

Choral Union
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Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

Pacific Lutheran University
College of Professional Studies and School of Music, Theatre & Dance present

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Welcome to Lagerquist Concert Hall.
Please disable the audible signal on all watches and cellular phones for the duration of the concert.
Use of cameras, recording equipment, and all digital devices is not permitted in the concert hall.

PROGRAM

Tacoma Youth Chorus Chamber Choir

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When I Close My Eyes (2016).....Jim Papoulis
Fly (2023).....Ayrian Norman
Fly Away Home (2014).....PINKZEBRA
Cantamos (2016).....James DesJardins

We sing a song: my life's fulfilled.

Graham-Kapowsin High School Chorale

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Chua-ay (2013).....Filipino Folksong
arr. Fabian Obispo
Cayela Stoddard, *soprano*
Valgusele (2003).....Pärt Uusberg
Northern Lights (2012).....Ēriks Ešenvalds
Wyatt Casey and Jayden Driscoll, *tenors*

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A Mighty Fortress is Our God.....**Martin Luther (1483-1546)**
arr. W.B. Olds

Cantate Domino (rev. 2025).....**T.J. Wheeler**

*The Lord be with you,
and with your spirit.
Sing to the Lord a new song, all the earth.
Sing and give praise to his name.
Sing and exult and praise, for he has done marvelous deeds.*

Stars in Your Bones (2017) **Joan Szymko**

“Sunday” **Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021)**
from *Sunday in the Park with George*

INTERMISSION

Choral Union & Choir of the West

Part I

Elevation (2026).....**Ēriks Ešenvalds**

World Premiere
Dedicated to former Choral Union Artistic Director, Dr. Richard Nance

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Part II

“Gloria” **Carol Barnett**
from *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass* (2008)
Justin J. Murphy-Mancini, *piano*

Poem of Praise.....**Florence Price (1887-1953)**
Justin J. Murphy-Mancini, *piano*

“The Lord’s Prayer”.....**Wynton Marsalis**
from *Abyssinian Mass* (2008)
Kyla Rivera, *mezzo-soprano* • Russell Watkins, *bass*
Justin J. Murphy-Mancini, *piano*

“Someone Like You” **Frank Wildhorn**
from *Jekyll & Hyde* (1997) **arr. James Ray**
Johnny Marzano, *tenor* • Stephanie Bivins, *soprano*

Part III

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord**Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)**

Heavens, Distil Your Balmy Showers (2024) David McGregor

*Dew from Heaven above...
...and a child is born unto us.
He was born for us.*

Amy Cole, Hannah McVay, and Diann Spicer, *sopranos*

“Sanctus” Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

from *Requiem*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

I Will Set His Dominion in the Sea (1995) Bruce Neswick

Jennifer Gorham and Kayla Linquist, *sopranos*
Justin J. Murphy-Mancini, *organ*

Combined Choirs

Jason Saunders, *conductor*

Peace I Leave with You Amy Beach (1867-1944)

About the Artists

Judith Herrington is the Founder and Artistic Director of Tacoma Youth Chorus and conductor of the Treble Choir, Chorale, and Chamber Choir. She is recently retired from 44 years of teaching and conducting at Charles Wright Academy where she was the recipient of the Inspirational Faculty Award and Murray Foundation Chair for Teaching Excellence. A graduate of the University of Oregon, Mrs. Herrington earned her Master of Education degree from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Having served in several leadership positions for the WA-American Choral Directors Association Board, she was the recipient of its Leadership and Service Award in 2011. She is an inaugural member of the School of Arts and Communication Advisory Board at Pacific Lutheran University. Mrs. Herrington is highly regarded internationally, nationally, and regionally as a guest conductor, workshop, and choral clinician. She has served as a guest lecturer at VanderCook College of Music, University of Puget Sound, and PLU, and was inducted into the Washington State Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. A noted composer and arranger, she has published through Pavane Publishing, Hal Leonard, and Colla Voce. She also edits two choral series for Pavane Publishing.

Jason Saunders is Director of Choirs at Graham-Kapowsin High School in Graham, Washington, along with co-teacher Sophia Goodenberger. Jason is currently in his twelfth year of teaching. In 2025, he was selected for the Washington ACDA Spiritus Award, and in 2015 received the organization’s Outstanding Emerging Choral Director award. He recently served as Visiting Conductor of the PLU Knights Chorus during the Spring 2025 semester. A published composer, Jason has received commissions, awards, and performances from choral ensembles across the United States. His works are published by Walton Music, Santa Barbara Music Publishing, and Colla Voce. Jason holds a Master of Music in choral music from the University of Southern California, and a Bachelor of Music Education from PLU. He studied conducting with Donald Brinegar, Jo-Michael Scheibe, Brian Galante, and Richard Nance, and composition with Greg Youtz, Jeffery Parola, and Morten Lauridsen.

Brian Galante is Associate Dean of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, and Director of Choral Studies at PLU. During his time at PLU, Dr. Galante has conducted all four of the curricular ensembles and taught undergraduate courses in vocal pedagogy, choral repertoire, and rehearsal. Dr. Galante received the DMA degree in choral conducting from the University of North Texas, and MM and BME degrees from Louisiana State University. Choirs under his direction have offered performances for the 2010 Washington Music Educators Association Conference; the 2011 Northwest MENC Conference; and 2012 and 2022 NW Region ACDA Conferences. He has conducted honor choirs at all levels, and led workshops on conducting pedagogy, voice science, and repertoire. Galante’s compositions are published by Galante Music, Walton, and Colla Voce, and have been performed by choirs worldwide. His works have been recorded for commercial release by Delos, Centaur Records, and MSR Classic. He is the recipient of multiple ASCAP Plus awards, and a regular composer-in-residence for the Taylor Festival Choir

(Charleston, SC). He is the Past President of the American Choral Directors Association Northwest Region and was Performing Choir Chair of the 2025 ACDA National Conference.

Raul Dominguez is in his second year as PLU's Associate Director of Choral Studies and his first year as Choral Union's Artistic Director. At PLU, he leads the University Chorale, University Singers, and teaches courses in secondary methods and the conducting sequence. Dominguez received his DMA degree in choral conducting and literature from the University of Colorado Boulder and his MM in choral conducting from Ithaca College. Prior, he taught at Clear Lake High School in Houston, TX for four years and earned his BME and BMVP from Oklahoma City University. Dominguez has led honor choirs of varying levels and sessions on his research into the choral repertoire of Mexico, movement pedagogy, and student leadership. His research focus is Mexican choral repertoire and his music is published through Alliance Music, La Voz, and the Lawson-Gould series through Alfred. Dominguez lives in the beautiful Tacoma area with his wonderful husband Kevin and their two cats, Luci and Ahsoka. raulconducts.com

Justin J. Murphy-Mancini is the inaugural Paul Fritts Endowed Chair in Organ Studies and Performance. He teaches primary and secondary organ students, ear training, and music history, and serves as University Organist and accompanist of the Choral Union. Jay is equally at home with music of the distant past as from the modern day and emphasizes performance of music by lesser-known composers; he has premiered over a dozen new works for organ and harpsichord and has championed composers including Emma Lou Diemer and Eva-Maria Houben. Jay's debut solo album, surveying American organ music from 1791 to the present, was released on Acis in 2025. In addition to his performance activity, he composes in both avant-garde and accessible genres; his works have been performed by Ensemble SurPlus, the King's Chapel Choir, and members of the Mivos Quartet. Jay earned degrees in organ performance, composition, historical performance, and philosophy from Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music, and Ph.D. in composition from UC San Diego.

Tacoma Youth Chorus Chamber Choir

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Jinshil Yi, *piano*

Soprano

Aaliyah Anderson, *Spanaway*
Mila Anderson, *Spanaway*
Coco Beimler, *Tacoma*
Larry Bevan, *Tacoma*
Cora Bird, *University Place*
Boaz Browning, *Tacoma*
Abby Cox, *Tacoma*
LaRae Davis, *Tacoma*
Scarlett Dickson, *University Place*
Sara Elstein, *Tacoma*
Lena Froehlich, *Lacey**
Tera Froehlich, *Lacey*
Theia Greene, *University Place*
Wren Hansen, *Tacoma*
Jessie James, *Lakewood*

Marina Johnson, *Tacoma*
Sofia Kryvoshei, *Tacoma*
Lydia Lam, *Tacoma*
Phoebe Lance, *Puyallup*
Emerald MacRae, *Tacoma*
Asher Pemoulie, *Tacoma*
Hadasah Pope, *Bonney Lake**
Tala Reisberg, *Tacoma*
Savannah Rocha, *Tacoma*
Una Thomas, *Tacoma*
Lily Tiglao, *Tacoma*
Adia Watt, *Fircrest*

Alto

Owen Barbee, *Tacoma*
Emma Berry, *University Place*
Anya Caroline Deleons, *Lakewood*
Rylea Ford, *University Place*
Ivan Ibarra, *Tacoma*
Tatum Irish, *Tacoma*
Jayden Ngo, *Lakewood**
Hudson Pierce, *Puyallup**
Jonathan Pope, *Bonney Lake**
Kinzly Schultz, *Tacoma**

**Choir mentor*

Graham-Kapowsin High School Chorale

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Soprano 1

Issac Bailey
Kate Johnson
Mya Lickert
Cayela Stoddard

Soprano 2

Lauren Delapp
Niomi Coffman
Bella Coon
Catherine Maina

Alto 1

Levi Bruemmer
Sofia Cardoza-Crouch
Harper Carioto
Thi-Thi Nguyen
Alisha Pierson

Alto 2

Ashlyn Gould
Charlie Lucas
Elyanna Mendoza
Serafina Nelson

Tenor 1

Jayden Driscoll
Tucker Jammeh
Ethaniel Ortega-Zuniga
Ayden Staudenraus

Tenor 2

Patolo Dennis
DeShawn Johnson
Josiah Mumphy
Mason Valente-Sterling

Bass 1

Wyatt Casey
Justin Folmer
Kaidin Guajardo
Jaron Kaipainen
Bryce Long

Bass 2

Landon James
Marcellus Johnson
Aiden Long
Cole Rogers

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Soprano

Leila Bauer
Claire Cilley
Lily Dadole
Maggie Dobbins
Kyra McCloud
Emily Morse*
Claire Schwartz

Alto

Gracie McDanold
Ashley Midlo
Jose Mae Sanders
Mariana Vargas*
Isabella Wilkins
Anna Yee
Madison Zantello

Tenor

Sam Brown^
Coleton Davis
Marco Diez
David Garfia
Joaquin Makinster*
Gabriel Stadtmueller
Giacobbe Whitworth

Bass

Nate Clay
Hudson Groom
Xen Johnson
Kai Kindem*
Cooper Perez
Matthew Roe
Liam Schmidt
Cade Tate

^*Choir of the West President*
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Soprano

Jonica Beatie
Stephanie Bivins
Sue Byrd
Katie Coddington
Amy Cole
Caryl Dowd
Jennifer Gorham*
Paulina Kormos
Anna Kwon
Nancy Nole Lee
Kayla Linquist
Hannah McVay
Caitlyn Pourcio
Kristin Ronning
Katherine Schubert
Heather Simmons
Diann Spicer
Mandy Webb
Julie Whalen

Alto

Amy Arand
Sophia Barkhurst*
Katie Brizuela
Nicole Cousins
Nora Davis
Debbie Dion
Debbie Hushagen
Cindy Luebke
Marissa McBride
Heidi McQuay
Janelle Purser
Becky Purser
Kyla Rivera
Alison Shane
Valerie St. John
Anne Urlie
Jennifer Woodard

Tenor

Tom Cameron
Laura Elmquist
Eric Faris
Nicholas Gorne
Justin Hoy
John Marzano
John McGilliard
Zyreal Oliver-Chandler
Nick Pharris
Kenneth Prince
Kyle Sholinder
Aaron Stahl
Allen Benjamin Tugade
TJ Wheeler*

Bass

Chris Berntsen
Nate Clay
Alan Dalla Santa
Ted Deddens*
David Garfia
Franklin Hiden
Kameron Jacobs
Prince Jamerson
Roman Jordan
JR Lakey
Joshua Luebke
Peter Seto
Ryan Shane
Alex Stahl
Cade Tate
Russell Watkins
Dennis Webb
Larry Wiseman

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Choral Union's 41st Season

Season Finale – Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 7:30pm
Featuring Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*.

To schedule an audition for Choral Union, please contact Raul Dominguez at domingr@plu.edu.