WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OF THE ARTS OF RIDER UNIVERSITY-



An evening



Conductors
Ryan Brandau
James Jordan
Kathleen Ebling Shaw
Amanda Quist

Westminster Chapel Choir Westminster Concert Bell Choir Westminster Schola Cantorum Westminster Symphonic Choir

Alan Morrison, organ

with guest artists
Solid Brass
Princeton Girlchoir
Tom T. Shelton, Jr., conductor

December 13 & December 15, 2013 Princeton University Chapel



The audience is asked to withhold all applause until after the recessional.

➢ Pre-concert Music ◆

Heroic Music Georg Philipp Telemann

(1681-1767)

Solid Brass Alan Morrison, organ

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

(1803-1856) arr. Canadian Brass

Solid Brass Alan Morrison, organ

Festival Sanctus Cathy Moklebust

(b. 1958)

Westminster Concert Bell Choir

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel" Adolphus Hailstork

(b. 1941)

Alan Morrison, organ

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles
(1892-1980)

arr. Steve Pilkington

(b. 1956)

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor orn'ry people like you and like I.

If Jesus had wanted any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
All of God's angels in heaven sing,

I wonder as I wander out under the sky. He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the king.

When Mary birth'd Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall

With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.

But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,

And the promise of the ages it did then recall.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,

How Jesus the Savior did come for to die

For poor orn'ry people like you and like I.

I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

Westminster Chapel Choir Sawyer Branham, mezzo-soprano

James Whitbourn Missa Carolae (b. 1963)

Processional Introit: Kyrie Eleison

Guillô play your tambourin, Robin with your flute begin, Play your pipe and play your drum,

Tu-re-lu-re-lu! Pa-ta-pa-ta-pan!

Play your pipe and play your drum. Sing Nowell to all and some!

For unto us a child is born, Unto us a Son is given:

And the government shall be upon his shoulder:

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,

The might God, The everlasting Father,

The Prince of Peace.

Dance and sing and leap with joy At the birth of the infant boy.

Dance with pipe and dance with drum.

Tu-re-lu-re-lu! Pa-ta-pa-ta-pan!

Dance with pipe and dance with drum

For to us is born a Son.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,

Upon them hath the light shined.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Texts: James Whitbourn's translation of "Guillô, pran ton tamborin!" by Bernard de la Monnoye (1641-1728); Isaiah 9, and the Latin Mass

Combined Chiors

Jacob Ezzo, percussion - Nicola Santoro, soprano - Jessica Kerler, alto - Theresa Norris, piccolo

READING: Bidding Pilkington

> Lois Laverty, Professor Emerita (Friday, December 13) Steve Pilkington, Associate Professor of Sacred Music (Sunday, December 15)

CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Fanfare Verse IV arr. Ken Cowan (b. 1974)

words and melody by J.F. Wade (1711-1786)arr. Sir David Willcocks (b. 1919)

All who are willing and able are invited to stand and join in the singing

1. O come, all ye faithful,

Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him

Born the King of angels:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord!

Glory to God

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

2. God of God,

Light of Light,

Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Very God,

Begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels,

Sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

In the highest:

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,

Born this happy morning;

Jesu, to Thee be glory given;

Word of the Father,

Now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord!

READING: Christmas Eve Night

Mary Wellemeyer

Linda Bowden, New Jersey Regional President, PNC Bank (Friday, December 13) Emmalee Carr, Community Coordinator, One Princeton (Sunday, December 15)

I Saw Three Ships

arr. Tom T. Shelton, Jr.

(b. 1966)

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morning. And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three? On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the angels in Heaven shall sing on Christmas day in the morning.

Pray, whither sailed those ships all three? O, they sailed into Bethlehem.

Then let us all rejoice amain on Christmas day in the morning.

Our Savior, Christ, and His lady, On Christmas day in the morning. And all the souls on earth shall sing, on Christmas day in the morning.

Princeton Girlchoir

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

(b. 1943)

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepio! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.

Alleluia.

Text: Responsory following the 4th Lesson of the II. Nocturn of Matins for Christmas Day

Westminster Schola Cantorum

Alleluia!

I Am the Gentle Light

Paul Mealor

(b. 1975)

I am the gentle light, the stars at night, the morning bright; I am the still, small voice, The living choice, the heart's rejoice. And if you follow me, I'll be With you for all eternity; I will hold on to you, my love will set you free.

I am forever love, Light from above; the peaceful dove; I am your loving friend, your heart I tend, until the end. And if you follow me, I'll be With you for all eternity; I will hold on to you, my love will set you free.

I am forever, my love will set you free.

Princeton Girlchoir

There Is No Rose of Such Virtue

Robert H. Young (1923-2011)

There is no rose of such virtue, As is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was Heav'n and earth in little space; Res miranda (Wondrous thing).

By the rose we may well see That he is God in persons three; Pari forma (Of the same form). The angels sung the shepherds to, Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gaudeamus (Let us rejoice).

Leave we all this wordly mith, And follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus (Let us go).!

Westminster Chapel Choir

Festival First Nowell (World Premiere)

arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

All who are willing and able are invited to stand and join in the singing

(All)

The first Nowell the angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Born is the King of Israel

(Women)

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the East beyond them far; (Men) And to the Earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

(Choir only)

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Born is the King of Israel.

(All)

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord That hath made heav'n and Earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Born is the King of Israel

READING: Give Us the Spirit of the Child

Sara Moores Campbell

Vinroy Brown, Class of 2015 (Friday, December 13) Brian Sengdala, Class of 2014 (Sunday, December 15)

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876) arr. Arnold B. Sherman (b. 1948)

Westminster Concert Bell Choir

Gloria I. Allegro vivace

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, Benedicimus te, Adoramus te, Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnum gloriam tuam. Glory to God in the Highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee, We bless thee, We worship thee, We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory.

Text: Ordinary of the Latin Mass

Westminster Symphonic Choir Westminster Schola Cantorum

See Dat Babe arr. Stacey V. Gibbs (b. 1962)

See dat Babe in the lowly manguh He gon' take all my sin away. He gon' reign wit my God on glory One of dese days, yes one of dese days.

He was born of de Virgin Mary To bring peace to a weary land He come down from the God in heaben, Oh, behol' de Son of Man.

Was no room in the inn, dey tol' Him An' dey sent my Lawd away. He was wrapped in swaddlin' clothes An' He was born in a manguh hay. Oh, come behol' de Baby Jesus, See dat Baby, see dat Baby, Oh behol' de newborn King.

See dat Babe, oh, see my Lawd One of dese days, yes one of dese days. One of dese days, O yes He gon' reign, One of dese days.

Westminster Chapel Choir

CAROL: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) arr. Willcocks

All who are willing and able are invited to stand and join in the singing

(All)

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King, Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"
- (Choir only)
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley

(All)

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

READING: Going the Rounds

Thomas Hardy (1814-1910) adapted by Diana Crane

Diana Crane, Professor Emerita

Basque Carol: The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

arr. Joel Raney (b. 1956)

Westminster Concert Bell Choir

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Setting by Pilkington

Polish carol translated by Edith M. G. Reed

W żłobie leży! Któż pobieży Kolędować małemu Jezusowi Chrystusowi Dziś nam narodzonemu? Pastuszkowie przybywajcie Jemu wdzięcznie przygrywajcie Jako Panu naszemu.

Infant holy,
infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing,
little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging
angels singing,
noels ringing,
tidings bringing,
winging, singing, ringing the good news:

Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow free from sorrow, praises glory sing: Christ the babe was born for you.

Combined Choirs

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

arr. Joseph M. Martin

(b. 1959)

O Morning Star, send forth your light. Bring heaven's glory to our night. Together we shall praise you. O Righteous Star, shine through our song. Renew our voices, keep us strong.

Awake in us your music.
Alleluia! Jubilate! Exsultate!
Sing the story, wake the dawn.

Let music shine the light of glory.

Oh, let the choir break forth in sound, Our joy and peace with music crowned,

One voice, one song, forever.

Or shining hope, one God above, One holy light, one perfect Love, One faith binds us together.

Amen.

Jubilate, Exsultate, Alleluia!

Combined Choirs

All Bells in Paradise Rutter

Deep in the cold of winter, Darkness and silence were ev'rywhere; Softly and clearly, There came through the stillness a wonderful sound to hear:

All bells in paradise I heard them ring, Sounding in majesty the news that they bring; All bells in paradise I heard them ring, Welcoming our Savior, born on earth a heavenly King.

All bells in paradise I heard them ring: "Glory to God on high' the angel voices sing.

Lost in awe and wonder, Doubting, I asked what this sign might be: Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable, A marvelous sight to see. All bells in paradise I heard them ring, Sounding in majesty the news that they bring; All bells in paradise I heard them ring, Welcoming our Savior, born on earth a heavenly King.

He comes down in peace, a child in humility, The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor; Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures, gold, incense and myrrh.

All bells in paradise I heard them ring, Sounding in majesty the news that they bring; All bells in paradise I heard them ring, Welcoming our Savior, born on earth a heavenly King.

All bells in paradise I heard them ring: 'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sweetly sing.

Combined Choirs

CAROL: Silent Night

Franz Gruber (1787-1863) arr. Cowan

All who are willing and able are invited to stand and join in the singing

- Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia: Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!"
- Silent night, holy night,
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from thy holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Ringing in the Season

Westminster Concert Bell Choir

All who are willing and able are invited to stand and join in the singing

- 1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and heav'n, and nature sing.
- 2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ, While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
 The glories of his righteousness,
 And wonders of his love,
 And wonders of his love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

Recessional and Postlude &

L'annee d'or Joel Phillips (b. 1958)

Solid Brass Alan Morrison, *organ*

Prelude on "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

Rutter

Alan Morrison, organ

ALAN MORRISON is associate professor of organ at Westminster Choir College of Rider University and chairman of the organ department at The Curtis Institute of Music. He maintains an active and versatile career as a recitalist, chamber musician, orchestral soloist, adjudicator, teacher and recording artist. He has performed in virtually all the major organ venues/concert halls in the United States. His performance during the inaugural festival of the Dobson organ in Philadelphia's Kimmel Center (Verizon Hall), where he performs regularly, drew laudatory reviews from numerous national publications. His latest CD from Verizon Hall features the Organ Concerto by Eric Sessler (with The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia) and other solo works. Recent performances include recitals is Los Angeles, Atlanta, San Antonio, Orlando, Philadelphia (Verizon Hall at The Kimmel Center), a return engagement with The Dekalb Symphony Orchestra performing Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini and his 12th appearance in Spivey Hall. This current season features recitals throughout the United States and he is the only American invited to give a solo recital and serve as judge for the St. Alban's International Organ Festival (U.K.) in July 2013.

He has performed at four national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists and has won top prizes in numerous competitions, among them the Silver Medal at the Calgary International Organ Festival and First Prize in both the Mader and Poister National Organ Competitions. A champion of new music, he has premiered works by composers such as Bolcom, Locklair, Maxson-Porter, Bennett, Sessler, Spong, Chilcott and Gillingham. His discography includes 12 CD's on Gothic, ACA, DTR and Halyx labels.

He is a graduate of Curtis and Juilliard, receiving degrees in both organ and piano accompanying/chamber music. His teachers include John Weaver, Cherry Rhodes, Sarah Martin (organ), Robert Harvey, Vladimir Sokoloff and Susan Starr (piano). www.alanmorrison.com

RYAN JAMES BRANDAU joins Westminster Choir College this year to assist with Westminster Symphonic Choir. He is currently artistic director of Princeton Pro Musica. Dr. Brandau returns to the east coast from California, where he was artistic director of the Santa Clara Chorale, director of choral activities at Santa Clara University and interim artistic director of musae. Prior to these appointments, he was assistant director of choral activities at Smith College; choirmaster of the highly acclaimed all-professional choir of Christ Church, New Haven, Conn.; and director of the Valley Voices, a chamber chorus in Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley. He has also worked with the United Girls Choir of North Haven and the Episcopal Church at Yale; served as principal assistant conductor of the Yale Camerata; and taught counterpoint and harmony in the music department at Yale College.

As a professional singer, he has performed with ensembles in the United States, Europe and Asia, including the American Bach Soloists, the Arcadia Players, the Yale Schola Cantorum and the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge. He remains active as a choral arranger, composer and clinician, and his arrangements and compositions have been featured by choral ensembles throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Dr. Brandau received a Master of Musical Arts, Master of Music and Doctorate of Musical Arts from the Yale School of Music, where he studied conducting with Simon Carrington and Marguerite Brooks. Prior to pursuing graduate study in conducting, Ryan attended the University of Cambridge in the U.K. as a Gates Scholar, earning an MPhil in Historical Musicology. In Cambridge, he founded a women's chamber choir, Conspiratio, and sang with the choirs of Jesus, King's and Clare Colleges. He received his B.A. in music, magna cum laude, from Princeton University.

Conductor of the Westminster Concert Bell Choir, KATHLEEN EBLING SHAW is a member of the Sacred Music Department at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, where she teaches classes in handbell training and conducts a second handbell choir. A graduate of Westminster Choir College, she is also director of music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Doylestown, Pa.

Well known as a handbell clinician, Mrs. Shaw has conducted sessions for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers both on the local and national levels. Other engagements have included sessions for the American Guild of Organists; the New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Texas Music Educators Conferences; Presbyterian Association of Musicians Conferences; the St. Olaf Church Music Conference; and International Handbell Symposia in Japan, England, Korea, Australia and the United States.

She traveled with the Westminster Concert Bell Choir during a critically acclaimed 15-city North American "A Royal Christmas" tour, performing with Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Charlotte Church and the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. Most recently, she conducted the Westminster Concert Bell Choir in an appearance with singer Josh Groban on NBC's nationally televised Lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree.

Choirs under the direction of Mrs. Shaw have performed at Carnegie Hall and the World Financial Center's Festival of Light and Sound. They have also been featured on Lifetime Television, QVC, NBC's TODAY Show, New Jersey Network and Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

She has also produced six recordings with the Westminster Concert Bell Choir: Westminster Rings!, Praise and Adoration, Christmas at Westminster: The Westminster Concert Bell Choir, By Request, Westminster Concert Bell Choir: 30th Anniversary Collection and A Time To Dance.

Mrs. Shaw is also the recipient of an Alumni Merit Award from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in recognition of her dedication to the art of handbell ringing and her enthusiasm and accomplishments in the classroom as well as the concert hall.

TOM T. SHELTON, JR. (Associate Director, Conductor, Cantores) is a native of Greensboro, NC and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with both a Bachelor of Music Education Degree and Master of Music in Choral Conducting. He recently joined the faculty of Westminster Choir College as Assistant Professor of Sacred Music.

Mr. Shelton has a passion for music education in all areas: church, school, and community. He taught middle school choral music in Winston-Salem (NC) for eighteen years. During this time he was selected "Teacher of the Year" for both Atkins and Kernersville Middle Schools, and in 1999 was presented the NC Middle School Music "Teacher of the Year" award by the NC Music Educators Association. Prior to moving to NJ, Mr. Shelton served as Associate Director of Music for Children & Youth at First Presbyterian Church (Greensboro) and worked with the Greensboro Youth Chorus Organization as conductor of the Chorale.

Mr. Shelton is active in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), where he served as the President for the Southern Division (2011-2012), National Repertoire and Standards Chair for Junior High/Middle School Choirs (2007-2009), and President for NC ACDA (2005-2007). He currently serves as the R&S Chair for Youth & Student Activities for NJ ACDA.

An active conductor and clinician, Mr. Shelton has conducted elementary, middle, and high school festivals and honor choirs throughout the United States and in Hong Kong. He has compositions published by Colla Voce Music, Heritage Music Press, Hinshaw Music Company, and Santa Barbara Music Press.

2014 Grammy nominated conductor, JAMES JORDAN is recognized and praised around the musical world as one of the nation's pre-eminent conductors, writers and innovators in choral music. The most published performer/author in the world and described as a "visionary" by *Choral Journal*, he has written more than 30 books on all aspects of the choral art. His book *Evoking Sound* was cited as a "must read" on a list of six books by *Choral Journal*. Professor and senior conductor at Westminster Choir College, he conducts the Westminster Schola Cantorum and the Westminster Williamson Voices.

He has made two recordings of the music of James Whitbourn with the Westminster Williamson Voices on the Naxos label. Another recording, Angels in the Architecture, has also garnered wide critical acclaim. Gramophone hailed him as a conductor of "forceful and intimate choral artistry" and Choir and Organ wrote about his recording of Annelies, "Jordan's instinctive understanding of the score makes this a profound and emotionally charged experience."

Dr. Jordan's career and publications have been devoted to innovative educational changes in the choral art, which have been embraced around the world. His writings have shaped far-reaching changes in conducting pedagogy and the teaching of rhythm applying Laban Effort/Shape to music teaching at all levels. In 2012, he received the *Iorio Research Prize* from Rider University.

His residencies, master classes and guest conducting have taken him throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. He has conducted more than 30 All-State Choirs, and in 2009 he was named to the choral panel for The National Endowment for the Arts. Dr. Jordan serves as artistic director of the Westminster Conducting Institute, one of the nation's leading summer programs for the training and education of conductors and in the summer of 2013 inaugurated the Westminster Choral Institute at Oxford, a unique partnership with St. Stephen's House, one of the Halls of Oxford University.

During the 2013-14 academic year Dr. Jordan will be accorded two distinctive honors for his contributions to choral music around the world. He will be inducted by the Temple University Alumni Association into its Hall of Success, and he will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Music degree by the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

As a member of the Westminster Choir College faculty, Dr. AMANDA QUIST conducts the Chapel Choir, Westminster Kantorei, and teaches conducting. In the past year Kantorei has collaborated with British vocal ensemble Tenebrae, and was invited to sing at the American Handel Festival. During her work with the Westminster Symphonic Choir, she collaborated with artists such as Alan Gilbert and the New York Philharmonic, Yannick Nezet-Seguin and the Philadelphia Orchestra, and composers Ola Gjeilo and Tarik O'Regan. Dr. Quist recently served as Chorus Master for the North American premiere of Toshio Hosokawa's Matsukaze for Spoleto Festival USA and the Lincoln Center Festival. Reviews from the Charleston City Paper and The Post and Courier described the chorus' performance as "beautifully prepared," "gripping," and "bridging the vocal and instrumental textures with perfect intonation."

Dr. Quist is director of the Westminster Vocal Institute, and was previously Director of Choral Activities at San José State University. Dr. Quist has received numerous awards as a teacher and conductor, including the prestigious James Mulholland National Choral Fellowship, the Texas Choral Directors Association Professional Scholarship and the Audrey Davidson Early Music Award. Her research focus is voice science and pedagogy in the choral setting, and she will present an Interest Session for the Eastern Division ACDA Conference entitled "Building Sound and Spirit," featuring Westminster Kantorei. An active adjudicator and clinician, Dr. Quist regularly conducts honor choirs and presents at music conferences.

Upcoming appearances include the Georgia ACDA/GMEA Collegiate Honor Choir, the Southern California Vocal Association Honor Choir, and the New York ACDA Honor Choir, and the Southwestern Division ACDA Honor Choir in Little Rock, AR. Dr. Quist serves as the National ACDA R&S Chair for Youth and Student Activities..

DAN FORREST has been described as "a composer of substance" (Columbus Dispatch), whose works have been hailed as "...magnificent, very cleverly constructed sound sculpture" (San Francisco Classical Voice), and "superb choral writing...full of spine-tingling moments" (Salt Lake Tribune). Born in 1978, He is a pianist-turned-composer whose music has already established a lasting presence in the U.S. and abroad.

Forrest's choral works have received numerous awards and distinctions, including the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer's Award, the ACDA Raymond Brock Award, Meet The Composer grants, the Raabe Prize, the Donald Sutherland Endowment award, and many others. His "A Basque Lullaby" for wind band was included in Volume 8 of the well-known Teaching Music Through Performance In Band series. His music has been broadcast on NPR's "Performance Today", and has been performed in leading venues across the country and around the world, including Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center.

Recent and upcoming performances of Forrest's music include the premiere of Entreat Me Not To Leave You at the 2012 World Choral Symposium in Argentina; a new setting of the Navy Hymn commissioned for a President's Day memorial concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.; Himenami, commissioned by the Tenjo Hanabi choir (Osaka, Japan) in memorial of the Japanese tsunami; two premieres at the 2013 National ACDA conference in Dallas; and a commission for the Westminster Choir College Readings and Carols in Princeton Chapel, December 2013. His new major work, Requiem for the Living, received overwhelming acclaim at its premiere in March 2013, and is scheduled for numerous upcoming performances across the US and around the world, including multiple performances in Carnegie Hall in 2014.

Forrest has a choral series in his name with Hinshaw Music and serves as associate editor at Beckenhorst Press. He has served as an adjudicator for numerous composition contests (including the John Ness Beck Foundation and the Southern Division MTNA), has been recognized in Who's Who In America multiple times, and currently serves on the editorial board of the peer-reviewed journal The Artistic Theologian. He keeps a full schedule of commissions, workshops, and residencies with universities, churches, and community choirs, and remains active as an accompanist and recording producer.

He holds a doctoral degree in composition from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in piano performance. He is a former professor of music at Bob Jones University, where he served as Department Head of Music Theory and Composition for several years.

More information about Dan Forrest and his music can be found at www.danforrest.com.



The WESTMINSTER SYMPHONIC CHOIR is composed of the juniors, seniors and half of the graduate students at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. It has recorded and performed with major orchestras under virtually every internationally acclaimed conductor of the past 77 years. Recognized as one of the world's leading choral ensembles, the choir has sung more than 350 performances with the New York Philharmonic alone.

The ensemble's 2013-2014 season includes performances of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 and Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage with The Philadelphia Orchestra and Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Handel's Messiah with the New York Philharmonic and Andrew Manze, Rachmaninoff's The Bells with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Vladimir Jurowski, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the Vienna Chamber Orchestra conducted by Mark Laycock and Rouse's Requiem with the New York Philharmonic and Alan Gilbert.

Recent seasons have included performances with the Berliner Philharmoniker conducted by Sir Simon Rattle, Dresden Staatskapelle conducted by Daniel Harding, the Lucerne Festival Orchestra conducted by David Robertson, San Francisco Symphony conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas, Staatskapelle Berlin conducted by Pierre Boulez and the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mariss Jansons.

Founded in 1949, the WESTMINSTER CHAPEL CHOIR takes its name from Westminster's rich history of leadership in the field of sacred music. The ensemble has evolved over the years, and today its repertoire includes both sacred and secular works. Composed of students in their first year of study at Westminster Choir College, this ensemble is a defining choral experience that remains with Westminster alumni throughout their lives.

The ensemble's 2012-2013 season features performances in Princeton, including the annual An Evening of Readings and Carols concert and broadcast, as well as the third annual Westminster Invitational Chamber Choir Festival. Recent seasons have included performances of Mozart's Coronation Mass with the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra and Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms with the Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, as well as concerts in Newtown, Pa. and Wilton, Conn. The Westminster Chapel Choir has also performed with a number of symphony orchestras, including the Trenton Symphony Orchestra (N.J.), the York Symphony (Pa.) and the Queens Symphony (N.Y.). At the request of Leopold Stokowski, the ensemble premiered Universal Prayer by Polish composer Adrezej Panufnik. It was heard by millions when it sang for the annual televised Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Rockefeller Center. Previous performances have also included participation in Princeton University's "Opera and Society" Conference, where it was the featured chorus for the conference and a chapel service honoring the centennial of world-renowned organist and teacher Alexander McCurdy, Jr.

The ensemble has also performed several world premieres of works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Lewis Spratlan, Stefan Young, Ronald Hemmel and Philip Orr.

WESTMINSTER SCHOLA CANTORUM is one of three curricular choirs at Westminster Choir College. Composed of all students in their second year of study at the college, this ensemble forms a vital link between the technique and artistry gained by students in their first-year experience at the college in the Westminster Chapel Choir and Westminster Symphonic Choir, which performs with many of the world's finest orchestras and is a cornerstone of the Westminster experience. The second year of ensemble performance study focuses on refinement of ensemble skills combined with choral literature appropriate to both the musical growth and artistic understanding of the singers in the ensemble. Westminster Choir College is the only college in the world that focuses its program around a student's choral experiences. Unique to this experience is that students sing with their class for two years to not only build their artistry but to strengthen their sense of community and what it is to sing together. This vision was the core value of the institution's founder, John Finley Williamson. Westminster Schola Cantorum is also the only curricular choir that annually tours in the spring. All students in this ensemble study with Westminster's acclaimed voice faculty, the largest voice faculty in the world. In their second year of study, students may audition for Westminster's small ensembles: Westminster Choir, Westminster Williamson Voices, Westminster Kantorei, Westminster Jubilee Singers and Westminster Concert Handbell Choir. Many of the singers in Schola Cantorum are also members of those ensembles.

In past seasons, the choir has performed major works in the choral repertoire: Britten's St. Nicolas, Duruflé's Requiem, Poulenc's Gloria, Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna and Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms. Two years ago, the choir joined in a critically acclaimed performance of Rachmanioff's The Bells with The Princeton Symphony conducted by Rossen Milanov.

In addition to its fall concert and spring tour to Virginia and North Carolina, the choir is one of the Westminster ensembles featured in the college's popular Evening of Readings and Carols, which will be presented in December.

The 16-member WESTMINSTER CONCERT BELL CHOIR is composed of undergraduate and graduate students of Westminster Choir College of Rider University. Its director is Kathleen Ebling Shaw. This year celebrates the 36th year of the handbell curriculum at Westminster Choir College which was the first institution in the world to develop such a program.

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The Choir has performed at Carnegie Hall twice during the Christmas season and was featured on New Jersey Network's State of the Arts program.

In December 2002 the ensemble joined Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Charlotte Church and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for a critically acclaimed 15-city tour entitled "A Royal Christmas." Most recently, the Choir joined singer Josh Groban, appearing on NBC's nationally televised Lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree.

The Choir has made nine recordings: The Pealing Bells, Westminster Concert Bell Choir, Christmas Bells, Westminster Rings!, Praise and Adoration, Christmas at Westminster: The Westminster Concert Bell Choir, By Request, Westminster Concert Bell Choir: 30th Anniversary Collection and A Time To Dance.

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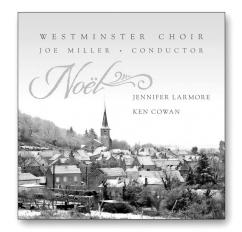


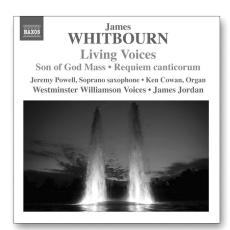
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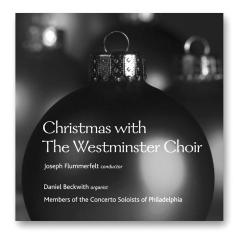
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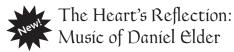
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