30pm**

**Everett Meredith Middle School  
504 S. Broad St, Middletown 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.

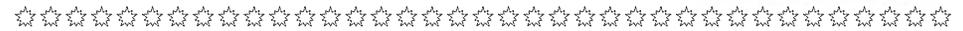
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We would love to learn more about our audience and get your feedback and suggestions! Please scan this QR code or visit



<https://mccmusic.org/audience-survey/>

to take our survey. All questions are optional.



## Delaware Choral Society



*Rocky F. Tejada*  
*Artistic Director*

*presents*

## A Tapestry of American Composers

*Music by:* Z. Randall Stroope, Renee Clausen, Aaron Copeland, William Dawson, Gwyneth Walker and more!

**Sunday April 21 2024**

Schwartz Center for the Arts, Dover DE

**Sing with DCS... no auditions, all welcome!**

Rehearsals (Tuesday nights, 7 to 9) for the spring concert kicked off on January 16, but you can still join us on Tuesday, January 30, at Wesley UMC, 209 S.

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**302-464-1022**

# WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to our Schubert Mass in G concert and thank you for attending! This is our first full season as MCC and we are excited to be growing and performing choral music in the MOT area.

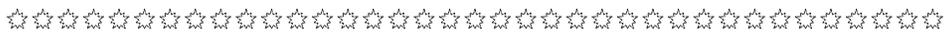
For those unfamiliar with our history: the Middletown Community Chorus was born out of the Northern Delaware Oratorio Society (NDOS). NDOS was formed in 1970 as a non-audition chorus specializing in major classical repertoire accompanied by organ. NDOS thrived for many years, however, the Covid-19 pandemic greatly affected the group and it became non-viable.

We were very pleased in the spring of 2022 to learn that Rocky Tejada was interested in starting a non-audition community chorus in the Middletown area and would be happy to work with us. We began rehearsing in February 2023, with our first concert *Celebration of Music* in May, and were ecstatic at the interest and number of singers who joined. It is a wonderful group of all ages from high school students to octogenarians and from music professionals to those who have never sung in a chorus before.

Our 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.

Our next semester starts rehearsals **Thursday February 1 2024** and our **Spring concert** "A Night Filled with Music" will be **Friday May 24** - all at Odessa HS! Please pass on the word - new singers are very welcome.

You can find out more about MCC, future concerts and how to join on our website: [mccmusic.org](http://mccmusic.org). Now, please sit back, relax and enjoy the music!



# THANK YOU!

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

# PROGRAM

## Mass in G

Franz Schubert

Kyrie  
*(Beverly Blanchard)*

Gloria  
*(Beverly Blancard, Glenn Everhardt)*

Credo

Sanctus

Benedictus  
*(Gretchen Medon, Page Boyce, Jack Zimm)*

Agnus Dei  
*(Gretchen Medon, Glenn Everhardt)*

## INTERMISSION

### Lamentations of Jeremiah

Z. Randall Stroope

### He Watching Over Israel

Felix Mendelssohn

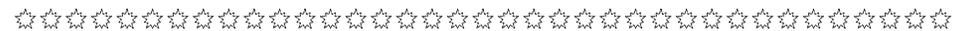
*(From Elijah)*

### The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson

### Glow

Eric Whitacre



### Lamentations of Jeremiah, Translation

O vos omnes,  
qui transitis per viam,  
attendite et videte si est dolor,  
sicut dolor meus.

*O you people,  
who pass this way,  
look and see if there is any  
sorrow like unto my sorrow.*

Recordare Domine  
intuere et respice  
opprobrium nostrum.

*Remember Lord  
consider and notice  
our disgrace.*

## MCC SINGERS

### Alto

Karen Andrea  
Judy Appleton  
Cat Chamlee  
Janet Cornwell  
Laryn Fletcher  
Joyce Hayes  
Joyce Irwin  
Kristina Kalcheva  
Krista Liebmann  
Dana Schnek  
Laura Sebastiano  
Ruth Smith  
Jane VanValkenburg  
Margaret Wisler

### Tenor

Page Boyce  
Bruce Ersek  
Jeremy Medon  
John Nanni  
Jack Zimm

### Soprano

Beverly Blanchard  
Kathy DeLong  
Denitza Kalcheva  
Carol Kusel  
Brooke Luttrell  
Gretchen Medon  
Janice Mezier  
Christine Giglio Nanni  
Mary Reppy  
Anne Sewell  
Karen Zecher

### Bass

Christopher Elliott  
Glenn Everhart  
Dale Irwin  
George (Randy) Kusel  
Mark Shaffer  
Matthew Shapiro  
Paul Vines

## MCC ORGANIZATION

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Artistic Director Rocky Tejada  
Accompanist Michelle Taylor

### Board Advisor

Rocky Tejada

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## The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware



*Cabaret style show featuring individual acts,  
Table & GA seating, Free refreshments & cash bar*

# March 23 2024 • 7:30PM

UUSMC • 579 Polly Drummond Hill Rd • Newark DE



[www.therainbowchorale.org](http://www.therainbowchorale.org)



CREDO by Margaret Bonds  
words by W.E.B. DuBois

Art Songs &  
Negro Spirituals

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Sunday, February 4, 2024 • 3pm  
Newark United Methodist Church  
69 E Main St • Newark, DE 19711

Saturday, February 17, 2024 • 4:30pm  
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54 S State St • Dover, DE 19901



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