

Saturday, 26 April 2025  
7:30 p.m.

Biemesderfer Concert Hall  
Winter Center of Visual and Performing Arts



presents

## *Contemporary Voices: Expressions of Light*

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell, conductor  
with Guest Artists Jonathan Lefever, pianist, and The Lititz Collegium Musicum

### **I. Chorale**

**The Boy Who Picked Up His Feet to Fly**.....Joshua Shank (b. 1980)

*Soaring and spinning and touching the sky the boy who picked up his feet to fly  
"Hooray!" "Oh dear!" "So long, good-bye!" Said Johnny and Jenny and Alison Bly  
Flying on sunbeams and kissing the sky the houses and trees all whizzing right by  
As further and faster he flew upon high the boy who picked up his feet to fly  
Mountains and deserts and oceans and sky the moon the sun and the birds that cry  
"No more, I'm tired. I've had my try." Said the boy who picked up his feet to fly  
The boy who picked up his feet to fly never was able to step from the sky  
But flew on and on as years passed by and deep in the wind you can still hear him sigh...*  
Mark Robinson

**Earth Song**.....Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)

*Sing, Be, Live, See...*  
*This dark and stormy hour, the wind it stirs. The scorched earth cries out in vain:  
O war and power, you blind and blur. The torn heart cries out in pain.  
But music and singing have been by refuge, and music and singing shall be my light.  
A light of song shining strong: Alleluia! Through darkness, pain and strife, I'll  
Sing, Be, Live, See... Peace.*  
Text by composer

**Sinner Man**.....Traditional American Folksong, arr. Matthew Culloton (b. 1976)

## II. Cantilena

**Ave Regina Caelorum**.....Isabella Leonarda (1620-1704)

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven. Hail, O lady of Angels.*

*Hail! thou root hail! Thou gate from whom all the world a light has arisen.*

*Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, lovely beyond all others,*

*Farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to Christ.*

Text by composer

Katherine Sarro and Eva Anderson, soloists • Ailin Hsieh, cello

**“Fire” from *Elements***.....Katerina Gimon(b. 1993)

**Let the River Run** .....Carly Simon (b. 1943), arr. Craig Hella Johnson (b. 1958)

Percussion: John Zirpoli, Izzy Funari, Angus Corpus

## III. University Choir

**The Battle of Jericho**.....Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

**Red River Valley**.....Brandon Williams

**Seeking Light**.....Brandon Williams

## 15-Minute Intermission

## IV. Choral Union

***Illuminare***.....Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

### 1. Splendor

*Saint Ambrose (340-397)*

*Splendor paternae gloriae,  
de luce lucem proferens,  
lux lucis et fons luminis,  
diem dies illuminans*

Splendor of God’s glory,  
bring forth light from light,  
light of light, light’s living spring,  
Day, all days illuminates.

### 2. Caritas

*Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)*

*Caritas abundant in omnia  
de imis excellentissima  
super sidera,  
atque amantissima in omnia  
Quia summo regi  
osculum pacis dedit.*

Love abounds all,  
from the depths most excellent  
to beyond the stars,  
and loving toward all,  
she has given the highest king  
the kiss of peace.

### 3. Nox

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.*

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

*Arelus Prudentius Clemens (348-413)*

*Nox et Tenebrae et nubile  
confuse mundi et turbida.*

Night and darkness and fog,  
Confused world and turmoil.

*Calido terrae scinditur,  
percussa solis spiculo.*

Dark gloom tears the earth,  
Beats and stabs the sun.

### 4. Munera pacis

*Saint Gregory (540-604)*

*Ecce jam noctis tenuatur umbra,  
Lux et aurorae rutilans coruscat:  
Supplices rerum Dominum conora  
Voce precemur:*

Behold, already night and shadows taper off  
Light and dawn sparkle and quiver  
We humbly beg the Lord through song  
Our voices pray:

*Ut reos culpae miseratus, omnem*

Though we are guilty, view us with  
compassion

*Pellat angorem, tribuat salute,  
Donet et nobis bona sempiternae  
Muera pacis.*

Banish anguish, bestow health  
Grant us everlasting goodness  
Give us peace.

*John 14:27*

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world giveth, give I to you.  
Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

### 5. Illuminare his

*Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)*

*Illuminare his qui in tenebris  
et in umbra mortis sedent:  
ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis.*

Illuminate those in darkness  
and in the shadow of death are seated  
direct our footpath in the way of peace.

## PERFORMING PERSONNEL

### CHORALE

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell, conductor

#### Soprano

Paige Hastings  
Margaret Keeley  
Katarina Lingo  
Jinge Ma  
Alayna Morales  
Katherine Thorpe  
Cassandra Wright

#### Alto

Eva Anderson  
Leah Halcisak  
Madalyn Miller  
Rachelle Miller-  
Washington  
Annie Sahd

#### Tenor

Matthew Cortes  
Shane Geisel  
Grayson Conrad  
Bryce Logan  
Christian Rodriguez  
Roberto Santana  
Tanner Wright

#### Bass

Matthew Cona  
Jovanne Cortez  
Michael Orth  
Samuel Pedersen  
Ezekiel MacCloskey  
Cesar Rangel Muñoz  
Dakota Shertzer  
Evan Zimmerman

## CANTILENA CHOIR

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell, conductor

Tierra Abrams  
Toni Abson  
Eva Anderson  
Lyn Bingaman  
Kathryn Cieri  
Monica Cunningham  
Lydia Eifert

Veronica Fox  
Abigail Fraver  
Rose Leitner  
Alyssa Matos  
Madalyn Miller  
Katelyn Mongiovi  
Madelyne Prazak

Taya Puffenberger  
Jessica Rodier  
Sarah Rothermel  
Catherine Samer  
Katherine Sarro  
Bryn Smeltzer  
Bozhena Sobkevych

Devin Sparwasser  
Elsa Thomas  
Cassie Wright  
Morgan Wells

## UNIVERSITY CHOIR

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell, conductor

### Soprano

Eva Anderson  
Margaret Fogleman  
Alec Gartner  
Renaë Greak  
Katarina Lingo  
Cassidy McNew  
Makenzie Merkel  
Madison Miller  
Alexis Phillips  
Catherine Repkoe  
Sarah Rothermel  
Molly Schaeffer  
Noah Schenke  
Nikki Sobkevych  
Devin Sparwasser  
Sarah Stevens  
Elsa Thomas  
Elizabeth Wicht

### Alto

Kristen Ajala  
Alexandra Bube  
Ava Callahan  
Brianna Cook  
Rebekah de Jesus  
Kathryn Felix  
Abigail Giughlo  
Leah Halcisak  
Talia Hall  
Chrono Holly  
Alyssa Lee  
Erin McCarty  
Rachel Miller-  
Washington  
Aixa Preston  
Kellee Roberts  
Caitlynn Shaefer  
Emily Shank  
Naomi Sharpless  
Maidson Sweeney  
Lapis Valido

### Tenor

Jayvian Allison  
Blake Atkins  
Rye Boland  
Grayson Conrad  
Matthew Cortes  
Peter Coulbourne  
Hayden David  
Victoria Dorsch  
Shane Geisel  
Cohen Harrison  
Nathan Heverin  
Kevin Lynch  
Adrian Medina  
Samuel Messersmith  
Christian Rodriguez  
Roberto Santana  
Olivia Shaheen  
Bradon Shilling

### Bass

Enrique Angeles  
Jackson Baker  
Jude Bennett-Johnson  
Nick Carson  
Ethan Causa  
Josh Corcoran  
Elijah Corn  
Angus Corpus  
Damian Crawford  
Ethan Desjardins  
Edrien Dingzon  
Milon Eaton  
Dylan Gehringer  
Lucas Grant  
Max Guthrie  
Ryan Hahn  
Robert Harden  
Austin Kelly  
Josiah Kerr  
Michael Krem  
Cameron Malone  
Caleb Marcott  
Sam Pedersen  
Dakota Shertzer  
Lucas Sinkinson  
Jordan Smith  
Tim Youse  
Evan Zimmerman

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**Piano:** Jonathan Lefever\*\*\*

**Flute:** Morgann Davis\*

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**Horns:** Cheryl Staherski\*, Kristen Albert\*\*\*

**Violin 1:** Amanda Krauss, May Zia, Kathy Woodbridge\*\*\*

**Violin 2:** Venona Detrick, Maggie Snively, Michele Allen

**Viola:** Jody Greve, Emily Sheffer\*\*\*, Brooke Mead

**Cello:** Ai-Lin Hsieh\*, David Campbell

**Bass:** Don Grabowski

**Percussion:** Gary Morton, John Zirpoli\*\*

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