



The 2023 Five College Choral Festival



March 4, 2023 7:30 pm
John M. Greene Hall, Smith College

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Program

SMITH COLLEGE

- Songbird Sarah Quartel
Paige Graham, conductor
Smith College Glee Club
- Storm Comin' Ruth Moody (as performed by The Wailin' Jennys)
Smith College Chamber Singers

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

- Reggel György Ligeti
- Winter Sun Don Macdonald
Lindsay Pope, conductor
Chamber Choir
- Sing, My Child Sarah Quartel
Cassandra Mitros and Johnny Ayoub, soloists
Phillip Varvak, djembe
- A Celtic Blessing Dave Riley
Stephen Paparo, conductor
University Chorale

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

- Da Pacem Domine Melchior Franck, arr. Mary Goetze
Rachel Feldman, conductor
Mount Holyoke College Chorale
- Be Like the Bird Abbie Betinis
Rachel Feldman, conductor
Mount Holyoke College Chamber Singers
- Now Let Me Fly Traditional Spiritual arr. Stacey Gibbs
Rachel Feldman, conductor
Mount Holyoke College Glee Club

AMHERST COLLEGE

We are the night ocean

Arianne Abela

Adrian Martin, Patrick Spoor, and Annika Bajaj, soloists
Shuyao Charlotte Wang, conductor

Walk Out on the Water

Royal Canoe arr. Geung Kroeker-Lee

Bob Weiner, percussion Gil Wermeling, bass
Arianne Abela, conductor
Amherst College Glee Club

Kanaval

Sydney Guillaume

Sam Wright, Andres de la Torre, Shay Hernandez, tenors
Bob Weiner and Maura Glennon, percussion
Arianne Abela, conductor
Amherst College Concert Choir

THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF THE FIVE COLLEGES

Because You Sang

Arianne Abela

Jonathan Hirsh, conductor

Texts and Translations

Songbird

Sarah Quartel

I am a Songbird; I will sing anything. Give me a tune, I will spin you gold.
Closer you come to the Songbird weaving, stronger the thread of the music's hold,
Feel in the breeze a breath, a soaring song to you, and hear me say:
'I am a Songbird; I will sing anything. Follow the breeze and come my way!'

One little bird on a branch sits fanning amber wings to the passers by.
Two little birds in flight are threading webs of gold in an endless sky.
Three little birds with brushes painting moonlit sighs in the heart of day.
Four little birds with voices gleaming Breathe to the wind singing 'come my way!'

Sing little bird so sweetly. Drown my fears completely.

Five little birds with feathers fluffing stretch and spread in the midday sun.
Six little birds are cooing, humming, Drawing the eyes of everyone.

Seven little birds in fountains splashing. Droplets soar, they fawn and play.
Eight little birds raise voices higher, Breathe to the wind singing, 'come my way!'

Sing little bird so sweetly. Drown my fears completely.

Fly, little Songbirds, to the horizon. Land meets sky and sky meets sea.
Dance, little Songbirds, flick your feathers, Move the current, carry me!
Sing, little Songbirds, call to your lovers. Draw them in completely.
You, little Songbirds, you can sing anything. I follow the wind and I come your way.

Storm Comin'

Ruth Moody (as performed by The Wailin Jennys)

When that storm comes, don't run for cover
When that storm comes, don't run for cover
When that storm comes, don't run for cover
Don't run from the coming storm, no there ain't no use in running

When that rain falls, let it wash away
When that rain falls, let it wash away
When that rain falls, let it wash away
Let it wash away, that falling rain, the tears and the troubles

When those lights flash, and you hear that thunder roar
When those lights flash, and you hear that thunder roar
When those lights flash, and you hear that thunder roar
Will you listen to that thunder roar and let your spirits soar

When that love calls, open up your door
When that love calls, open up your door
When that love calls, open up your door
You gotta stand on up and let it in, you gotta let love through your door

When that storm comes, don't run for cover
When that storm comes, don't run for cover
When that storm comes, don't run for cover
Don't run from the coming storm, 'cause it can't keep a storm from coming

Reggel

György Ligeti

Már üti, üti már, a torony a hajnalban.
Az időt bemeszeli a korai kikeriki:
Reggel van! Már üti már! Reggel!

It's knocking, knocking, the tower at dawn.
The time is told by the early kikeriki (rooster):
It is morning! He's already knocking! Morning!

Winter Sun

Don Macdonald

To light,
to water,
and the flow of birds
through ancient stars.
To the wild sun of winter
startling the dark green
trees: giants
of majestic silence.
To snow on roofs
and the peace of Sunday.
To quiet and certitude,
to breathing, to air.
To acceptance, to dreams.
To disclosures of the sleeping heart,
for air, for light.

Malca Litovitz (1952 - 2005)

Sing, my Child

Sarah Quartel

Sing for the promise in each new morning,
Sing for the hope in a new day dawning.
All around is beauty bright!
Wake in the morning and sing, my child,
Sing, my child. (x2)

Dance in the joy of the day unfolding.
Dance as you work and dance as you're learning.
All around is beauty bright!
Take in the day and dance, my child,
Dance, my child.

But when troubles come and worry is all that can be found,
Gather your strength and hear your voice.
Sing, my child.

Laugh in the cool and the fresh of the ev'ning.
Laugh in your triumph laugh in succeeding.
All around is beauty bright!
Rest in the ev'ning and laugh, my child.

Peace in the stillness and dark of the night.
Peace in the dreams of your silent delights.
All around is beauty bright!
Sleep in the night and peace, my child.

But when troubles come and worry is all that can be found,
Gather your strength and hear your voice.
Sing, my child.
Dance, my child.
Laugh, my child.
Peace, my child.
Peace, my child, oh, peace my child.

A Celtic Blessing

Anonymous

May the road rise to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May the rain fall soft upon your fields;
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Da Pacem Domine

Melchior Franck arr. Mary Goetze

Da pacem Domine in diebus nostris.

Grant us peace, O Lord, in this our day.

Be Like the Bird

Abbie Betinis

Be like the bird that,
Pausing in her flight awhile
On boughs to slight,
Feels the give way beneath her,
And sings,
Knowing she hath wings.

(Victor Hugo, 1802-1885)

Now Let Me Fly

Traditional Spiritual arr. Stacey Gibbs

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away.
Let me fly away to a home on God's celestial shore.

Now let me fly to Mt. Zion, yes, Lord, now let me fly.

Way down yonder in the middle of the field,
See the angels workin' on the chariot wheel.
I'm not so partic'lar 'bout the workin' of the wheel,
But I just wanted to see how the chariot feel.

See that hypocrite on the street, good Lord,
First thing he do is show his teeth, my Lord,
And the next thing he do is to tell a lie,
And the best thing to do is just pass him by.

I got a mother in the Promised Land,
And I ain't gonna stop 'til I shake-a her hand,
No, I'm not so partic'lar 'bout shaking her hand, Lord,
I just want to meet her in the Promised Land.

We are the night ocean

Arianne Abela

We are the night ocean filled with glints of light.
We are the space between the fish and the moon,
While we sit here together.

- Rumi

Walk Out on the Water

Royal Canoe arr. Geung Kroeker-Lee

Still got a ticket to play
I won't be walking away.
Feel all the weight of the world.
I won't get another one, won't get another one.

Will I be singing hallelujah
When I walk out on the water ?
I'm not going under.
I own the space that I occupy.
Oh, oh hallelujah, climb up through the trees
I'm strong enough to breathe.
I'll grow my wings like a butterfly

Woke up alone on the shore.
The sun, it fought thru my eyes.
Wond'ring what all this is for.
Is it for you?

Will I be singing hallelujah

When I walk out on the water ?
I'm not going under.
I own the space that I occupy.
Oh, oh hallelujah, climb up through the trees
I'm strong enough to breathe.
I'll grow my wings like a butterfly

Phone stuck, hung up,
I never hear what you say you're sayin'.
Lin cut when the door chut,
I don't know why I'm strayin'

Everything's happening the way I want
Is everything happening the way I want?

Will I be singing hallelujah
When I walk out on the water ?
I'm not going under.
I own the space that I occupy.
Oh, oh hallelujah, climb up through the trees
I'm strong enough to breathe.
I'll grow my wings like a butterfly

Everything's happening the way I want
Is everything happening the way I want?
Everything's happening the way I want.

Kanaval

Sydney Guillaume

Leve, leve, leve li jou... jodia se kanaval!
An'n rasanble, an'n selebre...
Souke tchatcha, danse Rara...
Leve, leve, leve li jou... jodia se kanaval!

Timoun yo degize, granmoun yo eksite,
Madigra, chaloska ap defile,
Ala yon bèl epòk,
Moun anwo, moun anba fè yon sèl...
Se kanaval! Kanaval la rive!

Avanse... pa frape! Pa pouze!
Sote, ponpe jan ou vle,
Kale dada'w, danse jan'w vle... Se kanaval!

Mezanmi pa gen manti nan sa, se fete n'ap fete,
Mereng yo byen chofe, gade kijan'n kontan!

Wake up, wake up, the day has come... today is Carnival!
Let us gather and celebrate...
Shake that shaker, dance that Rara...
Wake up, wake up, the day has come... today is Carnival!

The young ones are disguised, the grown ups are excited,
Madigra* and Chaloska* are parading,
What a beautiful season,
People on top and people below are united...
It's Carnival! Carnival time is here!

Move forward... no hitting! No pushing!
Jump up and down as you want,
Lossen up, dance however you want... it's Carnival!

Yo, this is for real, this party is on,
The songs are hot, look how happy we are!

Mezanmi pa gen manti nan sa, se fete n'ap fete,
Tout moun ap banboche, gade kijan'n kontan!

Timoun yo degize, granmoun yo eksite,
Madigra, chaloska ap defile... Se kanaval!

Mete de men anlè! (ou-we!)
Mete drapo anlè!
Mete mouchwa anlè!
Kanaval la rive!

Chak ane s'on randevou,
Twa jou lanmou, twa jou lajwa.
Chak ane s'on bèl plezi,
Se yon bèl fèt nan Peyi d'Ayiti.

Men nan men san prejije,
Se konsa pou nou fete.
Men nan men san prejije,
Se konsa n'a va rive. (zimboyo!)

Yon ti bese, tout moun f'on ti bese!
Yon ti monte, tout moun f'on ti monte!

Kanaval Ayiti... se la pou'w la!
Ka-ka-ka-ka-Kanaval Ayiti... pa di betiz!

Kanaval... ou paka pa la! Se la pou'w la!

Yo, this is for real, this party is on,
Everyone is ecstatic, look how happy we are!

The young ones are disguised, the grownups are excited,
Madigra and Chaloska are parading... it's Carnival!

Put your hands in the air! (hooray!)
Flags up in the air!
Handkerchiefs in the air!
Carnaval time is here!

Every year it's a rendez-vous,
Three days of love, three days of joy.
Every year it's a blast,
It's a beautiful party in the country of Haiti.

Hand in hand without prejudice,
That is how we should celebrate.
Hand in hand without discrimination,
That is how we will make it. (zimboyo!)

Get down, get down... everybody get down!
Get up, get up... everybody get up!

Carnaval of Haiti... Kinda have to be there!
Ca-ca-ca-ca-Carnaval of Haiti... No bad words please!

Kanaval... You can't miss it! You gotta be there!

- Sydney Guillaume & Martine Joseph

Because you sang

Who will bear this burden?
What harbinger of spring
Will weather storm and clamor
And living future bring?
Fortified, and boundless,
With voice unwavering
Because you sang I sing, I sing
Because you sang, I sing.

Armored with each other
Though newly had you met
Sounding ever outwards,
For souls not entered yet
Louder yet the uproar

Arianne Abela

Against oppression's sting
Because you sang I sing, I sing
Because you sang, I sing.

A choir of a thousand
Distinguished woven parts
Perfect in its union
Of common beating hearts
I'll add my voice, my vigor
The song you raised will ring
Because you sang I sing, I sing
Because you sang, I sing.

- Ruthie Prillaman

Smith College Glee Club
Jonathan Hirsh and Paige Graham, Conductors
Joshua Burniece, Pianist

Sopranos

Chloé Chauvot de Beauchêne*
Amanda Colby*
Gabi Dondes
Gabriela Eastwood*
Nadya-Catherine Ismail*
Abby Kaufman*
Mai Klooster*
Jessica Klurfeld*
Victoria McGloughlin*
Wyoming McGinn
Ella Claire Moore
Tovey Rock*
Aurora Xu
Grace Xu
Chenyi Yao

Altos

Vera Backman*
Angel Beebe*
Alex Bigar-Vann
Gabby Borromeo*
Corin Ford*
Jay Frothingham
Yilin Gu
Sara Gutierrez*
Tara Kariat*
Sydney Kilgore
Emi Neuwaldler
Lux Onigman*
Isabel Panciera
Ella Peters*
RyAnne Raffipiy
Katie Reagan
Molly Sloane*
Sam Tower
Priscilla Trejo*
Maeve Tyler-Penny*
Risa Wantanabe
Stella Wareck*
Madison Whitmore
Sarah Wusinich

**Smith College Chamber Singers*

University of Massachusetts Amherst Chamber Choir

Lindsay Pope, Conductor

Soprano

Gianna Borowski
Camille Hodgkins
Sara Holmes
Uma Kasichainula
Margaret Wall
Emily Yesu

Alto

Marian Cunha
Rianne Gibson
Kinley Mahar
Sasha Moseley
Maya Powe
Ashley Schneider

Tenor

Jake Dias
Harris Fiering
Zachary Fisher
Thomas Potts

Bass

Christian Bearse
Kieran Dionne
Maxwell Fisher
Alex Harvey-Arnold
Foster Jackson
Gilbert Wermeling
Owen Woodward

University of Massachusetts Amherst Chorale

Stephen A. Paparo, Conductor

Sop 1

Sarah Dorey
Maame-Deh Karikari-Brobbeey
Cassandra Mitros
Marina O'Callaghan
Sanjana Ravikummar
Brianna Shepherd
Violet Southwick
Bella Surrusco
Victoria Williams

Sop 2

Zoe Cohen
Julia DeMarco
Leah Fenster
Mia Guaetta
Kaitlyn Jankowski
Darcy Kaufman
Mary MacNeil
Sofia Montti
Arensa Morisset
Anastasia Pavloff
Marissa Sacco
Shreya Sarcar
Izzy Shook
Ella Sklar
Lu Tovar Vargas
Julia Zhong

Alto

Olivia Alpizar
Jennifer Barbag
Kayleigh Brown
Helen Burgess
Lydia D'Ambrosio
Lee Deater-Deckard
Sara Dicks
Dorothy Dignan
Jessie Flynn
Naomi Hoffman
Kasia Karolak
Kat Preisig
Bella Robinson
Anakin Sullivan
Jennifer Wyle
Iris Xia

Tenor

Felix Agbo
Len Bittenson
Liam Caswell-Klein
Olivia Chavez
Nathan Krevolin
Will Lane
Morgan Miller
Khoa Nguyen
Phuc Vu

Bass 1

Johnny Ayoub
Jonathan Betten
Marko Cerne
Bryan Cuellar Rojas
Adam Houk
Zack Keller
Aaron Sun
Phillip Varvak

Bass 2

Matthew Ciampa
Lucas Kaufman
Jonathan-Bruce King
Sawyer Mulfinger
Aidan Provost
Christian Trodden
Rongzhen Froome Wang

Mount Holyoke College Chorale
Rachel Feldman, Conductor

Lux Ai	Ida Grace Fendell	Mo Mulready	Emmanuella Umoye
Gigi Bashaw	Abigail Files	Madison Newsham	Eleftheria Vogiatzoglou
Diksha Batra	Rigel Gordon	Abigail Nguyen	Kapper Wang
Megan Bliamptis	Nora He	Grace Robes-	Serafina Wang
Sarah Briggs	Alanna Hu	Kenworthy	Anqi Wei
Eleanor Campbell	Chii Kojima	Laura Sacktor	Tori Whitney
Grace Carlomagno	Lexy Lee	Nc Sansom Botstein	Krista Xiao
Dadria Chen	Abby Letourneau	Briana Sapini	Jessie Xu
Hoi Ching Chan	Molly Malloy	Ella Sloss	Yiheng Yao
Lauren Comeau	Bella Mattson	Alyssa Solleder	Claire Yuan
Tiko Dolidze	Nic McGrath	Johanna Sullivan	Ashley Zhang
Samantha Estrada		Alex Taylor	

Mount Holyoke College Glee Club
Rachel Feldman, Conductor

Megan Anderson	Ari Finkelstein	Estella Lin	Catherine Vasilenko
Abigail Brown	Fiona Gillogly	Yujia Liu	Cecilia West
Kibriya Cooper-Malek	Maya Goldwasser	Lucía Rose Morey	Claire Williamson
Katherine Dalessi	Emma Harrison	Hannah Morrill	Mackenzie Windus
Francesca Dawn	Milena Insalaco	Julia Moser	Sylvia Wood
Khelia Deratus	Kristen Johnson	Caroline Murrar	Amelia Zamonski
Zora Duquette-	Clara Kakuk	Emese Nemeth	Ellie Zimmerman
Hoffman	Colleen Laird	Mae Philippe-Auguste	
Lexi Esparza	Sophia LaRocca	Camille Robinson-Parisi	
Sabrina Farrar			

Mount Holyoke College Chamber Singers
Rachel Feldman, Conductor

Megan Anderson	Kristen Johnson	Sophia LaRocca	Sophie Schempp
Mariana Considine	Clara Kakuk	Lauren Maryea	Catherine Vasilenko
Ari Finkelstein	Colleen Laird	Emese Nemeth	Sylvia Wood
Evelyn Griffin	Yujia Liu	Mae Philippe-Auguste	Amelia Zamonski
Persephone Gu			

Amherst College Choral Society

Arianne Abela, Conductor

Maura Glennon, Pianist

Glee Club

Soprano

Abigail Dustin *
Alice Rogers
Alina Zhou
Alyssa Tsuyuki
Amber Nelson
Angela Chen
Annika Bajaj
Bek Herz
Brenna Kaplan-Keshguerian
Cameron Mueller-Harder
Caroline Pace *
Cat Sarosi
Ema Yamaguchi
Jeanyna Garcia
Julissa Tello
Leslie Lopez
Luissa Huetter
Logan Maniscalco
Mabel Shanahan
Olivia Steele
Shirley Fu
Shuyao Charlotte Wang
Xiaoping Teng

Alto

Alexandra Conklin
Anna Hogarth
Anna Lyons
Belem Oseguera Duran
Caroline Wu
Cassidy Pawul
Christine Lee
Daphne Theiler
Emma Abell
Eva Nelson
Eva Tsitohay
Hannah Gariepy
Katya Besch
Lynn Lee
Martha Odhiambo
Olivia Fajardo
Ryan Kyle
Sofia Angarita
Victoria Gallastegui

Tenor

Andres De La Torre
Danial Valentin
Haoran Tong
Jeffrey Zhou
Maryam Abuissa
Patrick Spoor
Sam Wright
Shay Hernandez
Skyler McDonnell

Bass

Adrian Martin
Du Bai
Gilbert Wermeling
Hayden Gadd
Jesse Seid
Nat Roth
Nathan Lee
Owen Cannon
Sean Kim

** Smith College Student*

Concert Choir

Soprano

Abigail Dustin *
Alice Rogers
Alyssa Tsuyuki
Annika Bajaj
Brenna Kaplan-Keshguerian
Cameron Mueller-Harder
Caroline Pace *
Ema Yamaguchi
Julissa Tello
Logan Maniscalco

Alto

Alexandra Conklin
Anna Hogarth
Anna Lyons
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