

The Central Texas Choral Society  
and  
The Youth Chorus of Central Texas

present

# Season of Love

Monday, February 12, 2024  
7:00pm  
Central United Methodist Church



## Program

*We Are Strong* Reginald Wright  
Mike, Kim, Abigail, and Daniel Olmstead - Soloists  
**Combined choirs**

*Always Something Sings* Dan Forrest  
Abigail Olmstead, Anna McCoy, Victor McCoy, Bree Szanto - Soloists

*You Are the New Day* arr. Peter Knight

*O Love* Elaine Hagenberg

*Walking on the Green Grass* Michael Hennagin

*Dirait-on* from Le Chansons des Roses Morten Lauridsen  
Abandon enveloping abandon, Tenderness brushing tendernesses,  
Who you are sustains you eternally, so they say;  
Your very being is nourished by its own enlightened reflection;  
So you compose the theme of Narcissus redeemed.

*Dance for Love* Z. Randall Stroope  
**Central Texas Choral Society**

*You've Got a Friend in Me* arr. Cristi Cary Miller  
Trammell Kelly, Bass  
**Combined Choirs**

*Blackbird* Lennon/McCartney; arr. Snyder

*Catch a Falling Star* Vance/Pockriss; arr. Gilpin

*Starlight, Starbright* Seeger; arr. Brumfield  
Lydia Gravagne, Cello  
**Youth Chorus of Central Texas**

*Count on Me* arr. Andy Beck  
J. Michael Thompson, Ty Chan-Park, Anna McCoy, Silas Williams – Ukulele  
Trammell Kelly, Bass  
**Combined Choirs**

## CENTRAL TEXAS CHORAL SOCIETY

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Dr. David Guess – Artistic Director/Conductor

The Central Texas Choral Society was reorganized in 2012 as an auditioned community chorus in the Central Texas area. CTCS evolved out of the Waco Civic Chorus, which was active from the late 1970's. Former Baylor School of Music Professor Robert Young was the founding director of the chorus. Dr. Young and the original members of the chorus saw the need for a community choral ensemble and laid the groundwork for what today is CTCS. Dr. Donald Balmos, then Director of the Department of Fine Arts at McLennan Community College, took over the responsibilities of leadership and musical direction in the mid 80's. During his tenure, the chorus performed many of the standard works for chorus and orchestra. John McLean, Assistant Choral Director at Baylor University, served as director from 2001-2003. Current director, Dr. David Guess, sang with the chorus in the 1990's and took over the baton as president and musical director in 2012.

CTCS members come from communities throughout Central Texas and consists of singers from all walks of life – doctors; lawyers; stay-at-home moms; business leaders and community activists; faculty from all levels of education; even high school singers who want to have a different musical experience. Though the core of singers remains fairly constant, singers often join as their schedules allow. One of the unique aspects of the chorus is the participation of family units who often join together to have the wonderful experience of singing great works of art with CTCS.

The ensemble presents 3 to 4 concerts each season and is committed to the performance of important compositional milestones in the choral art. Recent performances include Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* and *Te Deum*; Mozart's *Vespers*; Johannes Brahms' *Liebeslieder Walzer* and *Ein Deutches Requiem*; Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*; Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*; Ludwig van Beethoven's *Mass in C* and *Choral Fantasy*; and *Gloria's* by Randall Alan Bass and Daniel Pinkham. They enjoy collaborating with other musical organizations throughout the area and have joined the Midway High School Chamber Singers in a performance of Mozart's *Requiem*; MCC Chorale and Percussion Ensemble for Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*; John Rutter's *Gloria* and other patriotic pieces with the Bosque Chorale; Beethoven's *Symphony #9 "An die Freude"* with the Baylor Symphony Orchestra and Choirs; 14 sold-out performances of *Les Miserables* and a 3-week run of *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* with the Waco Civic Theater; and a performance of classic American choral music with the Youth Chorus of Central Texas. In 2018, 28 members of CTCS joined singers from across the world to present Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* and *Choral Fantasy* in Carnegie Hall. They also perform in smaller groups at local community activities throughout Central Texas, including Lions Club and Rotary meetings, Waco Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas on 5th, the Junior League Holiday Market, the Cultural Arts Festival, the Mayborn Center's Christmas Lights in the Village, and most recently for the Historic Waco Holiday Celebration.

CTCS is an official 501(c)(3) organization, and all monetary gifts of any amount are most welcome and tax deductible. All contributors will be acknowledged in their concert programs. For further information visit us here...

Website - [centraltexaschoralsociety.org](http://centraltexaschoralsociety.org)  
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Donations can also may be mailed to:...

Central Texas Choral Society, 405 Water Wood Circle, Woodway, TX 76712

## **THE YOUTH CHORUS OF CENTRAL TEXAS**

The Youth Chorus of Central Texas is a choral arts organization for young people in Waco, Texas and surrounding areas. The choir is made up of children ages 9-18 (grades 3-12) and provides talented young singers the chance to experience the joy of choral singing and the opportunity to serve the community by performing throughout Central Texas. YCCT promotes music literacy and excellence in vocal artistry through the preparation and performance of choral singing. Through YCCT, youth in Central Texas experience sequential, comprehensive choral music education within an environment that instills the values of respect, discipline, kindness, service, individual creativity and leadership. Each singer receives instruction in vocal technique - how to sing - and musicianship - how to read music - while uniting in a community that honors talent and diversity.

If you know a talented young singer who is interested in joining YCCT please contact us at  
[info@youthchorusofcentraltexas.org](mailto:info@youthchorusofcentraltexas.org).

**This performance could not have happened without the help  
of the following people and organizations**

### **SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

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### **CONDUCTOR**

Win & Bonnie Emmons  
David & Rebecca Guess  
Alan Jones and Darren Metting  
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Zakk Owens & Dave Brower, Central United Methodist Church  
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Susan Anderson-Karakashian  
David Blacklock  
Todd Blattman  
Kathleen Branyon  
Kamille Buenning  
Abigail Burdett  
Meg Burleson  
Emma Cann  
Elesha Coffman  
Carmen Conaway  
Judy Cooper  
David Corkill  
Sherry DeHay  
Samantha Fokos  
JoDee Heyduck  
Courtney Holleyman  
Kaleb Hook  
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David Goodman  
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Timothy Heckenlively  
Fredrick Herrera  
Alan Jones  
Kathleen Kelly  
Clare Kuhlmann  
Karla Leach

Larry Litton  
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Mark McCoy  
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Jana Millar  
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Kim Olmstead  
Michael Olmstead  
Matt Price  
Terry Reeves  
Phil Rhodes  
April Salazar  
Heather Scott  
Rick Scott  
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Matthew Spark  
Pat Talley  
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Mike Welch  
Sam Wilson  
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Norman Wurgler  
Pam Wurgler

Mike Makowski, Rehearsal Accompanist





### **YCCT SINGERS**

Ambrose Bailey  
Shiloh Binkley  
Emily Black  
Sarah Black  
Ty Chan-Park  
Elaina Contreras  
Elijah Contreras \*  
Kate Eaton  
Antonella Ferro  
Valentina Ferro  
Rhettlee Guin  
Henry Guy  
Skylar Hicks  
Laurel Kelley  
Rachel Maxile  
Anna McCoy  
Victor McCoy  
Glyn McDaniel  
Juliey McDaniel  
Susanna Olafsen  
Daniel Olmstead \*  
Abigail Olmstead \*  
Zendaya Peniston  
Roger Petter  
Blayke Reed  
Sophia Rogers  
Autumn Salazar  
Martha Ann Skeen  
Persephone Student  
Gabriel Sumner  
BreeAnne Szanto  
Sally Uecker  
Emma Vaughn  
Gabriel Walker  
Felicity Whitenton  
Luke Williams  
Silas Williams \*  
Sydney Williams  
Sofia Wolfe

\* Selected for Southwestern Division of  
American Choral Directors' Association  
Honor Choir - Denver, CO February 2024

### **YCCT PERSONNEL**

Florence Scattergood, Director  
Jennifer Carter, Co-Director  
Jenna McLean, Vocal Coach  
Hannah Duhon, MCC Intern  
Jennifer Hernandez, BU Intern  
Makenna Weatherby, BU Intern  
Cristina Mathis, Piano  
Mike Thompson, Ukulele  
Lydia Gravagne, Cello

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 3 - Spring Concert

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**YCCT - Bridging Our CommUNITY Through Song!**



**DAVID GUESS, DMA** currently serves as artistic director of the Central Texas Choral Society and has a private studio of over 30 voice students. He has served on the music faculties at Baylor University and McLennan Community College and for 9 years was Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. He is in demand as an adjudicator, clinician and presenter and has directed high school All-Region choirs throughout the state. He has many years of experience in the community choir world having served as Conductor of the Bell Chorus in Belton, Assistant Conductor of the Temple Civic Chorus, and a singer in the Waco Civic Chorus, Canterbury Choral Society in Oklahoma City, San Antonio Meistersingers, and Temple Symphony Chorus. He is an active member in ACDA, TCDA, TMEA, NATS and Chorus America. Dr. Guess holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from the University of Texas at Austin; Master of Music Education with emphasis in Choral Conducting from the University of Oklahoma; and Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in church music from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.



**FLORENCE SCATTERGOOD - Lead Director & Co-Founder**

Florence Scattergood is a veteran choral music educator whose teaching assignments number 11 schools in 4 districts and vary from 2A rural to 5A urban campuses and include suburban private as well as at-risk public schools. Mrs. Scattergood has been honored as District Teacher of the Year for both Irving and Waco Independent School Districts and as Regional Teacher of the Year for the 81 school districts of Region 10. Her Waco High School choirs were recognized as community builders by a variety of civic organizations and were honored with the Model of Unity Award by the Community Race Relations Coalition and by the Waco Scottish Rite with the Abner B. McCall Service Award. Although her most recent years have been spent in secondary schools, she has taught grades 1 through 12 and has served for many years as a cooperating teacher and field instructor of choral music education on the collegiate level, supervising over 30 student teachers for 5 universities. In 2009, Mrs. Scattergood was the first recipient of the Baylor University Music Education Distinguished Alumni Award. Mrs. Scattergood is a native Wacoan who attended St. Alban's Memorial School, Hillcrest Elementary, Lake Air Junior High, and graduated from Richfield High School. She earned her BM and MM degrees from Baylor University. Her memberships include ACDA, TCDA, TMEA, and Texas Music Adjudicators Association.



**GISELLE VENTO - Assistant Director**

Giselle Vento is the Music Specialist at Parkdale, Elementary. Ms. Vento resides in Waco, where she attended Waco High School and was part of the choral program under the direction of Florence Scattergood. She participated in numerous ensembles, musicals, and operas while obtaining her Associate's degree from McLennan Community College and later her Bachelor's in Choral Music Education Degree at Baylor University. She currently serves with the Choristers and Mini-singers at Seventh and James Baptist Church. Ms. Vento has written for the Southwestern Musician and has been recognized for her performance to contribute to Bellas Artes in Mexico. She was selected for the first 40 under 40 program presented by Yamaha and received national recognition for the positive impact for her work in schools and the community. Her memberships include TMEA, TCDA, and AOSA.



**LYNNE GACKLE, Ph.D. - Co-Founder & Artistic Director**

Lynne Gackle currently is Professor of Ensembles and Associate Director of Choral Activities at Baylor University (Waco, TX) where she conducts the Baylor Bella Voce (Select Women’s Ensemble) and the Baylor Concert Choir. She currently serves as the Director of the Ensemble Division for the Baylor School of Music. Lynne is an active clinician, conductor and adjudicator for choral clinics, honor choirs, workshops and festivals throughout the United States and abroad. Dr. Gackle is the editor of Choral Artistry for the Singer with Walton Music and the Lynne Gackle Choral Series for Colla Voce Music, Inc. She has written several articles for the Choral Journal and contributed to the MENC publication, Music at the Middle Level: Building Strong Programs. Recognized both nationally and internationally for her research on the female adolescent voice, Lynne is the author of Finding Ophelia’s Voice, Opening Ophelia’s Heart: Nurturing the Adolescent Female Voice, published by Heritage Music Press. She was also a contributing author to the GIA publication, Conducting Women’s Choirs: Strategies for Success and a Lead Author on the McGraw-Hill/Hal Leonard text, Voices in Concert. Dr. Gackle was also awarded Baylor’s Outstanding Faculty Award in Research in 2012. In 2013, she and fellow choral conductor, Florence Scattergood co-founded the Youth Chorus of Central Texas. She is a member of ACDA, MENC, the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Choral Directors Association, ISME and NATS. Gackle received her BME from Louisiana State University and her MM and Ph.D. from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CENTRAL TEXAS CHORAL SOCIETY**

Auditions  
Monday, March 4  
6:30pm

Spring Concert  
May the Road Rise to Meet you  
Monday, June 10, 2024  
7:30pm

Scotland/Ireland Tour  
June 25-July4

**YOUTH CHORUS OF CENTRAL TEXAS**

Spring Concert  
Friday, May 3  
7:00pm  
St. Alban’s Parish Hall

