

Choral Connections 2009

October 26, 2009

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

Matthew Ferrell, conductor • Ann Oleksowicz, accompanist

My Spirit Sang All Day
Sure on this Shining Night

Gerald Finzi
Morten Lauridsen

ST. CLOUD CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

James Lalley, conductor • Linda Kothman, accompanist

Loch Lomond
Praise His Holy Name!

arr. Jonathan Quick
Keith Hampton

ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

Kevin Kiffmeyer, conductor • Susan Hill, accompanist

O My Love's Like a Red, Red Rose

René Clausen

Kara Mather, violin • Kaela Kopp, cello

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

Dale Grotenhuis

SAUK RAPIDS-RICE HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

Andrew Hasty, conductor • Julian Euteneuer, accompanist

Sing Me to Heaven
Four Strong Winds
Keep Your Lamps

Daniel E. Gawthrop
Ian Tyson, arr. Larry Nickel
André Thomas

Performed with the St. John's Preparatory Choir

ST. JOHN'S PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

David Paulson, conductor

Secure
Walk a Mile

Craig Courtney
Pepper Choplin

ST. CLOUD APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

Jason Parker, conductor

Famine Song
Neither Angels, Nor Demons, Nor Powers
Elijah Rock

VIDA, arr. Matthew Culloton
Timothy C. Tackach
arr. Moses Hogan

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR

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Twa Tanbou
The Stars Stand Up in the Air
Timor et Tremor
Rejoice!

Sydney Guillaume
Eric William Barnum
Terry Schlenker
Jeffery L. Ames

St. Cloud Cathedral High School Concert Choir

The Cathedral Concert Choir is a semi-auditioned choir at Cathedral High School/John XXIII Middle School. The class meets every day and is comprised of students in grades 10-12. The choir performs music from all styles and genres.

James Lalley, conductor

James Lalley is in his 2nd year as director of the choral program at Cathedral High School/John XXIII Middle School, where he currently directs six ensembles. He holds a B.A. in Vocal Music Education from the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

St. Cloud Technical High School Concert Choir

The St. Cloud Tech High School Concert Choir is an auditioned ensemble of 75 juniors and seniors. They are a part of a choral music program that involves approximately 280 students in grades 9-12. There are four select small groups auditioned from the membership of Concert Choir (Chamber Singers, Pop Singers, Men's Ensemble, Women's Ensemble). These ensembles perform regularly at Tech choral events and are highly visible throughout the St. Cloud area, performing at various functions. The Men's and Women's Ensembles perform the National Anthem frequently during



St. Cloud State Department of Music

The Department of Music at St. Cloud State is the most comprehensive music department in the McSCU system with 17 full-time and 17 part-time faculty and 140 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in music degree programs. The SCSU Department of Music is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. It serves students with career interest in music (music education, conducting, performance, composition, piano pedagogy, and numerous other music related professions), students who wish to enhance their university education by performing, creating, and experiencing music, and students from other departments with interdisciplinary and professional needs in music.



In addition to academic music courses, the department offers students a wealth of performance opportunities through participation in one or more of its music ensembles. The music ensembles, open to all students on campus, include four choirs, opera theatre, three bands, an orchestra, jazz ensemble, and numerous smaller chamber ensembles. Music ensembles tour the state and region every year, with the St. Cloud State Choir, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Orchestra engaging in major national or international tours on a rotating basis. Our music groups have performed in global venues, including the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Mexico, and the People's Republic of China. SCSU music ensembles have been recognized by invitations to perform for the American Choral Directors Association, the College Band Directors National Association, the Music Educators National Conference, and in New York's prestigious Carnegie Hall. International music study is also available to eligible music students. As one of the most visible and active departments on campus, the Department of Music presents over 150 public performances for over 20,000 people each year.



St. Cloud State University

Located on the banks of the Mississippi River in the rapidly growing metropolitan area of St. Cloud Minnesota, is St. Cloud State University. Founded in 1869, St. Cloud State University is one of the largest of the 34 state-supported colleges and university within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. With over 15,000 students, the university has become a major multi-purpose institution of higher education with a national reputation for excellence and a tradition of opportunity for students throughout the United States and the world. SCSU provides the education and training necessary for students to succeed in careers in areas such as business, fine arts, industry, medicine, education, and government through the Colleges of Business, Education, Fine Arts and Humanities, Science and Engineering, the Social Sciences, and the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies.

Music Scholarship Information

Audition Date: Saturday, February 6 • Application Deadline: January 22
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DVD and YouTube recorded auditions submitted on or before February 6th will be accepted. Live auditions with personal visits are preferred. Applications must be complete and accompanied by letters of recommendation.

Please contact Dr. Daniel O'Bryant, Scholarship Committee Chair at dkobryant@stcloudstate.edu or (320) 308-2280 with questions.

represents the university at important events, produces recordings, and makes annual tours regionally, nationally, and internationally. In May of 2008, the choir toured Germany, France, and Switzerland where they presented the European premiere of Stephen Paulus' Holocaust Oratorio, *To Be Certain of the Dawn*, at the site of a former Nazi concentration camp in Natzweil-Struthof. Other international tours have included Sweden, Norway, Bermuda, Mexico, and the Czech Republic. The choir has also performed at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis, O'Shaughnessey Auditorium in St. Paul, and at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall in New York City. Performances with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Manhattan Philharmonic, the Dale Warland Singers, and Swedish conductor Eric Ericson highlight further accomplishments of the choir.



Matthew Ferrell, conductor

Matthew Ferrell serves as Interim Director of Choral Activities at St. Cloud State University, where he guides all aspects of the choral program and conducts the SCSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. He teaches courses in graduate choral conducting, advanced undergraduate conducting, and class voice. Prior to his appointment at SCSU, he served as Director of Choral Activities at Brooklyn College, Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Ferrell has completed course work for a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting at the University of Miami (a student of Jo-Michael Scheibe), where he is completing his doctoral essay titled, "Professional Singers' Perspectives on Healthy Vocal Technique for Choral and Solo Singing." In 2005 he received a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Temple University (a student of Alan Harler), and in 2000 received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from The Hartt School – University of Hartford.

Mr. Ferrell has worked with vocal and instrumental ensembles at every level from elementary school through university, including professional choirs and orchestras. He was appointed Director of Choirs at New Lebanon High School in New York from 2000-2003. From 2005-2008 he directed the Ocean Reef Chapel Choir; a professional ensemble composed of singers drawn from the advanced choirs at the University of Miami. From 2006-2008 he served as Associate Conductor of the Master Chorale of South Florida. In this position Mr. Ferrell assisted in the preparation of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* with the Cleveland Orchestra. In addition, he conducted the Boca Raton Symphonia in several performances.

Mr. Ferrell has been awarded conducting fellowships at prominent summer institutions. Through these organizations and other master classes he has studied under many renowned conductors including Dale Warland, Helmuth Rilling, Robert Porco, Weston Noble, Charles Bruffy, James Jordan, and Marin Alsop. He is an active member of the American Choral Directors' Association, the College Music Society, Phi Mu Alpha, and Chorus America.

the year, including annual visits to the Metrodome to sing for Twins games. The Concert Choir is active in three to four major concerts each year, including biennial major choral work performance with orchestra. The choir tours annually, leaving the state on alternate years. During the past 24 years they have been selected to perform at three Minnesota Music Educator's Association Mid-Winter Clinics held in Minneapolis and have been selected as a solo choir at a number of music festivals in Minnesota. Tech students are proud of the rich tradition of choral music the school has enjoyed for many years!



Kevin Kiffmeyer, conductor

Kevin Kiffmeyer is in his 30th year of teaching and his 26th year as Director of Choral Music Activities at Tech. He holds a B.A. from St. John's University and an M.M. from St. Cloud State University. He is also involved as a football coach at Tech.

Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Concert Choir

The SRRHS Concert Choir consists of about fifty singers during the first trimester, and about seventy-five the rest of the year. This ensemble meets daily for seventy minutes, working to prepare for four major concerts. The choir takes time in the fall to work on community and team building through numerous activities the first 2 weeks leading up to and culminating in the intense annual choir football game. The students continue to work on teamwork throughout the year. Students also have the task of mastering basic music theory and build sight-singing skills year-round. These singers enjoy challenging choral repertoire and a rigorous performance schedule during the year. This winter the choir will be touring Austria and Germany for a ten-day tour. Sauk Rapids-Rice Choirs have enjoyed a tradition of successful ensembles at State and Regional contests. About 190 students are involved in the choral program at SRRHS in a multitude of ensembles.



Andrew Hasty, conductor

Andrew Hasty conducts the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers Storm Singers, Treble Choir, and Varsity Choir at SRRHS. Additionally, he teaches voice lessons and the History of Rock and Roll course. He also serves as the music director for the fall musical.

Mr. Hasty, in his fourth year at SRRHS, received his B.A. in K-12 Vocal/Classroom

Music Education from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN where he studied and sang under Dr. Gregory Aune. He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and the Minnesota Music Educators Association. Ensembles under his direction have received numerous Superior ratings at State and Regional Contests. Previous to coming to SRRHS, he taught 9-12 choirs at Rockford High School, and at Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School.

St. John's Preparatory High School Choir

The award winning Saint John's Preparatory School Choir is known for its singing of a cappella literature. The choir is comprised of students from around the state, nation, and world; it brings together many different cultures and languages with a common expression in song. This non-auditioned ensemble encourages all students to participate regardless of experience with music.



David Paulson, conductor



David Paulson joined the faculty of Saint John's Preparatory in 1995. He directs Upper School Choir, Middle School Choir and Upper School Band and also teaches individual lessons. In addition to his work at SJP, Paulson is Senior Choir and Handbell Choir at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Paulson received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Valparaiso University and his Master of Music degree from Saint Cloud State University in choral conducting.

St. Cloud Apollo High School Concert Choir

The Apollo Concert Choir is the premiere large ensemble in the vocal music department at Apollo High School. This auditioned ensemble



includes students ranging in grades from sophomore to senior. The primary goal of the Apollo Choir program is to provide an enriching musical experience through the performance of outstanding choral literature while fostering an environment of motivation, teamwork, and self-confidence. The Concert Choir, joined by

the other ensembles in the department, present four concerts each year featuring diverse music from around the world and ranging in time period from the early 15th Century to the present. In previous years, the Concert Choir has combined with the Apollo Symphony Orchestra and other area musicians to present larger works for choir and orchestra.

Experiencing growth in the past years, the Concert Choir has been fortunate enough to work with Cantus, Chanticleer, members of The Singers, among others. In February of 2010, the Concert Choir will have the honor of performing a concert at the Minnesota Music Educator's Association Mid-Winter Conference.



J. Andrew Parker, conductor

J. Andrew Parker has been the Director of Choirs at Apollo High School since the fall of 2007; he began his tenure as the Director of Bands in 2005. Previous to his Apollo appointment, Mr. Parker attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN where he earned a Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Music degree in Education with both Vocal and Instrumental certification. Since his arrival in Central Minnesota, Mr. Parker has become an active and versatile performer, director, and teacher. As a vocalist, he has performed with ensembles such as Bella Voce and Great River Chorale as well as many other small ensembles at various churches throughout the area. J. Andrew has also performed on trumpet with the Saint Cloud Symphony Orchestra, Amadeus Chamber Orchestra, Minnesota Center Chorale, among others. He has also been fortunate enough to work with wonderful colleagues at Apollo as the music director for their musical theatre productions in the last five years and was recently invited to direct the Paramount Gala event this past September.

St. Cloud State University Concert Choir

The SCSU Concert Choir is the university's premiere choral ensemble, committed to the performance and exploration of the finest choral repertoire from the 15th century to the present. One of five vocal ensemble in the music department, the choir is a highly select, auditioned group of approximately fifty-six



singers including music majors as well as students from various other academic disciplines. All members of the choir recognize the important role of the arts in their personal and professional development. The St. Cloud State Concert Choir