

GCSU Department of Music

“Epic Myths and Legends”

GCSU Choral Ensembles

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

and Live Streamed on facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment



Program

Combined Choirs

Yemaya Assessu: A Hymn of Thanksgiving (Yoruban legend)

Judy A. Rose

Mia Eaton, shekere

Cameron Sparks, djembe

Translation: Yemaya is the Gush of the Spring. The Gush of the Spring is Yemaya. The Mother of the Children of Fishes is the Owner of Rivers. The Owner of Rivers is the Mother of the Children of Fishes.

Women's Ensemble

Dr. Christopher Hendley, director

Dr. Hue Jang, pianist

Hallie Thompson, assistant

The Braes o' Balquhiddy (Scottish legend)

Michael E. Ekbladh (b. 1970)

Where'er You Walk from *Semele* (Greek mythology)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

arr. Earlene Rentz (b. 1956)

Hallie Thompson, conductor

Hébé (Greek mythology)

Ernest Chausson (1855-1899)

arr. Mari Esabel Valverde (b. 1987)

Calista Koch, harp

Translation: When Hebe, guileless and with lowered gaze, Blushingly drew near their feast, The delighted gods proffered empty goblets Which the child replenished with nectar. And we too, when youth fades, Vie in proffering her our goblets. What is the wine she dispenses? We do not know; it elates and enraptures. Having smiled with her immortal grace, Hebe goes on her way—you summon her in vain. For a long time still on the eternal path, We follow the cup-bearer with weeping eyes.

Eagle Rounding Out the Morning (Native American poem)

Joan Szymko (b. 1957)

Max Noah Singers

Dr. Jennifer Flory, director

Dr. Lev Ryabinin, pianist

Tyler Harris and Hallie Thompson, assistants

Light from Above (Native Alaskan legend)

Richard Nance (b. 1955)

Steven Taylor, cello

Calista Koch, harp

Berusa Er (Biblical story in a Haitian Carnival style)

Sten Källman (b. 1952)

Dr. Rob Sumowski, claves

Breanna Thompson, trumpet

Mia Eaton, guiro

Cameron Sparks, bongos

Tyler Harris, conductor

Translation: Intoxicate, get drunk with love!

INTERMISSION

University Chorus and Max Noah Singers

Odysseus and the Sirens (Greek mythology)

Randall Z. Stroope (b. 1953)

Addie Resh, soprano
Jared Bryant, oboe
Cameron Sparks, crotales
Dr. Lev Ryabinin, piano
Hallie Thompson, conductor
Translation: Come to us.

The Challenge of Thor from *Scenes from the Saga of King Olaf* (Norse mythology)

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Ed. Douglas J. Walczak (b. 1970)

Dr. Hue Jang, piano

University Chorus

Jennifer Flory, director
Dr. Hue Jang, pianist
Tyler Harris, assistant

Dalubaling (a legend of the Rukai of Taiwan)

Tsai Yu-Shan (b. 1968)

Riley Greer, soprano

Translation: Dearest father, mother, and the people of my tribe, I am being married to the Ghost Lake. When you see my headdress slowly disappear into the whirlpool to the bottom of the lake, That means I have entered the bottom of the lake. My figure, my songs. I will remain in the tribe forever. My figure, my songs. I will remain in the tribe forever. My dearest Balhege, You are being married off. You are leaving us, leaving the mountains, the rivers, and the tribe, Being married off to the Ghost Lake. You must remember all things of the tribe. Do not ever forget. You must remember all things of the tribe. Do not ever forget.

Celestial Dance (Onondagan legend)

David N. Childs (b. 1969)

Tyler Harris, conductor

Daniel in the Lion Den (Biblical story)

Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory

Anna Ogletree, soprano
Kaylah Sherow, soprano

Combined Choirs

Dance of Zálongo (Greek story)

arr. Carol Barnett (b. 1949)

Cameron Sparks, claves
Mia Eaton, tambourine
Dr. Rob Sumowski, conga

Translation – Refrain: Farewell, springs, forests, mountains and hills.

Verses: Farewell, unfortunate world, farewell, sweet life, And you, destitute homeland, farewell forever.

The women of Souli haven't learned only how to live, They also know how to die, rather than consent to slavery. As if to a fair; to see the lilac blossoms, Into the abyss they go down, with songs, with joy. Fish do not live on land, nor flowers on the sandy beach; So the women of Souli do not live without freedom.

Personnel

Women's Ensemble

Sopranos I	Sopranos II	Altos
Shelby Gowen	Katie Carrouth	Sarah Crowder
*Savannah Greene	*Maura Foreman	Gabrielle Godfrey
Akayla Miller	Alyx Humayra	*Hallie Thompson
Breanna Thompson	Elizabeth Seidita	Shani Thompson
	Bethany Tapee	Olivia Warnock

Max Noah Singers

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Savannah Greene	Macy Beddow	Ethan Chase	Conner Dickey
Alyx Humayra	Riley Greer	Jaiden Connel	*Aidan Fortenberry
Ana María Nieves-	Charlie Rachel	Peyton Curry	Jacob Hall
Concepción	Campbell Ransom	*Tyler Harris	Joey Johnson
Anna Ogletree	*Hallie Thompson	Ben McPherson	Liam Mueller
*Addie Resh	Sophia Tritto	Preston Raburn	Ian Purdy
Savannah Young			

University Chorus

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors
Meghan Bennett	*MacK Arrington	Calum Beckmann
Rori Blackwell	Bria Rae Bentley	Peyton Curry
Madelyn English	Lauren Broadnax	*Tyler Harris
*Riley Greer	Hailey Byers	+William Humphrey
Makiya Marks	Sydney Grant	Liam Mueller
Ana María Nieves-	Jenna Hemenway	
Concepción	Abigail Martin	Basses
Anna Ogletree	Mary Perez	Aidan Fortenberry
Addie Resh	Charlie Rachel	*Richard Guyton
Grace Travis	Elizabeth Shaw	Joey Johnson
Gabrielle Van Patten	Kaylah Sherow	Ian Purdy
Sally Waits	Erin Young	Jonathan Renno
Savannah Young	^Hong Yue	Gabriel Wade

*Section Leader

^Community Member/Retired Faculty

+Community Member/Alum

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<p style="text-align: center;">Guest Artist Recital</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jared Cummings, saxophone Hue Jang, piano Monday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Max Noah Recital Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music Department Honors Recital and Reception</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. Magnolia Ballroom (Student Activity Center)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Orchestra Concert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calin Lupanu, guest artist Bryan Emmon Hall, director Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. Russell Auditorium</p>
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