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WELCOME MESSAGE

Thank you for joining us as we Celebrate Broadway! While many groups are doing patriotic music programs this spring to mark America's Semiquincentennial, we are celebrating one of America's signature performance traditions - the Broadway musical. Like many great American traditions the Broadway musical is a mix of home-grown and imported - plots, composers, lyricists, choreographers - all spun together and coated with sparkle. From *Lullaby of Broadway* (Gold Diggers of 1935) to *A Musical* (Something Rotten - 2015) we bring you a taste of what Broadway has offered over its long history.

Looking forward, we hope to see you again during our 2026/2027 season - either as an audience member or a singer, And if you are are the Middletown Ye Olde Peach Festival on August 15th, please stop by our booth to say hi!

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Middletown Community Chorus

Soprano

Amanda Henderson
Denitza Kalcheva
Gretchen Medon[†](VP)
Janice Mezier
Christine Giglio Nanni
Linda Ray[†] (Secretary)
Tracey Pirri
Mary Reppy[†](President)
Anne Sewell
Vicki Smith
Cambria Sturtevant
Martha Sturtevant[†]
Yali Yang

Alto

Amy Davis[†]
Elizabeth Diaz
Stephanie Doodigan
Joyce Irwin[†]
Kristina Kalcheva
Jean Kemp
Jennifer Niggemeier
Charla Phoenix
Sylvia Schiff
Dana Schnek[†] (Treasurer)
Ruth Smith
Jane VanValkenburg
Annabelle Woo

Tenor

Page Boyce
Bev Fawcett
Jeremy Medon
John Nanni
Brandon Woo

Bass

Jim Conte
Christopher Elliott[†]
Dale Irwin
Joey Radcliff
Jason Scott

Additional Members

Emily Keshner

[†] Board Members

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.



ARTISTIC STAFF CONT.



Collaborative Pianist Christopher L. Ponce

Christopher Ponce enjoys providing music for churches, musical theater, weddings, parties and special events – wherever music is needed. He started at the age of 10 in Florida with private lessons and progressed quickly to playing in church services and

accompanying various singing groups, gospel quartets and school choirs/ensembles by the age of 12. After lending his musical talents and accompanying skills in the Central Florida area for 30 years, he relocated to his current location in the MD/DE area where he has served for the past 25 years.

Christopher has been with God's Power and Light Co. since 2015 playing for musical productions such as "Meet Me in St. Louis", "Four Tickets to Christmas", "The First Noel", "I Never Saw Another Butterfly", "Bah Humbug!", "The Little Princess", "Narnia, the Musical", "Elf, the Musical", "Oliver", "Camelot", "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "The Christmas Story", etc. In addition, he has provided musical support to various theaters in the way of auditioning singers for productions such as "The Lightning Thief", "The Full Monty", "Hairspray" and "The Trail to Oregon" for the Wilmington Drama League. "Anastasia" for the Milburne Stone Theater. "Meet Me in St. Louis" for Mercer County Community College. Musical director for "The Wiz" at the Kuumba Academy. Pianist for "Matilda, Jr." at St. Mary Magdeline Catholic School.

Aside from his musical credits, Christopher received his Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from the University of Central Florida. Through the years he has held positions as Agricultural Microbiological Researcher at the University of Florida and Senior Laboratory Microbiologist at Sherwood Medical in DeLand Florida and Terumo Medical Corporation in Elkton MD. Now upon retirement he will be devoting his full-time efforts to musical endeavors.

PROGRAM

Another Op'nin, Another Show
(*Kiss Me Kate*)

Lullaby of Broadway
(*Gold Diggers of 1935*)

A Musical
(*Something Rotten*)
Gretchen & Jeremy Mendon (soloists)

All For the Best
(*Godspell*)

Sondheim! A Choral Celebration
Christopher Elliot, Christine Giglio Nanni,
James Conte, Vicki Smith, Jeremy Mendon
Mary Reppy (*A Funny Thing Happened
on the Way to the Forum* soloists)
Elizabeth Diaz (*Into the Woods* soloist)

Cole Porter
Arr. Philip Kern

Harry Warren
Lyrics: Al Dubin
Arr. Teen Chinn

Wayne Kirkpatrick &
Karey Kirkpatrick
Arr. Roger Emerson

Stephen Schwartz
Arr. Mac Huff

Stephen Sondheim
Arr. Mac Huff

Intermission

Masquerade
(*Phantom of the Opera*)

All I Ask of You
(*Phantom of the Opera*)
Christine Giglio Nanni & John Nanni

Home
(*Phantom*)
Christine Giglio Nanni

**Choral Selections from
Thoroughly Modern Millie**

Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics: Charles Hart
& Richard Stilgoe
Arr. Ed Lojeski

Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics: Charles Hart &
Richard Stilgoe

Maury Yetsor

Jeanine Tesori
Lyrics: Dick Scanlan
Arr. Jeanine Tesori

PROGRAM CONTINUED

One Day More
(*Les Misérables*)
John Nanni &
Gretchen Mendon (soloists)

This is the Moment
(*Jekyll & Hyde*)
John Nanni

You'll Be Back
(*Hamilton*)
Mary Reppy

What I Did for Love
(*A Chorus Line*)

Seasons of Love
(*Rent*)

Claude-Michel Schönberg
Lyrics: Alain Boublil,
Jean-Marc Natel &
Herbert Kretzmer
Arr. Mark Brymer

Frank Wildhorn
Lyrics: Frank Wildhorn, Leslie
Bricusse & Steve Cuden

Lin-Manuel Miranda
Arr. Alex Lacamoire
& Lin-Manual Miranda

Marvin Hamlisch
Lyrics: Edward Kleban
Arr. Audrey Snyder

Jonathan Larson
Arr. Roger Emerson

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We also thank our volunteers at the front of house and in production for giving their time to help make this concert happen!

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Richard M. Loatman

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*Thank you for making me use
my Opera voice!
Hugs from Christine*

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***Come!
Join us!***



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TO OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Rocky Tejeda



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say goodbye with full hearts and deep gratitude
for your many years of artistry, passion, and
leadership. Wishing you countless blessings
and continued success!*

From the MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS