

GCSU Department of Music

GCSU Choral Ensembles

“Voices of the Heavens”

**Jennifer Flory and Dana Gorzelany-Mostak,
directors**

Hue Jang and Lev Ryabinin, pianists

**Eden Chase, Joey Johnson, and
Charles Pepper, student directors**

**Saturday, March 28, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church, 330 S. Liberty St.
and live streamed on facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment**



Program

Combined Choirs

Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite from *Samson* (1743)

George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Nickolas Becker and Eden Norman, trumpets | Cameron Sparks, timpani

Women's Ensemble

Dana Gorzelany-Mostak, director | Charlie Rachel, student rehearsal assistant

Lev Ryabinin, pianist | Calista Anne Koch, harpist

Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda (1910)

Hymn to the Waters

Hymn to Vena

Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

Jenny (2015)

Nick Myers
(b. 1987)

Grace Before Sleep (2011)

Susan LaBarr
(b. 1981)

Firefly (2025) *World Premiere*

Raphael Fusco
(b. 1984)

Cameron Sparks, glockenspiel

Max Noah Singers

Jennifer Flory, director | Eden Chase, student assistant | Hue Jang, pianist

The Heavens Are Telling from *The Creation* (1798)

Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732–1809)

Alyx Humayra, soprano | Peyton Curry, tenor | Ian Purdy, bass

Joey Johnson, student conductor

There Will Be Rest (2000)

Frank Ticheli
(b. 1932)

Hymne au Soleil (1912)

Lili Boulanger
(1893-1918)

Meredith Tisdale, alto

Translation: *Hymn to the Sun*

Let us bless the power of the reborn sun. With all the universe let us celebrate its return. Crowned with splendor, it rises, it soars. The waking of the earth is a hymn of love. Seven rushing steeds that the God scarcely holds back ignite the horizon with their scorching breath. Oh, vivid sun, you appear! With its fields in bloom, its mountains, its thick forests, the vast sea set ablaze by your fires, the universe, younger and fresher, with morning vapors are glistening with dew.

 *Intermission* 

El sol (2018)

Adrienne Inglis
(b. 1960)

Hoberdan Peno, guitar
Calista Anne Koch, harp
Eden Chase, student conductor

Translation: *The Sun*

*The sun was covered with a black veil, the wind fought with the swollen sea,
and it, broken against the hollow crags with white foam splashed the sky.*

*The raucous thunder threatened the earth, touched the high mountain with lightning,
and brown clouds of frozen hail blanketed the countryside with their ice.*

But then the beautiful eyes that I happily adore showed their bright light and whose colors the dawn envies:

*Calmed the sea, hushed the wind and the thunder dissipated,
the sun painted the clouds gold, the countryside was dressed in fragrant flowers.*

University Chorus

Jennifer Flory, director | Charles Pepper, student assistant | Lev Ryabinin, pianist

Beau Soir (1891)

Claude Debussy
(1862–1918)
arr. Stanley M. Hoffman

Translation: *Beautiful Evening*

*When at sunset the rivers are pink and a warm breeze ripples the fields of wheat,
All things seem to advise content - and rise toward the troubled heart;*

*Advise us to savor the gift of life, while we are young and the evening fair,
For our life slips by, as that river does: it to the sea - we to the tomb.*

Behold a Star from Jacob Shining from *Christus* (1847)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)
arr. Archibald T. Davison

Goodnight Moon (2011)

Eric Whitacre
(b. 1970)

Stevie Vázquez, soprano
Charles Pepper, student conductor

Across the Vast, Eternal Sky (2013)

Ola Gjeilo
(b. 1978)

Taryn Hutsenpiller and Lauren Whitfield, violins
Michelle Hyppolite, viola
Olivia Mufalli, cello

Combined Choirs

Dance-Song to the Creator (1992)

David Hamilton
(b. 1955)

Cameron Sparks, percussion



Personnel

Women's Ensemble

Dana Gorzelany-Mostak, director
Lev Ryabinin, pianist
Charlie Rachel, student rehearsal assistant

Sopranos

Meghan Bennett
Caoilinn Horton
Ria Pardue
Gabrielle Van Patten

Ellie Holmes
Kenzie Miller
Autumn Taylor
Holly Wright

Altos

Serah Blair
Madeleine Miller
Victoria Nicholson
Charlie Rachel

Em Gonzalez
Bess Needle
Emma Okrent

Max Noah Singers

Jennifer Flory, director
Hue Jang, pianist
Eden Chase, student assistant

Sopranos

Caoilinn Horton
Alyx Humayra
Emma Kevers
Tessa Pickett
Gabrielle Van Patten
+*Savannah Young

Altos

Janice Rose Fallin
Lilly Kevers
+Charlie Rachel
Meredith Tisdale
Julianna Valcheff

+Section Leader
*Community Member

Tenors

Wesley Baumann
Eden Chase
+Peyton Curry
Christopher Dolan
Joey Johnson
Charles Knight

Basses

John Carter
Noah Darnell
Jacob Hall
+Ian Purdy
Alexander Rice
Gabriel Wade

University Chorus

Jennifer Flory, director
Lev Ryabinin, pianist
Charles Pepper, student assistant

Sopranos

Natalie Abbott
Addie Alford
Kaleigh Borck
Amber Donahue
Janice Rose Fallin
Emmeline Holt
+Alyx Humayra
Sophia Hunter
Annalise McCann
Tessa Pickett
Stevie Vázquez
Hannah Weekley
Jadyn Williams

Altos

Morgan Colclough
Jada Danforth
Emily Gumingo
+Cayla Hancock
#^Sara Jordan
Hailey Kirkland
Jessica Lazarus
Stevie Maddox
Naomi Mangus
Madeleine Miller
Kellen O'Neil
Julianna Valcheff

+Section Leader
Alumni
^ GCSU Staff
* Community Member

Tenors


+Peyton Curry
Christopher Dolan
Blake Halinar
#William Humphrey
Charles Knight
Jim McKenney
Charles Pepper

Basses

Jack Carter
Dylan Castillo
Noah Darnell
Grayson Ferrara
+Joey Johnson
Ian Purdy
Gabriel Wade

About our Guest Composers

We are delighted to welcome back composers **Raphael Fusco** and **David Hamilton**. Fresh from his residency last fall, Fusco returns with the world premiere of “Firefly,” written for treble voices, glockenspiel, and harp—further evidence of how he has added to the repertoire for treble voices. Hamilton—whose most recent residency with us was in 2023—offers “Dance-Song to the Creator” for piano four hands and percussion, the first multiple-ensemble Hamilton work we performed (Fall 2013). Our collaboration with Hamilton has also included commissions and premieres of “Dona Nobis Pacem,” written in memory of the victims of the Sandy Hook shooting, and “Whakarongo mai,” conceived to culminate a global choral program planned for 2020 and premiered in 2023 due to COVID. We are grateful for these fruitful, artistic partnerships and for our continued collaboration with internationally recognized, award-winning composers.

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Upcoming Events

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Songwriters of GCSU III Robert Stewart, coordinator Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. Max Noah Recital Hall	Terry Endowed Concert “Beethoven Unleashed” GCSU Ensembles Thursday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. Russell Auditorium	Music Theatre Scenes “Mist, Monsters, Madness” Dana Gorzelany-Mostak and Caroline Cooke, directors Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. Russell Auditorium
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