

Christmas 2019 Concert Series

Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster

Saturday, December 7, 4 p.m.
Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola

Sunday, December 8, 4 p.m.
Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Spring 2020 Concert Series

Sunday, April 5, 4 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster
Prelude Music and Choristers I & II will participate.

Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Lancaster Church of the Brethren, Lancaster

Sunday, April 19, 4 p.m.
Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey

Sunday, May 3, 4 p.m.
Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster

Sunday, June 7, 7 p.m.
Mt. Gretna Tabernacle, Mt. Gretna

Saturday, July 11
Singing at Eastern Mennonite Missions Global Fair
Hans Herr House, Willow Street

Summer 2020 Tours

June 10 - 17
Concert Choir and Chamber Choir to Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia

Wednesday, June 17, evening
Post-tour concert for Concert Choir and Chamber Choir
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Christmas 2019

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Jonathan Shoff, Director
Men's Ensemble

Sherrie Pratt, Guest Artist



A Program of Lancaster Mennonite School

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

Men's Ensemble

There is No Rose of Such Virtue..... English 15th Century
arr. Marc A. Hafso

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
For in this rose contained was heaven
And earth in little space
Res miranda *Wonderful thing*
Alleluia. Res miranda. Alleluia.

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three;
Then leave we all this wordly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus *Let us follow*
Pariforma *Equal in form*

Concert and Chamber Choirs

Hope for Resolution arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

Of the Father's love begotten,
E'er the worlds began to be.
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he.
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore him,
Angel hosts his praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions bow before him,
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth, forever blessed,
When the virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Saviour of our race.
And the babe, the world's redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

Thula sizwe, ungabokhala,
Nation, do not cry,
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.
Jehovah will protect us.
Inkululeko, sizoyithola,
We will attain freedom.
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.
Jehovah will protect us.

Is He Worthy?Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive
arr. Dan Forrest

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

Do you feel the world is broken? *We do.*
Do you feel the shadows deepen? *We do.*
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
The light from getting through? *We do.*
Do you wish that you could see it
All made new? *We do.*

He is David's Root, and the Lamb who died
To ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of
All blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? *He is.*

Is all creation groaning? *It is.*
Is a new creation coming? *It is.*
Is the glory of the Lord to be the
Light within our midst? *It is.*
Is it good that we remind
Ourselves of this? *It is.*

Does the Father truly love us? *He does.*
Does the Spirit move among us? *He does.*
And does Jesus, our Messiah,
Hold forever those He loves? *He does.*
Does our God intend to dwell
Again with us? *He does.*

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

From every people and tribe,
Ev'ry nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God,
To reign with the Son.

Other Activities

Sunday, January 26

Do-Re-Mi-Rehearsal Marathon (Carol Choir and Chamber Choir men)

The Do-Re-Mi-Rehearsal Marathon includes five hours of singing, intensive choral training, guest clinicians, and vocal music challenges. Singers invite friends and family to support the rehearsal marathon. Each dollar encourages singers in their choral music growth and strengthens them to be musical leaders in their communities.

Sunday, February 2

Do-Re-Mi-Rehearsal Marathon (Concert Choir and Chamber Choir ladies)

Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Concert at Pleasant View Retirement Community, Manheim

Friday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.

Concert Choir singing in *Festival of Voices Music for Everyone*
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Sunday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Ensemble singing in *Men's Chorus Festival*
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Thursday, April 2

Local Tour Day (Concert and Chamber choirs) to Harrisburg, PA

Friday, April 3

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Congregational Song
 What Child is This?

Carol Choir

Prepare to Receive Him from *Christmas Oratorio* J.S. Bach
 arr. Randolph Currie

Prepare to receive him,
 The promised Messiah,
 The loving and caring, the Savior of all.

Still, Still, Still Traditional Austrian Carol
 arr. Rupert G. Lang

Still, still, still,
 Weil's Kindlein schlafen will!
 Maria tut es nieder singen
 Ihre Keusche Brust dar bringen

*Hush, hush, hush,
 The little child wants to sleep!
 Mary sings to him.
 Mary feeds him.*

Sleep, sleep, sleep,
 He lies in slumber deep.
 All angel voices from heav'n are singing.
 Sweetest songs of joy they are bringing.

Mary, Mary Mary Donnelly
 arr. George L. O. Strid

O Mary, rock, rock, rock your little baby.
 Rock your child in the stable tonight.
 O Mary, rock, rock, rock your little baby.
 Rock your baby in the heavenly light.

Shepherds travel from far and wide
 Just to kneel at the baby's side.

Angels join in the lullaby
 As a star shines bright in the winter sky.

Holy baby from heav'n above,
 You have come to offer us peace and love.
 Join we now in a song of praise
 On this happiest day of days!

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Concert Choir

Canciones Hispanasarr. Audrey Snyder

De Tierra Lejana Venimos

Traditional Puerto Rican Carol

De tierra lejana Venimos a verte,
Nos sirve de guía la Estrella de Oriente.

O brillante estrella que anuncias la aurora,
No nos falte nunca tu luz bienhechora
Gloria en las alturas al Hijo de Dios,
Gloria en las alturas y en la tierra amor.

De tierra lejana Venimos a verte,
Niño del cielo.

Fum, Fum, Fum

Traditional Catalonian Carol

Vienticinco de diciembre,
Fum, fum, fum.

Nacido ha por nuestro amor
El Niño Dios, el Niño Dios;
Hoy de la Virgen María
En esta noche tan fría,
Fum, fum, fum.

Canta vien a la celebración.
Regocijate, el mundo celebra.

Song of the Wise Men

*From a distant land we come to see him.
The Star of the East guides us.*

*O bright star, you announce the dawn,
Never cease your benevolent light.
Glory in the highest to the Son of God,
Glory in the highest and love on earth.*

*From a distant land we come to see him,
Child of heaven.*

Fum, Fum, Fum

*December 25th
Fum, fum, fum*

*Born for love of us
The God-Child, the God-Child;
Born today of the virgin Mary
On so cold a night.
Fum, fum, fum.*

*Sing in celebration.
Rejoice, the world celebrates.*

Gesu Bambino.....Pietro A. Yon

When blossoms flowered
'Mid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the child the Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him.
Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name,
The grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came
That we with Him might dwell.

Go Where I Send Thee!.....Gospel Spiritual
arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

Children, go where I send thee!
How shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee twelve by twelve:
Twelve for the twelve disciples,
'Leven of them singin' in heaven,
Ten for the ten commandments,
Nine for the angel choirs divine,
Eight for the eight the flood couldn't take,

Seven for the day God laid down his head,
Six for the days when the world was fixed,
Five for the bread they did divide,
Four for the gospel writers,
Three for the Hebrew children,
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One for the little bitty baby,
The baby boy, born in Bethlehem.

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Women's Ensemble

I Wanna Be Readyarr. Rosephanye Powell, William Powell

I wanna be ready,
To walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.

If you get to heaven before I do,
Tell all of my friends I'm coming too.

My feet stand steady,
To walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.

O John, O John, now didn't you say
That you'd be there on that great day.

John said that Jerusalem was four square.
I hope, good Lord, to meet you there.

Now some came crippled and some came lame,
And some came walking in Jesus' name.

Chamber Choir

Every Stone Shall Cry music by Will Todd; text by Richard Wilbur

A stable lamp is lighted
Whose glow shall wake the sky;
The stars shall bend their voices
And ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry,
And straw like gold will shine;
A barn shall harbour heaven
And an oxen stall become a shrine.

Yet He shall be forsaken
And yielded up to die.
The sky shall groan and darken
And ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry,
For stony hearts of men;
God's blood upon the spearhead,
God's love refused again.

This child through David's city
Shall ride in triumph by.
The palm shall strew it's branches,
And ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry, though heavy,
Dull and dumb,
And lie within the roadway to pave
His kingdom come.

But now as at the ending
The low is lifted high.
The stars shall bend their voices
And ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry
In praises for the child
by whose descent among us
The world was reconciled.

Walk in the Light..... Traditional
arr. André Thomas

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops
Of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Congregational Song

Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Carol, Concert, and Chamber Choirs

The Gift of Love..... Maxcine Woodbridge Posegate

Little Jesus lay on the sweet smelling hay
While angels watched from above;
And the stars looked down
On the sleeping town
Where God sent His Gift of Love.

Shepherds out on the hill
Where sheep lay so still
Heard the angels singing above;
And they trembled with fright

At the dazzling sight,
Where God sent His Gift of Love.

“Fear thou not,
For this One is the Father’s dear Son,
Who is come down to earth from above.”
Then with joy did they go to the manger low,
Where God sent His Gift of Love.

Silent Night for all the World..... Franz Grüber and Pepper Choplin

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Noche de paz, noche de amor,
Todo duerme derredor.
Entre sus astros que esparcen su luz,
Bella nunciando al niño Jesús;
Brilla la estrella de paz,

Koyohan pam, Korukhan pam,
Odume muthin pam.
Chuuu pumo anjaso
Kamsa kido turilttae.
Agi chalto chanda,

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

The world is singing of a silent night
And dreaming of a holy night
When sounds of battle fade into the calm,
And clouds of war
Will clear until the sky is bright.
And all will gather
To see the beauty of the child
Whose perfect love has the pow’r to reconcile,
To bring peace to the jungle
And the desert and ev’ry city street
‘Til ev’ry child of the world
May safely fall asleep,
‘Til ev’ry child
May safely fall asleep in heavenly peace.

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Sherrie Pratt

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Pratt is a singer and actress who gained acclaim and outstanding recognition in New York City as a featured soloist with the Boys Choir of Harlem. She performed Poulenc's *Gloria* at Aaron Davis Hall and was featured soloist within the Ebony Ecumenical Ensemble record of Dr. James Forbes *Love My Children*.

Embraced by the Mennonite World Conference, Pratt has been a special soloist at conferences in the cities of Strasbourg, Wichita, Edmonton and Harrisburg where she performed with the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster. A favorite to the Lancaster Mennonite Community for 30 years, her inspiring performance of spirituals and hymns warmed the hearts of many at the 100 year anniversary celebration of the Mennonite Historical Society in 2013. She sang in the Christmas Concert Series 2011 of the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster and in the Celebration of Hope and Healing benefit concert with MCCL Chamber Choir in 2015. At the People's Place in Intercourse, Pennsylvania she performed the role of Mary for several seasons in its production of the *Nativity*.



Pratt studied voice and graduated from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio where she minored in voice and held a dual major in Elementary Education and Science. She earned her Doctorate in Organization and Leadership from Teacher's College at Columbia University. Thankful for a loving husband and three gifted young adult sons, Pratt currently resides in Harlem and testifies, "To God be the glory for the things he has done."

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Artistic Staff



Rosemary Siegrist Blessing Artistic Director, Chamber Choir

Rosemary holds degrees in piano performance and business administration from Eastern Mennonite University and has pursued graduate study in choral music. She maintains a private piano studio and teaches piano at Franklin and Marshall College. Rosemary is an active pianist in the Lancaster area, having accompanied various choral groups and currently plays with the Allegro Orchestra. She is a founding member of the Beyond Ourselves chamber ensemble, a project pairing music and social justice, with annual benefit concerts promoting and supporting the global work of Mennonite Central Committee. Rosemary and her husband, Josh, attend Landis Valley Christian Fellowship with their two young children.



Monica Hochstedler Carlson Director, Prelude Music / Assistant Choir Manager

Carlson holds a Masters of Music in Piano Pedagogy and Performance from Westminster Choir College and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Goshen College. Carlson formerly taught music in public schools as well as at Eastern Mennonite Elementary School in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She served as a private piano instructor at Shenandoah Valley Preparatory Music and Woodberry Forest School and was an instructor at Red Wing Academy. Carlson has Kodaly and Dalcroze training. Administratively, Carlson served as operations manager at a children's museum in Harrisonburg, VA and has performed administrative tasks and program coordination in several different work positions as well as with her church.



Jonathan Shoff Director, Men's Ensemble / Accompanist, Chamber Choir

Shoff earned his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Millersville University with a concentration in piano and a minor in voice. He also holds a Master of Music from West Chester University. Jonathan teaches elementary school music in the School District of Lancaster. He teaches private instrumental and voice lessons and serves as artistic director for the Music For Everyone Lancaster Community Chorus. Along with his wife and their three children, he worships at Lancaster Alliance Church.



Melody Stahl Director, Choristers I & II

Stahl holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education with a focus in piano from Millersville University. Her undergraduate involvement included serving as a Music Research Fellow and as accompanist for the University Choir. She also served as supervisor for the Pre-college Program associated with Lancaster Mennonite School. Stahl is an MCCL alumna who sang for eight years, experiencing Carol, Concert, and Chamber choirs.



Sarah Wingard Director, Carol and Concert Choirs

Wingard earned her Bachelor of Science in music education from Messiah College with a concentration in voice and extensive study in piano. Growing up in Virginia, Sarah gained early musical experience singing with the nationally acclaimed Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir. Sarah teaches elementary music at the Locust Grove campus of Lancaster Mennonite School. In addition to helping with local music camps and events, Sarah teaches private voice lessons. Wingard also sings and regularly solos with the Susquehanna Chorale.



Sharon Ho Accompanist, Carol and Concert Choirs

Sharon graduated from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance. She teaches elementary orchestra at Conestoga Valley School District. Sharon also teaches piano lessons at Linden Hall School and the Lancaster Conservatory of Music. She has been featured as a soloist with the Pennsylvania Academy of Music Orchestra, Hershey Symphony Orchestra, and Millersville University Orchestra. Sharon has accompanied for various vocal and instrumental soloists, pit orchestras, and choirs of all ages.

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Vision

We will develop musical excellence and discipline in children and youth, equipping them for a lifetime of worship and service to the Christian community.

We will pass on our singing heritage through Christ-centered repertoire that affirms Anabaptist beliefs and reflects the musical diversity of the church around the world and through time.

Who We Are

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is a program of Lancaster Mennonite School. MCCL is composed of three auditioned choirs and two programs:

Carol Choir grades 2-5
Concert Choir grades 6-8
Chamber Choir grades 9-12
Prelude Music kindergarten - grade 1
Choristers I & II grades 2-8

We invite singers and families whose personal mission and vision align with ours to join us next season. Please contact one of the directors to schedule an audition or the administrative assistant to schedule a concert.

History

Founded in 1998, the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster began as a choir of 31 singers under the direction of artistic director Patricia Strong Myers. Since then, the program has grown to include auditioned and non-auditioned choral opportunities for over 140 children and youth in kindergarten through grade 12. The singers represent a variety of churches, schools, and communities across Lancaster, Lebanon, and Chester counties. They gather on Tuesday evenings from August through May to participate in rigorous classes and rehearsals to prepare for sharing times and a Christmas and spring concert series.

In addition to the bi-annual concert series, the choirs collaborate with other arts organizations, participate in benefit concerts, and share music with schools and other community organizations. Annual summer tours have provided opportunities for national (Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, Washington DC) and international (Canada, Germany, Albania, Bulgaria, Indonesia) travel and ministry. The choir has also had the privilege of singing at events such as Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, local church conference events, Eastern Mennonite Mission events, Mennonite Central Committee benefit concerts and local school chapel services. In addition, the choir has enjoyed connecting with the local community by singing at locations such as retirement communities, Lancaster Central Market, Park City Center, Lancaster Barnstormers and Music for Everyone in Lancaster City. Only a portion of the annual operating cost is covered by tuition. Donations, offerings, and fundraisers provide additional funding.



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BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM 98 10. 98 10 with refrain

1 Oh, beau - ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shin - ing a -
2 Oh, beau - ti - ful star, the hope of light, guid - ing the
3 Oh, beau - ti - ful star, the hope of rest, for the re -

far thro' shad - ows dim, giv - ing a light for those who long have
pil - grim thro' the night, o - ver the moun - tain till the break of
deemed, the good and blest, yon - der in glo - ry when the crown is

gone, (have gone,) and guid - ing the wise men on their way
dawn; (the dawn;) and in - to the light of per - fect day
won; (is won,) for Je - sus is now that Star di - vine;

un - to the place where Je - sus lay,
it will give out a love - ly ray; beau - ti - ful
bright - er and bright - er he will shine;

star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

Refrain Oh, beau - ti - ful star of Beth - le -
Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful star,

hem, shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry
star of Beth - le - hem, shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry,

dawn;
glo - ry dawn; oh, give us thy light to light the way in - to the

land of per - fect day; beau - ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)