**

*Metropolitan State University of Denver*

*College of Letters, Arts, & Sciences*

*Department of Music*

*Presents a*

**Spring Choral Concert**

**Auraria Choir**

**University Treble Choir**

**University Basso Choir**

**MB Krueger and Taylor Martin, conductors**

**Lara Jean O’Connor and JoAnn Gudvangen-Brown, pianists**

Thursday, March 12, 2020

King Center Concert Hall

855 Lawrence Way, Auraria Campus

7:30 pm



*Program*

**Auraria Choir**

MB Krueger, conductor

Lara Jean O’Connor, pianist

Modern Musick William Billings (1746-1800)

From *The Psalm Singer’s Amusement* (1781)

Verdi prati George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

From the opera *Alcina* (1735)

*Green meadows, dear woods, your beauty will soon fade.*

*Lovely flow'rs, swift-flowing rivers,*

*Nature’s vague, beguiling beauty, Soon will all be changed..*

*Green meadows, dear woods, your beauty will soon fade.*

*Though the beauty will be changed,*

*To its first golden aspect it will all one day return!*

*Green meadows, dear woods, your beauty will soon fade.*

Taivas on sininen Finnish Folk Song, arr. Donald Patriquin (b. 1938)

*The sky is blue and white and full of stars; So also is my young heart full of thoughts.*

*And I won’t tell others the sorrows of my heart; the gloomy forest, the clear sky, they know my cares.*- trans. by Karen McNees

Ffe Mwe, Mwe Ffe (they are us and we are them) Joan Szymko (b. 1957)



**University Treble Choir**

MB Krueger, conductor

Lara Jean O’Connor, pianist

Sisi ni moja (We are one) Jacob Narverud (b. 1986)

Al turbar de’ bei lumi Vittoria Aleotti (1575-1620)

*Tormented by your beautiful lights (eyes), I stand hour by hour. My soul was about to leave my chest, when the sweet, soft sigh of a courteous breeze brought peace to my heart. As long as my beautiful Sun holds my hand, an immortal knot links my soul to life.*

The Lake Isle of Innisfree Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Text by William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)

Courage, My Soul Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970)

Text by Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933)

*Program*

**University Basso Choir**

Taylor Martin, conductor

JoAnn Gudvangen Brown, pianist

There has to be a Song (pub. 2010) Andrea Ramsey

Text by Bob Benson (1883-1916)

En Priére Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Text by Stéphan Bordèse (1847-?)

*If the voice of a child could reach up to you, O my Father, To be heard by Jesus… kneeling before You, A prayer!*

*If you have chosen me to teach your laws On Earth, I would know how to serve you, august King of kings, O Light!*

*On my lips, Lord, place the salutary Truth, So that those who doubt, with humility will revere you!*

*Do not abandon me, but give me the Grace necessary to overcome evils, and to relieve pain & misery!*

*Reveal yourself to me, Lord in whom I believe and hope! For You I want to suffer and die on the Cross, on Calvary!*

Lunar Lullaby Jacob Narverud (b. 1986)

Text by Kathleen Nicely

San’bonani/Namhla Kudibene (pub. 2017) Songs from Zulu and Xhosa culture, arr. Michael Barrett

*Hello, everybody. Are you well? Hololo – are you well?*

*Today we are together like the Lion and the Tiger. We have to respond to the threat of war. We will react.*



**Combined Choirs**

Taylor Martin, conductor

JoAnn Gudvangen Brown, pianist

Music Down in My Soul African-American Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)



*Before and after the concert, visit the Used Book Sale in the lobby, a fundraiser for MSU Denver Choirs!*

*Personnel*

***Auraria Choir – MB Krueger, conductor***

***Lara Jean O’Connor, pianist***

Soprano

Ashlynne Doidge

Sarah Goodman

Irina Gritchtchenko\*

Erin Hanlon

Ariana Rabinovitch

Colleen Swift

Laura Tribby+

Alto

Kate LaCava+

Lillan Manygoats

Sabrina Monroe

Samanthia Nesbitt

Olivia Stone

Elysa Ward

Anna Zeldina

Tenor

Matt Bentley+

Kieran Boes

William Bridgeman Cagle

Mike Dennis

Andre Lang

Bass

Alan Jones

Benjamin Kroll

Matt LaCava+

Ryan Schiller

Jacob Thomas

\*MSU Denver Faculty/Staff

+Guest singer from St. Martin’s Chamber Choir

***University Treble Choir – MB Krueger, conductor***

***Lara Jean O’Connor, pianist***

Soprano 1

Peyton Bynum

Ariana Duran

Joan Foster\*

Jourdan Garcia

Sarah Goodman

Cailin Nielsen

Jessica Ornelas

Jessica Schoenfelder

Miranda White

Soprano 2

Leslie Ayala Méndez

Skylar Briggs

Sarah Cole

Elisa Dean

Erin Hanlon

Katlin Hutzell

Mallory Moeller

Christina Nefe

Grace Nussbaumer

Karla Ramirez Aguilera

Autumn Schmidt

Alto 1

Ayden Armstrong

Sydney Barr-Manning

Ana Gonzalez

Devon Hutchison

Savanna Johnson

Katherine Northcott

Karen Olide

Shannon Peistrup

Autumn Schwinn

Kristina Smith

Alto 2

Isabella Bashford

Elisa Canali

Erica De La Garza

Madeline Dufour

Miranda Karner

Jordan Rhoades

Stevie Songstad

Ashley Stitt

Julia Walter

\*MSU Denver Faculty/Staff

***University Basso Choir – Taylor Martin, conductor***

***JoAnn Gudvangen-Brown, pianist***

Tenor 1

Kyle Husted

Jordan Antonio

+Guest singer from St. Martin’s Chamber Choir

Tenor 2

Matt Bentley+

Kaleb Archer

Rick Newell

James Schreffler

Bass 1

Ben Glasscock

Ben Kroll

Henry Pham

Hannah Savage

Kristopher Thornton

Bass 2

Ben Bettinger

William Comeau

Myles Cook

Michael Finken

Tom Hovorka

Erik Vickers

**MB Krueger** is the Director of Choral Activities at Metropolitan State University, where she directs the Chorale, University Treble Choir, and Auraria Choir, and teaches Basic and Advanced Conducting. She earned her bachelor’s degree at Michigan State University, where she was a National Merit Scholar, and her master’s degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. MB served ten years on the board of the Colorado Chapter of American Choral Directors Association, and has been a regular presenter at the annual CoACDA Summer Workshop. She is also active as a clinician for middle school, high school, and college choral festivals. She is a member of St. Martin’s Chamber Choir and St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Choir, and has also sung professionally with the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, the Santa Fe Opera, the Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado, and others.

****

**Taylor Martin** is the Music Director of the Elus Vocal Ensemble (formerly Denver Pro Chorale) and an assistant conductor of the Colorado Symphony Chorus. He is also the music director at Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, and is in his fourth semester at MSU Denver as the conductor of the University Basso Choir. An impassioned educator in Denver, Taylor has taught with the non-profit organization El Sistema Colorado since its infancy, developing key elements of the choral curriculum. As an active professional singer, Taylor sings with the Colorado Bach Ensemble, St. Martin’s Chamber Choir, and others.

**For more information on Music at MSU Denver**

**Please call 303-615-1010 or visit us online at**

**www.msudenver.edu/music**