

March 18-22 Dallas, TX

# 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

#### **Registration Open**

Sheraton Dallas Hotel Grand Hall

#### 7:30 am - 8:00 am

Student Activities R&R Forum

#### **OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS**

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM PRE-FORUM MEETING AT STARBUCKS 2200 ROSS AVE

Student Activities Panel Session 8:30-9:50, information on page 61.

# 8:00 am - 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

# Exhibits Open

Meyerson Symphony Center Street Level, Second Level, and Lower Level

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Exhibitor's Showcase OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS

# National Association of Teachers of Singing

Meyerson Symphony Center Horchow Hall

# 8:00 am - 8:50 am

Contemporary A Cappella R&R Forum

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First United Methodist Church Crossroads

# A Cappella 101

Contemporary a cappella has become one of the fastest-growing forms of group singing in the country. Artists like Pentatonix and cultural hits like Pitch Perfect have energized a generation of singers at high schools and universities across America. For anyone wondering how to start a contemporary a cappella group as part of your program, A Cappella 101 is the session for you! Led by Rob Dietz (The Sing-Off, Glee), this forum will cover everything you need to know in order to start or grow an a cappella program of your own. Topics will include pop vocal pedagogy, teaching vocal percussion/beatboxing, bass singing, mic technique, where to find arrangements, and more!

# Presenter: Rob Dietz

Junior High/Middle School Choirs R&R Forum

#### **OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS**

First United Methodist Church Atrium

# In Our Choir Era

We all want students to fill one of their schedule's blank spaces with choir/chorus! Perhaps you're stuck on how to retain students from year to year and you want to "bejewel" them back? We've definitely all been in a place where we need to recruit more students. If that's you, don't worry. Just "shake it off" and get "ready for it." Join Clinton (Hardy) Ferrie as he shares a variety of instructional games and materials for the middle school/junior high classroom that will have your students feeling like they are the masterminds of choir. Your students will be telling their friends "look what they made me do. I had to sing back up for choir." We want everyone to have a choir era, so come out to this session and experience what you can do to make it true.

# Presenter: Clinton (Hardy) Ferrie



# Music in Worship R&R Forum

#### OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS

National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Grand Salon

# Relevance and Refuge in Music and Worship

Changing social patterns have made it challenging for houses of worship, and music directors seeing significant changes are in the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of participants and parishioners. Join panelists Jennaya Robison, Kyle Pederson, Zanaida Robles, and Tom Trenney (all of whom currently serve in music in worship positions), where we will focus on the ways music can bring about positive change and provide refuge for those who participate and serve centers of worship. The panel will explore innovative, collaborative approaches to music across generations while finding ways to provide meaningful discourse and a sense of belonging in our worship spaces. Additionally, the panel will address how church musicians are challenged to think creatively in a rapidly changing church landscape.

### Presenters: Kyle Pederson, Jennaya Robison, Zanaida Robles, and Tom Trenney

Senior High School Choirs R&R Forum

#### **OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS**

National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary

# Enhancing Your Pedagogical Toolbox

Are your rehearsal methods starting to feel stale for you? For your singers? This session will explore specific rehearsal challenges and offer a variety of kinesthetic, aural, and visual instructional strategies that can be utilized in rehearsals quickly and easily. Many strategies will be demonstrated and practiced during the session, with time to briefly address and dialogue any questions. This session is meant to be useful for teachers of all ages and experience levels!

# Presenter: Philip Brown

Show Choir R&R Forum

#### OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS

First United Methodist Church Upper Room (3rd Floor)

# Contemporary Voice Lessons: Empowering Your Singers to ARISE in Your Ensembles

Join Show Choir Chair Kelsey Burkett and Contemporary Vocal Coach Cierra Lee (A.R.I.S.E. with Cierra) as we take you through a voice lesson geared toward contemporary and pop singing. Use the tools with your show choirs, contemporary a cappella groups, and more as you help guide your singers toward accessing their best contemporary sound

# Presenters: Kelsey Burkett and Cierra Lee

#### Soprano-Alto Choirs R&R Forum

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# Looking for Treble in Old and New Places: Historical Repertoire for Treble Voices

Do you struggle to find engaging historical literature for your treble ensemble? This forum will provide multiple resources for programming high-quality, diverse historical repertoire for treble voices of all ages. The presenter will provide an annotated list of suggested repertoire, and attendees will have the opportunity to sing selected works throughout the session. Works presented will range in ability level from middle and high school to more complex music appropriate for collegiate or professional ensembles.

# Presenter: Erin Plisco

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Moody Performance Hall Auditorium

Aspiring Conductor-Educators: Maximizing Your Undergraduate Years

Aspiring educators and con-

ductors will be granted 1:1 access with some of today's most intrepid conductors and mentors during an informal pre-panel coffee hour. We will meet at 7:30am for coffee, pastries, and conversations at Starbucks (purchase of coffee/pastries is not mandatory to attend). Starting at 8:00am, we will make our way to Moody Performance Hall for the 8:30am "Student Panel Session."

The eighty-minute panel (8:30-9:50am) will offer advice for maximizing your short window of time as an undergraduate student, unpacking topics such as how to create conducting opportunities as an undergraduate student, how to seek out a mentor and how to be a good mentee, tips for developing video footage for graduate school and/or conducting masterclass applications, advice for developing your own leadership skills and style, secrets to networking in this profession, and how to leverage opportunities through your institution's student ACDA chapter.

#### Hosted by Elizabeth Swanson and Ryan Beeken

Panelists: Kevin Fenton, Isiah Maxey, Seaira Anderson, Sharon Paul, Robert M. Trotter, Derrick Fox, Jeffrey Douma, and Julie Yu-Oppenheim





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# 9:00 am - 9:50 am

#### Exhibitor's Showcase

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#### **KI Concerts**

Meyerson Symphony Center Horchow Hall

Interest Sessions Choose from seven options

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# Championing Inclusive Choral Futures: Navigating Disability Perspectives

National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary

Do you read IEPs of your students and feel lost on how to support them? We have collaborated with our Office of Disability Resources to identify practical approaches to an inclusive choral ensemble experience. Join us as we offer solutions, resources, and insight on how to lead every student. This session identifies pragmatic ways to champion the needs of your students and educate yourself while advocating for your program that is inclusive and equitable for all. Walk away from this session with a renewed sense of empowerment for making your choir a successful, educational, and meaningful experience for all students.

Maxwell Trombley and Kyra Stahr, presenters

Amanda Quist, presider Past Coordinator, National R&R for Collegiate Choirs

# 2 Collaborative Arranging for Contemporary Choirs

#### First United Methodist Church Crossroads

Choral singers have long been trained to read written music accurately and carefully. What happens when we flip this modality over and create full and complete choral arrangements aurally? The collaborative arranging model helps to empower singers from diverse backgrounds with strong aural traditions, and encourages groups of all ages to have honest conversations around identity, brand, and messaging, leading to strong buy-in, attendance, and tradition and relationship building. This session will break down the pros and cons of collaborative arranging, and then detail the process of how to build a piece from start to finish with examples from award-winning collaborative arrangements. Attendees will also build a short collaborative arrangement together.

#### Erin Hauger Hackel, presenter

Coreen Duffy, presider University of Colorado, Boulder

# Developing Embodied Sound: Enhancing Rehearsal and Performance through Movement

First United Methodist Church Upper Room (3rd Floor)

Incorporating movement into the choral rehearsal and performance can feel daunting and uninspired. This session will focus on how to organically incorporate movement into rehearsals and performances to enhance, expedite, and ignite musical ownership in your singers. Movement will be divided into three categories-free form, guided, and choreographed-to provide various points of entry for each director and ensemble. Participants will be active in the session as we develop a vocabulary of gestures and teaching strategies. These movement techniques will support an embodied choral sound and engaging choral experience that translates from rehearsal to performance.

#### McKenna Stenson and Bryan Hiroto Stenson, presenters

Jessica Nápoles, presider Chair, National Standing Committee for Research & Publications, and Conference Co-Chair

# 4 Integrating Aural Theory in the Choral Rehearsal

First United Methodist Church Atrium

This session is designed to support

music literacy and promote independent learning through the integration of aural skill development in the choral rehearsal. Common issues related to sight singing will be addressed, including instructional strategies, time management, financial considerations, assessment, and the importance of selecting quality choral literature that supports literacy goals.

#### Lauren Whitham, presenter

Kasey Eck, presider Steilacoom High School

#### **(5)** International Conductors Exchange Program: Music of the Philippines

Fairmont Dallas Hotel Venetian Room

This session, led by Filipino delegates from the International Conductors Exchange Program (ICEP), offers a vibrant exploration of the grassroots-driven Philippine choral scene. Showcasing a rich repertoire across various ensemble types—including male, treble, children's, and SATB—this session highlights the intricate rhythms, lyrical melodies, and layered textures that define Philippine choral music. These selections reflect the Philippines' unique, communitycentered approach to music making and its deep-rooted cultural expressions. Designed to introduce conductors to Filipino music that can enrich diverse choral programs globally, this presentation encourages cultural exchange and broadens perspectives within the international choral community.

#### Beverly Shangkuan-Cheng, presenter

Joshua Habermann, presider Chair, National Standing Committee for International Activities

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# 6 Multigenerational Choral Excellence: Lead, Empower, Achieve

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Our volunteer singers provide a unique enthusiasm to succeed. Examine how a combination of intentional leadership skills and proactive choral pedagogies will empower your singers to improve what they bring to your ensemble rather than simply absorbing what you tell them to do. You can provide engagement for younger singers while simultaneously renewing aging voices. Learn how a mostly volunteer community chorus achieved Grammy Award-winning excellence.

# Adam Luebke, presenter

Anton Armstrong, presider St. Olaf College

# Voices from the Light: Reviving a Masterwork for Treble Voices

# First United Methodist Church Sanctuary

In 1997, the Girls Choir of Harlem premiered *Voices from the Light*, composed by African American composer Dorothy Rudd Moore. As was unfortunately common with pieces by persons of color, it remained largely unknown for many years. Masterfully linking quotes from leading African American poets and Negro Spirituals amidst the tapestry of Moore's own text and music, this piece deserves its rightful space in the choral canon. In this session, attendees will be presented with the background of the piece and composer, examination of the text, musical analysis, as well as a performance of the piece, complete with string quartet, oboe, and piano.

# Marques L. A. Garrett, Susan Kelly, and Brian Russell, presenters

Stewarts Creek High School Athena Treble Choir, Demonstration Choir

Edryn J. Coleman, presider Membership Chair, Eastern Region

# 10:00 am - 10:50 am

Exhibitor's Showcase OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS

#### Michael Bussewitz-Quarm - MB Arts

Meyerson Symphony Center Horchow Hall

# Exhibitor's Showcase

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#### Walton Music

First United Methodist Church Crossroads

#### 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Concert Session C (Four Choirs)

Meyerson Symphony Center

Jeffery Ames, presider President, Southern Region

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#### Guardian Music and Group Travel

Meyerson Symphony Center Horchow Hall

#### **Exhibitor's Showcase**

**OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS** 

#### Carus-Verlag

First United Methodist Church Crossroads

#### 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm

#### Exhibitor's Showcase

#### **OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS**

# Lorenz Corporation

Meyerson Symphony Center Horchow Hall

#### 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm

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# Hal Leonard Corporation

Meyerson Symphony Center Horchow Hall

# 1:10 pm - 2:00 pm

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# 1 Choose Inspiring Sacred Choral Music for the Liturgical Year

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"Informed by the Past, Committed to the Present, Preparing for the Future" describes a session presented by Church Music Institute that will journey through the history of sacred choral music to highlight significant events from early music through the latest sacred music. The session will answer questions about how history informs current practice and how resources like the Church Music Institute libraries can help choral musicians effectively lead church music programs. Attendees will leave with ideas for how to use the best sacred choral music to challenge and inspire their choirs and congregations.

#### Charlotte Y. Kroeker, presenter

Carey Cannon, presider Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX

# **2** Connect and Co-Create: Engaging Singer-Led Artistry with Young Singers

First United Methodist Church Crossroads

This interactive repertoire session responds to the challenge of co-creating artistry with elementary singers while managing behaviors, accomplishing goals, and building community. The presenters will offer a values-based framework that harnesses the creativity of young singers and their artistic agency in the rehearsal process. Through engaging directly with repertoire, this interactive, responsive, and singerled approach to rehearsal will be modeled and explored collaboratively. Participants will leave this session with innovative strategies to access and enliven creativity in young singers, supplemental lists of quality treble repertoire, and resources for rehearsal activities and games.

Nicky Manlove and Krystal Morin, presenters

Bradford Dumont, presider Bridgewater State University

# **3** Getting Comfortable Being Uncomfortable about Race in Choral Music

National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary

Considering the current sociopolitical climate, we as choral conductor-teachers are faced with some uncomfortable truths about choral music. We as artist citizens can, and must, leverage coalitions to dismantle systems of oppression. Utilizing Intercultural Dialogue and Whiteness as Property as frameworks, the presenters will equip attendees with tools and language needed to become comfortable engaging in uncomfortable conversations surrounding race and contemporary choral culture This uncomfortability may be seen as growing pains for a choral community grappling with difficult and long overdue conversations about equity, "inclusion," and access.

#### Joshua Palkki and Arreon A. Harley-Emerson, presenters

Mari Esabel Valverde, presider Member, National Standing Committee for Diversity Initiatives



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# Help! I Have to Teach a Jazz Choir

# First United Methodist Church Upper Room (3rd Floor)

This session will address basics of vocal jazz pedagogy with a slightly different emphasis: What do I need to "un-learn," leave behind, or modify when I go from choir to jazz choir? Choral educators are well trained to teach choir but not necessarily jazz choir. Choir directors develop their tried-and-true, cherished techniques to develop choral tone, but many of those techniques are out of place or do not work well when teaching jazz. There is no need to despair. Your musicianship and instincts will serve you well.

#### John Hendrix, presenter

Mike Scott, presider Columbia Basin College

# **5** "Hidden Flowers": Persian Choral Music

First United Methodist Church Sanctuary

We will examine the history of choral music in Iran; historical and

contemporary Iranian choral composers, conductors, and ensembles; repertoire from "early" Persian choral music to today; and performance practice(s) associated with sound production and Persian diction. The SDSU Chamber Choir, led by Arian Khaefi, will demonstrate excerpts of works, discussing challenges and successful approaches to this repertoire with American ensembles from a conductor's point of view. Attendees will gain a knowledge of potential repertoire within a living database of Iranian works, as well as a toolbox of methods to employ when approaching Persian choral music.



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Daniel Reza Sabzghabaei and Arian Khaefi, presenters

San Diego State University Chamber Choir, Demonstration Choir

Arian Khaefi, presider San Diego State University

# 6 More than Surviving: Collegiate Stress, Burnout, and Musicianship

Moody Performance Hall Auditorium

Using a trauma-informed lens, this session explores the physical impact of toxic levels of stress. Stress impacts the body and has specific implications for conductors and singers at all levels. Focusing on the undergraduate experience, this session introduces research-supported ways to complete the stress cycle. Furthermore, recognizing that teachers are experiencing high levels of burnout and compassion fatigue, this session explores ways to establish a practice of wellness and balance during one's time as an undergraduate that one can hopefully bring with them into the field, preparing them to be a model of balance for future generations.

#### Rebecca DeWan, presenter

Colin Graebert, presider John Bapst Memorial High School

# You Are the Voice Teacher: Teaching Technique in Choral Singing

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"Blend. Drop your jaw. Straight tone. Darker." Most have heard one of these phrases before, but do these ideas really help inexperienced singers? What terminology can we use to provide clarity, connects concepts in a relatable way, and takes away some of the mystery? Are we teaching singers the pedagogy behind their instrument in clear, concrete terms? Additionally, how can we bridge what can be a disconnect between singing in a choral ensemble and singing in applied lessons? By bringing concepts and skills from voice pedagogy into the choral rehearsal, conductors can better support their singers in their vocal development.

#### Amy Johnston Blosser and C. Andrew Blosser, presenters

Hilary Apfelstadt, presider Past President, National ACDA

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# **Choral Connections**

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# **Classical Movements**

Meyerson Symphony Center Horchow Hall

# Exhibitor's Showcase

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# Gehrmans Musikförlag

First United Methodist Church Crossroads

# 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Moody Performance Hall Auditorium

Clinicians: Jeffrey Douma, Derrick Fox, Sharon Paul, and Julie Yu-Oppenheim

Biola University, Demonstration Choir Shawna Stewart, conductor

# 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Author Book Fair University/College Expo Research Poster Sessions

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# A list of participants is on page 129.

# 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm

# Interest Session

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Preparing and Performing Extended Choral Works for Social Justice

A Joint Initiative by the National Diversity Initiatives Standing Committee and the National Composition Initiatives Standing Committee

National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Grand Salon

While it has become more common for choral directors to program repertoire that addresses issues of social justice, a deficit remains in our understanding of how choral directors and their communities responsively and thoughtfully prepare and perform extended choral works for social justice. In this session, presenters will share findings and key aspects of a large-scale research study involving three different university's preparation and performance of extended choral works, specifically Rollo Dilworth's Weather, Craig Hella Johnson's Considering Matthew Shepard, and Andrea Ramsey's Suffrage Cantata. Singer and conductor perspectives on rehearsal considerations, contextbuilding discussions, and communityspecific needs will be shared to propel future possibility.

# Elizabeth Cassidy Parker, Dustin S. Cates, and G. Preston Wilson, Jr., presenters

Robert Bode, presider Chair, National Standing Committee for Composition Initiatives

# 4:45 pm - 6:15 pm

# Immersion Choir Experiences

OPEN TO BOTH TRACKS

# Music of the Black Diaspora

Sheraton Dallas Hotel Austin Boardrooms 1, 2, and 3

Anton Armstrong and Brandon Boyd will lead the Black Diaspora Immersion Choir, which will explore the performance practice in the genres of the Black Spiritual and Gospel Music. Drawing on settings by historic and contemporary composer/ arrangers, Armstrong and Boyd will explore issues of tempo, use of dialect and appropriate vocal timbre for the interpretation of these genres with musical integrity.

Anton Armstrong and Brandon A. Boyd, presenters

Jeffery Redding, presider University of Central Florida

# Music of Latin America

Sheraton Dallas Hotel Dallas Rooms D1, D2, and D3

During this session, participants will explore different aspects of the Latin American choral tradition, including works from the colonial period and other traditional repertoire, as well as music that was inspired by or based on Latin American folk music. While rehearsing and singing, participants will get insight into performance practices, rehearsal techniques and cultural understanding of the repertoire, and the context in which the pieces were created.

# Daniel Afonso Jr. and Diana V. Sáez, presenters

Pearl Shangkuan, presider President-Elect, National ACDA

# Music of Southeast Asia

Sheraton Dallas Hotel Dallas Rooms A1, A2, and A3

Be ready to sing in four languages! Explore East and Southeast Asian choral music through pieces that not only convey a message of hope but also a deep sense of gratitude and pride in cultural heritage. Through evocative melodies, lush harmonies, and historical context, we reflect on the strength of the human spirit and celebrate shared cultural threads that connect people across borders, creating a rich tapestry of sound that reflects the beauty of the Asian diaspora. Ultimately, this session is a celebration of heritage through singing and a tribute to the folk songs and cultures that inspires new choral music.

# John Byun and Tracy Wong, presenters

Lisa Wong, presider The College of Wooster



March 18-22 Dallas, T>

### Thursday, March 20

# 7:45 pm - 10:00 pm

**Headliner Concert:** President's Concert

**ORANGE TRACK** 

**Meyerson Symphony Center** 

David Fryling, presider President, National ACDA

**Dallas Symphony Orchestra** Fabio Luisi, music director

**Dallas Symphony Chorus** Anthony Blake Clark, director

Viscove

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**CHORAL** 

# Dallas Symphony Children's Chorus Ellie Lin, artistic director

# Anthony Blake Clark, conductor

"Gloria Tibi" from Mass Leonard Bernstein Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

Chichester Psalms Leonard Bernstein Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

Intermission

**Dallas Symphony Orchestra** JoAnn Falletta, guest conductor Dallas Symphony Chorus Anthony Blake Clark, chorusmaster

Felicia Moore, soprano Michelle DeYoung, mezzo-soprano Jamez McCorkle, tenor Lester Lynch, bass

Requiem Giuseppe Verdi

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# 8:00 pm - 9:45 pm

Headliner Concert: International Night (2 Choirs)

#### PURPLE TRACK

#### Winspear Opera House

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#### 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm

 University of Pretoria (TUKS) Camerata
Michael Barrett, conductor

"Cover me with the Night" from Prayers and Dances of Praise from Africa Peter Klatzow Manuscript

*Himne* Roelof Temmingh Choir Sire Music

Die Onse Vader Zander Fick Walton Music

#### *Khutšo* Mokale Koapeng and Roderick Williams Walton Music

*Tshela Moya/Ke nna yo Morena* arr. Michael Barrett Text: Traditional Sesotho Walton Music

Balibele arr. Sizwe Mondlane Walton Music Indlu yeGagu arr. Sizwe Mondlane Text: Sipho Sithole Walton Music

Traditional Gumboot Dance Samkelo Mdakane and Caleb Saks

Inkosi Namandla Text: Traditional Zulu arr. Michael Barrett Walton Music

# 8:45 pm - 9:00 pm

Robert Shaw Award Presentation to Charlene Archibeque

Past President's Award Presentation to André Thomas

#### 9:00 pm - 9:45 pm

#### 2 Batavia Madrigal Singers Avip Priatna, conductor

*Gayatri* arr. Bagus S. Utomo

Petrus Z. Randall Stroope www.zrstroope.com

Di Ambang Batas Fero Aldiansya Stefanus Manuscript

Der Frühlingswind (Harukaze) Toyotaka Tsuchida www.panamusica.co.jp

*Ave Maria* Vatara A. Silalahi www.muziksea.com

*Hentakan Jiwa* Ken Steven earthsongs

Various receptions and other gatherings will be held throughout the day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A full list of those events can be found on pages 28-33.