



GROVE CITY HIGH SCHOOL
MEN'S CHORUS

OCD A CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE

Monday, June 24th, 2024

7:30 PM

Mees Hall, Capital University

Ms. Ann Johnson, *Director of Choirs*

Mr. Brennan Harris, *Accompanist*

Ben Adams, *Student Accompanist*



The Program

Ad Amore.....Lee R. Kesselman (b. 1951)
Micah Baltzer, Brysen Davis & John Roth, *percussion* Boosey & Hawkes 2015
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Quello infinito e ineffabil bene,	That Goodness, infinite and ineffable,
Che là sù è, così corre ad amore,	Which is above, runs toward Love,
Com' a lucido corpo raggio vene.	As light comes to polished bodies.

Program Notes: Dante Alighieri (c. 1265-1321) was an Italian poet of the Middle Ages. The text from this piece is taken from Alighieri's *Divine Comedy Purgatorio*, *Canta XV*, lines 67-69. This poem describes Dante's journey through Hell (*Inferno*), Purgatory (*Purgatorio*), and Paradise (*Paradiso*).

We Will Sing.....Christi Cari Miller (b. 1959)
Hal Leonard 2023
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We will sing!	Songs of passion, songs of war.
Songs of beauty and romance. We will sing!	Songs no ears have heard before.
Songs to make the spirit dance. We will sing!	Together 'til our journey's done, we will sing!
Songs of laughter, songs of peace.	Come join our song while there is time,
Songs of joy that never cease.	Come sing along and echo our rhyme!
Together 'til our journey's done, we will sing!	We will sing!
Of adventures small and great, we will sing!	
Songs of destiny and fate. We will sing!	

Sea Fever.....Nancy Hill Cobb (b. 1951)
John Masefield (1878-1976)
SBMP 727 (2007)

I must down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face and a grey dawn breaking.

I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must down to the seas again to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

Program Notes: Sea Fever is from British poet and writer John Masefield's collected works entitled *Salt-Water Ballads*. The Poet Laureate loved and spent considerable time at sea which is evident in his brilliant imagery.

Fum, Fum, Fum (Traditional Catalan Carol).....Howard Helvey (b. 1968)
Beckenhorst Press, Inc. (2013) CU 1019

On this joyful Christmas Day sing fum, fum, fum.
For a blessed Babe was born upon this day at the break of morn;
In a manger poor and lowly lay the son of God most holy.

Give thanks to God this holy day; sing fum, fum, fum,
Now all our voices raise and sing a song of grateful praise.
Celebrate in song and story all the wonders of his glory.

Birds that live within the forest fum, fum, fum.
All you fledgling leave behind and seek the Infant Savior kind.
Build as well as you are able, down nest to be his cradle.

Praise we now the Lord above; sing fum, fum, fum.
For upon this day at morn the wond'rous Son of God was born.
In a manger poor and lowly lay the Blessed Babe most holy.

Program Notes: This carol is likely at least four hundred years old and there remains some discrepancy as to the meaning of the repeated word "fum" throughout. In Catalan "fum" means smoke, so it has been suggested that the carol continuously alludes to smoke seen rising from chimney's on Christmas Day.

Yonder Come Day (Traditional Georgia Sea Islands Melody).....Paul John Rudoj (b. 1985)
Sean Eason & Max Warren, *soloists* Galaxy Music Corp L3467 (2016)
Micah Baltzer, *tambourine*

Oh day, yonder come day.
Day done broke inna my soul, yonder come day.
Good mornin' day, yonder come day
A brand new day, yonder come day.

Oh come on child, hush, hush somebody's callin my name.
Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

Oh day yonder come day.
Day done broke inna my soul, yonder come day.
I was on my knees, yonder come day
When I heard him say, yonder come day.

Oh come on child, Steal away to Jesus.
I ain't got long to say here.
Swing low sweet chariot comin' for to carry me home.

Java Jive (as recorded by Manhattan Transfer).....Arranged by Ed Lojeski (1942-2020)

Caleb Siedler, Aiden Stammen & Chance Sweazey, *soloists*

Hal Leonard 08752499 (1977)

I love coffee, I love tea, I love the Java Jive and it loves me.
Coffee and tea and the jivin' and me, a cup! Ahh
I love java sweet and hot. Whoops! Mister Moto, I'm a coffee pot.
Shoot me the pot and I'll pour me a shot, a cup!

So slip me a slug from that wonderful mug and I'll cut a rug till I'm snug in the jug.
A slice of onion on a raw one. Draw one, waiter, water percolator!

Boston beans, Soybeans, I said the itty, bitty, little green beans.
Cabbage and greens. You know that I'm not keen without a bean
Unless it is a cheery coffee bean.

Brothers, Sing On!Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Arranged by Howard D. McKinney (1890-1980)

Belwin (1935) 6927-5

Come and let our swelling song Mount like the whirling wind,
As it meets our singing throng, So blithe of heart and mind.
Care and sorrow now be gone, Brothers in song, sing on!

Youth is a wand'ring troubadour, Sailing the singing breeze.
Wooing a maid on a distant shore, Over the tossing seas;
Steering by the stars above, His vessel a song of love.
Brothers sing on!

Errant minstrels, thus we greet you, List to our voices strong,
With glad and open hearts we meet you, In our festival of song.
Care and sorrow now be gone, Brothers in song, sing on!

The Choir



The Grove City High School Men's Chorus is a non-audition concert choir that meets for twenty-five minutes in two different sections each day. The choir meets often after school to rehearse as a full group. They work for the highest standards in musicianship skills and challenge themselves with the repertoire they learn and perform. The group has been featured in concert with the Miami University Men's Glee Club, and Bowling Green State University Men's Chorus, and has been extended an invitation to perform with the Ohio State University Men's Glee Club in 2025 at their 150th anniversary concert. The choir has been invited to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association Professional Development Conference. They have consistently received superior ratings at district and state level OMEA adjudicated events in the highest classification.

Tenor 1

Eli Davis
Ethan Gocha
Elinor Hope
Aidan Snouffer
Aiden Stammen
Iria Stover
Jay Washington
Callum Williams

Tenor 2

Brysen Davis
Nicholas Deliduka
Joseph Deliduka
Sean Eason
Jackson Nelson
Mason Roberts
Dane Snyder
Christopher Thomas

Bass 1

Micah Baltzer
Will Bentley
Tyler Haines
Xavier Hobson
Anderson Hurt
Caleb Kleppinger
Nick Nelson
Javon Ponder
Evan Rardon
Cyrus Speegle
Donovan Wilkins

Bass 2

Caleb Campbell
Gunnar Davis
Mathew Leavens
John Roth
Caleb Siedler
Chance Sweazey
Daniel Tewolde
Max Warren

Ann Johnson, Director



Ann Johnson is the director of choral activities at Grove City High School. She received her Bachelor of Vocal Music Education from Ohio Wesleyan University and Master of Music Education and Kodaly Certification from The Kodaly Institute at Capital University. Her career has spanned many facets in and out of the classroom. She is an Adjudicator for the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) and serves on the Ohio Choral Directors Association (OCDA) Board.

The choirs and show choirs under the direction of Ms. Johnson have consistently received "Superior" ratings at regional and state level OMEA Adjudicated events and show choir competitions. Ms. Johnson has served as a Presider for the OMEA Professional Development Conference. She has served on the OMEA adjudicated events large group repertoire selection committee and ACDA National Adjudication panel. Choirs under her direction have been selected to perform at professional development conferences numerous times over the last few years. She made her conducting debut at Carnegie Hall in 2022 directing the top concert choirs at GCHS who were selected to perform a solo concert. She also spent a summer in a choral conductors seminar at the Juilliard School in New York City. Ann is an active adjudicator for show choir competitions around the country and directs two highly competitive show choirs in addition to four concert choirs at Grove City High School.

Brennan Harris, Accompanist



Brennan Harris, Accompanist/Assistant Director, received his M.M. in Choral Conducting from The Ohio State University. Currently he works as a pianist, vocal coach and private instructor in the greater Columbus area. He is the accompanist of the choirs at Grove City HS, Granville HS and Olentangy Orange HS. Brennan is the Minister of Music at Just North United Church of Christ. He is also a published composer and arranger of a cappella music for high school and collegiate ensembles.

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