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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

Sing We Now of Christmas (1982)..... arr. Fred Prentice

Missa Pastoril .....José Mauricio Nunes Garcia (1767-1830)

i. Kyrie
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Angels We Have Heard On High.....arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023) & Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

ii. Gloria
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
Russell Watkins, *bass*

iii. Laudamus te
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.
Jennifer Gorham, *soprano*

iv. Gratias agimus tibi
We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

v. Qui tollis
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Marissa McBride, *soprano*

vi. Qui sedes
You are seated at the right hand of the Father. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord, the Most High Jesus Christ.
Kayla Linquist, *soprano* • Zyreal Oliver-Chandler, *tenor*
Taylor Bellamy, *baritone* • Russell Watkins, *bass*

vii. Cum Sancto Spiritu
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Word Was God (1996) ..... Rosephanye Powell

viii. Patrem omnipotentem
I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, True God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the father, by whom all things were made. Who for us, and for our salvation came down from heaven.

Melissa Dier, *soprano* • Becky Purser, *mezzo-soprano* • Taylor Bellamy, *bass*

ix. Et incarnatus
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary. And was made man.

Heather Simmons, *soprano* • Diann Spicer, *mezzo-soprano*

x. Crucifixus
Crucified also for us suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried.

Erin Mann, *soprano* • Josie Mae Kelly, *mezzo-soprano* • Zyreal Oliver-Chandler, *tenor*

xi. Et resurrexit
And on the third day he rose again, according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven. He sits at the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; his kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who spoke to us through the Prophets. And in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I await the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kali Noll, *soprano*

Cantate Domino (2015)..... Josu Elberdin
Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth, joyfully fulfill his will.
Let us come before him with thanks. Let us shout songs of joy to him.
Sing and praise with the harp, sing praises with a psalm.
For he has done wonders.

xii. Sanctus
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.

xiii. Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest.

xiv. Benedictus
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Zyreal Oliver-Chandler, *tenor*

Coventry Carol (1968) .....arr. Dale Warland

xv. Agnus Dei
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing..... Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
arr. Dale Wood

Justin J. Murphy-Mancini, *organ*

About the Ensemble

Pacific Lutheran University's **Choral Union** unites our community with music. Members of the ensemble include PLU alumni, PLU students, and members of the community. Choral Union comes to rehearse from all over the Puget Sound area on selected Monday evenings. This ensemble sings three concerts each year, and tours internationally every three or four years. Repertoire focuses on larger choral masterworks, but the choir also sings programs of high-level shorter choral works. Choral Union occasionally joins with other PLU ensembles for concerts, and collaborates with other community and professional ensembles such as the Tacoma Youth Chorus, Northwest Sinfonietta, Pacific Northwest Ballet, and 5th Avenue Theater. The choir has performed for such prestigious events as the American Choral Directors National Convention (San Antonio 2001), the Cambridge Summer Music Festival (Cambridge, England 2005), and the World Harp Congress (Geneva, Switzerland 2002).

About the Director



Raul Dominguez is in his third year as PLU's Associate Director of Choral Studies and his second 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 his hometown of 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.

About the Artist



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.

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Soprano
Keleigh Allen
Jonica Beatie
Stephanie Bivins
Alison Box
Susan Byrd
Katie Coddington
Amy Cole
Melissa Dier
Jennifer Gorham^
Katie Kinney
Anna Kwon
Nancy Nole Lee
Kayla Linquist
Erin Mann
Emilyn Moe
Kali Noll
Brie Payne
Siri Preston
Naomi Ramsey
Katherine Schubert*
Heather Simmons*
Diann Spicer
Elizabeth Watkins
Mandy Webb*
Julie Whalen

Alto
Amy Arand
Sophia Barkhurst^
Margaret Barrett
Sarabeth Butts
Nicole Cousins
Debbie Dion
Brianna Donahue
Karen Fulmer*
Debbie Hushagen
Amanda Kelly
Josie Mae Kelly
Cindy Luebke
Marissa McBride
Heidi McQuay
Janiyah Medina
Kiana Norman-Slack
Janelle Purser
Becky Purser
Kyla Rivera
Alison Shane*
Emily Shane
Anne Urlie*
Jennifer Woodard

Tenor
Faye Bare
Tom Cameron
Laura Elmquist
Nicholas Gorne
JR Lakey
Jamie Lindberg
John McGilliard
Zyreal Oliver-Chandler
Stephen Payne
Kenneth Prince
Kye Pullin
Kyle Sholinder
Aaron Stahl
TJ Wheeler^

Bass
Daniel Beck
Taylor Bellamy
Chris Berntsen
Alan Dalla Santa
Ted Deddens^
David Garfia
Joshua Luebke
Ethan Moon
Peter Seto
Ryan Shane
Alex Stahl
Russell Watkins
Dennis Webb
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Future Sounds with Mt. View Middle School and Lindberg HS*:* March 14, 2027 at 3pm in Lagerquist Concert Hall
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ALL MUSIC EVENTS ARE IN MARY BAKER RUSSELL MUSIC CENTER, LAGERQUIST CONCERT HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

SEPTEMBER

13 Sunday, 3pm
Faculty Recital: Erik Steighner, Saxophone & Oksana Ejokina, Piano, free admission

20 Sunday, 12pm
Faculty Recital: Vianna & Trindade, Brazilian Jazz Duo. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall, free admission

20 Sunday, 3pm
Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series: Christa Rakich, Organist

OCTOBER

4 Sunday, 5pm
Evelina Bozhko, Piano – Forestine Wise Monsen Memorial Scholarship Recital, free admission

7 Wednesday, 7:30pm
Guest Artist Lecture Recital: Alejandro Cremaschi, Piano, free admission

11 Sunday, 3pm
University Wind Ensemble

15 Thursday, 1:45pm
Jessica Dodge-Overstreet Saxophone Masterclass. Mary Baker Russell Music Center Room 334, free admission

15 Thursday, 7:30pm
Guest Artist Recital: Jessica Dodge-Overstreet, Saxophone, free admission

18 Sunday, 3pm
South Sound Saxophone Ensemble, free admission

19 Monday, 7:30pm
University Jazz Ensemble: Miles Davis Centennial. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center

20 Tuesday, 7:30pm
Fall Festival of Choirs

25 Sunday, 2pm
Choir of the West Centennial Celebration

27 Tuesday, 7:30pm
University Symphony Orchestra

29 Thursday, 1:30pm
Emely Phelps Piano Masterclass, free admission

29 Thursday, 7:30pm
Guest Artist Recital: Emely Phelps, Piano, free admission

30 Friday, 12pm
Orchestra Festival concert, free admission

NOVEMBER

1 Sunday, 3pm
Angela Meade Vocal Competition, free admission

3 Tuesday, 7:30pm
Keyboard Students Recital, free admission

8 Sunday, 3pm
Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series: Justin J. Murphy-Mancini and Friends

11 Wednesday, 7:30pm
Early Music Concert, free admission

14 Saturday, 3pm
Woodwind Students Recital, free admission

14 Saturday, 4:30pm
Brass Students Recital, free admission

15 Sunday, 3pm
University Wind Ensemble

15 Sunday, 5:45pm
Tracy Doyle Flute Masterclass. Mary Baker Russell Music Center Room 334, free admission

17 Tuesday, 7:30pm
University Concert Band

18 Wednesday, 7:30pm
Percussion Ensemble, free admission

NOVEMBER, Cont.

20-21 Friday-Saturday, 7:30pm
Opera Scenes. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center

21 Saturday, 3pm
Steel Band, free admission

22 Sunday, 3pm
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22 Sunday, 7:30pm
Guitar Orchestra & Guitar Ensemble, free admission

23 Monday, 7:30pm
University Jazz Ensemble. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center

24 Tuesday, 7:30pm
Mariachi del Pacifico. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center, free admission

DECEMBER

***Light Beyond Shadow*, A PLU Christmas Concert**
Tickets go on sale Wednesday, November 4

Friday, December 4, at 7:30pm - Lagerquist Concert Hall
Saturday, December 5, at 2pm - Lagerquist Concert Hall
Saturday, December 5, at 7:30pm - Lagerquist Concert Hall
Sunday, December 6, at 2pm - Lagerquist Concert Hall
Monday, December 7, at 7:30pm - Benaroya Hall, Seattle

1 Tuesday, 6pm
Saxophone Quartets & Jazz Combos. The Cave, Anderson University Center, free admission

2 Wednesday, 7:30pm
Piano Ensemble, free admission

8 Tuesday, 6pm
Chamber Music Kaleidoscope, free admission

8 Tuesday, 7:30pm
String Kaleidoscope, free admission

9 Wednesday, 7:30pm
Let Your Heart Be Light, featuring University Singers, Knights Chorus, and PLU Ringers

10 Thursday, 7:30pm
Sølvvinden Flute Ensemble, free admission

13 Sunday, 3pm
Composers Forum, free admission

JANUARY

9 Saturday, 4:30 and 6:30pm
Northwest High School Honor Band, free admission

12 Tuesday, 12:30pm
TBDetermined!, free admission

17 Sunday, 6pm
PLU Honor Orchestra for Strings, free admission

28-30 Thursday-Saturday, 7:30pm and 31 Sunday, 2pm
The Magic Flute by W. A. Mozart. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center

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www.plu.edu/music/calendar (Updated October 22, 2026)