

Cathedral Concerts

— AT ST. PAUL'S —



CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
CHORUS



Doug Beery, Director of Choruses

May 17, 2025

2:00 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

127 Cherry Rd. NE, Massillon, OH 44646

Admission: Free Will Offering

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—Program—

A Sea of Refuge

Reading 1: “Come to the Water” by John Foley

Come to the Water

John Foley

Arr. Jack Schrader

Navy Hymn (Eternal Father, Strong to Save)

John B. Dykes

Soloists: Heather Shive, Alto; Robin Rokisky, Alto

A Sea of Strife

Reading 2: “After the Sea-Ship” by Walt Whitman

A Sea Symphony

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Scherzo: The Waves

A Sea of Sound

Reading 3: “Sound Over All Water” by John Greenleaf Whittier

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter

Wade in the Water

Moses Hogan

—Intermission—

A Sea of Joy

Reading 4: “Sing Me to Heaven” by Jane Griner
(CSOC Chorale)

The Water Is Wide

Russell Robinson

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel E. Gawthrop

A Sea of Gilbert & Sullivan

List and Learn

from *The Gondoliers*

Arthur Sullivan

With Cat-Like Tread

from *H.M.S. Pinafore*

Arthur Sullivan

Soloist: Austin Yoder, Tenor

Dance a Cachucha

from *The Gondoliers*

Arthur Sullivan

A Sea of Light

True Light

arr. Keith Hampton

Soloists: Ashlinn Meehan, Alto; Daryl Robinson, Tenor

CANTON SYMPHONY CHORUS



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Soprano

Nancy BakerCazan
Alexis Balch
Samantha Burchfield
Terin Bussell
Carol Butler
Monique Casteel
Karen Crookston
Mary Davlin
Anita Ehmer
Sally Kohring
Veronica Kreemer
Lizzie Lukens Conrad
Constance Mayle
Sharon McWhorter
Diane Morrison
Linda Petz
Rikki Price
Laurie Simmons
Joann Smith
Danielle Swinehart
Robyn Taylor
Diana White
Angel Whitman
Juliann Wolfarth

Alto

Eva Airhart
Laura Caniglia
Rachel Caniglia
Sarah Caniglia
Suzanne Chapa
Toni Cotopolis
Rebecca DiLiddo
Ruth Dubinsky
Holly Flowers
Maxine Hegnauer
June Henderson
Patricia Hill
Leslie Kompara
Jane Linville
Sara Marulli
Laurel McNeill
Ashlinn Meechan
Shanna Newman
Robin Seaton Rokisky
Heather Shive
Allison Thompson
Nina Ward
Brenda Weisel
Coralie Yoder

Tenor

David Brandau
Shawn Cook
Chad Corbin
John Derry
Chad Hall
Anthony Harbert
Mark Kreemer
Gary Lansinger
Daryl Robinson
Phil Smith
Austin Yoder

Bass

Keith Bennett
Dwight Butler
Dan Crookston
Mark Fetzer
Frederick Linxweiler
Nate Lockwood
Jeff Moss
Ben Myers
David Rehs
Aaron Speakman



Chorale

Eva Airhart
Jacob Airhart
Keith Bennett
Dave Brandau
Sarah Caniglia
Monique Casteel

Dan Crookston
Chad Hall
Gary Lanzinger
Jane Linville
Sara Marulli
Ashlinn Meechan

Joe Orin
David Rehs
Heather Shive
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Chorus, scan the QR code.



The Artists

The Canton Symphony Orchestra Chorus, under the direction of Doug Beery, comes to St. Paul's following a spirited performance at the Holiday Pops concert and a magnificent rendition of Vaughan Williams' *A Sea Symphony* in April. Permanently founded in 1983 by then music director Dr. Jeffrey H. Brandes, the CSO Chorus is an auditioned choral ensemble composed of all volunteer vocalists from the greater Stark County area. The Canton Symphony Orchestra Chorus has shown remarkable resilience since the departure of its long-time and revered director, Britt Cooper, successfully navigating multiple leadership transitions. Under the direction of Doug Beery, the Chorus has experienced a resurgence of energy and cohesion. Doug, along with the newly established Chorus Admin Team, has worked tirelessly to advance both the musical and organizational vitality of the group. Staff and board members alike have observed that the CSO Chorus has never been more organized, focused, or inspired, and singing under Doug's baton has become a source of renewed joy.

Director Douglas Beery Mr. Douglas Beery is currently serving in his second season as the Director of Choruses with the Canton Symphony Orchestra. The CSO Chorus is currently in its 41st season performing in conjunction with the Canton Symphony Orchestra, as well as chorus-only concerts. In addition, Mr. Beery founded the Chorale, which is in its second season performing a cappella music of all styles and time periods.

Douglas Beery also serves as Director of Choral Activities at Hoover High School, where he directs eight choirs. He has been a finalist for the "Canton Symphony Orchestra Music Educator of the Year Award," as well as being awarded the Northwest Local Schools "Educator of the Year" in 2018. Mr. Beery has served as conductor of the Kent State University Men's Chorus, and Assistant Conductor of the Kent State Chorale during his tenure as a PhD student at the university. Choral ensembles under his direction have successfully toured Ohio, other U.S. states, and various countries in Europe. In addition, he has served as the Music Director for 24 high school Broadway Musical productions.

Mr. Beery received a Bachelor of Music degree from Capital University and a Master of Music Degree in Choral Conducting from The Ohio State University. Choral groups under Beery's direction have earned consistent and numerous superior ratings at District and State Adjudicated Events and have been selected to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association Professional Development Conference. Mr. Beery is a member of the Ohio Music Education Association and the American Choral Directors Association. He is an active adjudicator of large group choral and solo and ensemble events for OMEA. Mr. Beery is excited to be working in his second year with the singer/musicians of the Canton Symphony Chorus.

Collaborative Pianist Lisa Madaffer earned her Bachelor of Music in piano performance and music theory, summa cum laude and with departmental honors, from Kent State University and her Master of Music from Bowling Green State University. She went on to do post master's work at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Her primary teachers include Margaret Baxtresser, Virginia Marks, Thomas Hecht, and Sandra Shapiro. Ms. Madaffer was the 1987 winner of the Tuesday Musical Club competition and the 1989 runner-up in the MTNA Competition. As the winner of the BGSU concerto competition, she performed the Schumann Piano Concerto with the university orchestra under the baton of Robert Spano.



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are delighted to extend to you a warm welcome to our Cathedral Concert today. It is our pleasure to invite you to join us for an afternoon of inspiring music and community fellowship.

Our concert series has become a cherished tradition in our community, in which we gather to celebrate the beauty of music and the unity it brings.

In addition to the concerts, we also invite you to join us for our Sunday Worship services. Our worship services provide an opportunity for us to come together in faith, togetherness, and spiritual growth. We meet for worship every Sunday at 10 am, and your presence would be a meaningful addition to our congregation.

We are excited about the potential for a deeper connection between our two spiritual communities and look forward to sharing these meaningful experiences with you. We hope you will find inspiration, solace, and joy in both the Cathedral Concerts and our worship services.

For more information, please visit our website at stpaulsmassillon.org. Also, please feel free to contact me at revmkreemer@gmail.com or 330--864-7409. We hope you enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music, and we look forward to seeing you for worship.

With warm regards and anticipation,
Rev. Mark Kreemer
Senior Pastor

Welcome to this afternoon's musical offering as we host the Canton Symphony Orchestra Chorus under the direction of Mr. Doug Beery. It is a special treat for our church community, as our pastor and several choir members are a part of this group! What a joy it is to contribute, in small part, to the music making and musical culture of Stark County.

Thank you for supporting this very important musical outreach!

May God give us faith to sing always,
Dr. Abigail Haake



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