

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA HONOR CHOIR

with the
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
CHAMBER CHOIR
and VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

KEN BERG, JEFFREY ALLEN MURDOCK, IAN LOEPPKY, DIRECTORS

KAREN CANTRELL AND REBECCA ROCKHILL,
COLLABORATIVE PIANISTS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

NORTON AUDITORIUM, UNA, FLORENCE, AL

I. MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR CHOIR

Ken Berg *Cantate!*

Andrea Ramsey *Sing to me*

Bob Chilcott *Can you hear me*
William Miller, *ASL translation*

Ken Berg *Sing to the world*

II. CHAMBER CHOIR

Orlando Gibbons *Hosanna to the son of David*
(1583-1625)

III. VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Thomas A. Dorsey *Precious Lord, take my hand*
(1899-1993)
arr. Roy Ringwald

Jake Runestad *Nyon nyon*

IV. HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CHOIR AND UNA CHAMBER CHOIR

Giuseppe Pitoni *Cantate Domino*
(1657-1743)

Moses George Hogan *I'm gonna sing till the spirit moves in my heart*
(1957-2003)

Frank Ticheli *Earth Song*

Joseph Martin *The awakening*

Donald Lawrence *Jehovah Sabaoth*
Ethan Younger, *bass*; Thomas Baker, *drums*

A very special thanks to:

Dr. Gretchen Windt, Director of Vocal Studies

*Dr. Erik Angerhofer; Profs. Suzanne Reese-Mills, Gabrielle Orlayna Fuqua,
and Eleanor McClellan, voice faculty*

Dr. Whitney O'Neal, Chair, Department of Music

Dr. Meghan Merciers, Executive Director, School of the Arts

Dr. Ryan Zayac, Associate Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering

Dr. Sara Lynn Baird, Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering

Dr. Ross C. Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and

Dr. Kenneth Kitts, President

Biographies

Ken Berg

For 28 years Ken served as the Director of Choirs and Fine Arts Chairman at John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham. The choirs at John Carroll consistently received highest ratings in district, state and national festivals under his leadership.

After retiring from teaching high school in 2005, Ken served for six years as the full-time Music Minister and Composer in Residence at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, also in Birmingham. As of the summer of 2011, after serving as the part-time Music Director for 33 years, Ken now serves as the first full-time Music Director and Resident Composer for the Birmingham Boys Choir. (ken@birminghamboyschoir.org) Under his leadership the Choir has toured extensively throughout the United States as well as internationally in Costa Rica, Europe, Japan, and Canada. Additionally, the Choristers of the BBC have sung for OAKE, MENC and ACDA State, Division and National conventions.

Ken and his wife, Susan are the proud parents of two sons, Michael and David; both fine musicians in their own right, as well as BBC Alumni!

Ken has served as a State and Southern Division officer with the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and has also served on the Training Courses Committee of the Royal School of Church Music in America. Additionally, he has taught Choral Arranging as an adjunct at his Alma Mater, Samford University.

Ken often serves as clinician and adjudicator throughout the U.S. His music is published with Bella Voce Press, LLC (www.bellavocepress.com), Alfred Music, Carl Fischer, Chorister's Guild, Colla Voce, Fred Bock, Hal Leonard, Hinshaw Music, Kjos Music, MorningStar Music, Pavane Music, Santa Barbara Music Publishers and Walton Music.

Jeffrey Allen Murdock

Dr. Jeffrey Allen Murdock currently serves as Associate Director of Choral Activities, Vocal Area Coordinator, and Assistant Professor of Music Education at the University of Arkansas. There, he conducts the Inspirational Chorale, the Men's Chorus, and teaches courses within the choral music education curriculum. He is a 2016 Connor Endowed Faculty Fellow in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. Appearing regularly in concert, recital, and stage performances, he has conducted or performed with the Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra, the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, the (Mississippi) Gulf Coast Symphony, the Fort Smith Symphony, the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, and the Southern Mississippi Opera.

Dr. Murdock's research interests include cultural hegemony in choral music education, social justice in music education, culturally responsive pedagogy in music education, and music in urban schools. He is a regular presenter at regional and national conferences of the National Research Conference for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), the International Society for Music Education (ISME) and the American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA, where he serves as President of the Arkansas chapter of ACDA and serves on the national committee for diversity initiatives. He is currently the president-elect designate for the Southwest Division of the ACDA.

Dr. Murdock holds both Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music in Conducting degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Music Education from the University of Memphis. In addition to NAfME and ACDA, his professional memberships include the ASCAP and the National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO). He is also a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Karen Cantrell

Karen Whitehead Cantrell is a native of Anderson, Alabama. She has a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from University of North Alabama and a Masters of Music Education from Florida State University. She also received counseling certification from University of North Alabama. She has served as choral director at Deshler High School, Tusculumbia and as Alabama Vocal Association District chairman, treasurer and president. She was guidance counselor at Anderson Elementary School until her retirement.

Karen is currently the staff collaborative pianist for the Department of Music at UNA, where she plays student/faculty recitals, ensemble concerts, and Collegiate Singers performances. She coordinates pianists' schedules for students' private lessons. She also is pianist at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rogersville.

Karen has been pianist for numerous Alabama All-State Choral Festivals, Quad-City Choral Festivals, Alabama Honor Choir, University of North Alabama Honor Choir, Florence Honor Choir, Mississippi State University choral ensembles including performance with Tupelo Symphony, state, regional and national ACDA reading sessions. She has collaborated with students for state, regional and national NATS. She has served as choral adjudicator for district, regional and state assessments, and has been featured as a guest artist for the UNA Honor Choir since its inception.

Rebecca Rockhill

Rebecca Rockhill assumed the post of Director of the UNA Collegiate Singers in the spring of 2017. Her choirs have performed for state and regional conferences for the Alabama Music Educators Association and for American Choral Directors Association. Her choral department boasted more students selected to the Alabama All-State Choir and the All-State Show Choir than any other school in the state. As well, she has served as a collaborative pianist for the All-State Choir and vocal director and pianist for the All-State Show Choir many times. Rockhill has been the recipient of "Teacher of the Year" in Florence City Schools three times. She has received the Frances P. Moss Award for Alabama Choral Director of the Year, and was selected Educator of the Year by the University of North Alabama Alumni Association. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama, Master of Music Education from Eastern Kentucky University, and Education Specialist from the University of North Alabama. She has served as Repertoire and Standards Chair for ACDA and District Chair for the Alabama Vocal Association. She has also served as President of Alabama Vocal Association. She is choir director and organist at First Presbyterian Church in Florence.

Ian Loeppky

Originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Ian Loeppky has been Professor and Director of Choral Activities at the University of North Alabama since the fall of 2003. His studies began at the University of Manitoba, continued at the University of Minnesota with Kathy Romey, and finished at the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati with Earl Rivers

and Stephen Coker. He has also studied with Helmuth Rilling, Dale Warland, Frieder Bernius, Martin Isepp, Charles Bruffy, and Bobby McFerrin. He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Education, the National Collegiate Choral Organization, the Alabama Vocal Association, the International Federation for Choral Music, Choral Canada, Phi Mu Alpha, and Pi Kappa Lambda. He is a member of the editorial board for *Anacrusis*, the journal of Choral Canada.

Loeppky has worked as a singer, scholar, conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and arranger in Canada, the United States, and Portugal. He directs the two elite choral ensembles at UNA and teaches undergraduate and graduate choral conducting, choral techniques, world music, and graduate choral literature. In addition, he is founder of the Florence Camerata, Artistic Director of the Huntsville Community Chorus Association, a frequent contributor to the ACDA *Choral Journal* and *Anacrusis*, and is in demand as a clinician and adjudicator throughout the region and internationally. His works are published by Kelman Music Press, Santa Barbara Music Publishing, UNC Jazz Press, and Carl Fischer. Under his direction, the UNA Chamber Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble sing regularly at local and regional concerts, festivals, and conferences.

UNA Collegiate Singers

An ensemble inclusive of any UNA student on campus with a passion for singing. The Collegiate Singers perform regularly in concerts with the other UNA choral ensembles and other departmental ensembles as well. They joined the UNA Chamber Choir for the inaugural convocation of the Alabama All-State choir this spring.

UNA Chamber Choir

An elite group of singers, this ensemble appears on and off campus at events such as the Renaissance Faire in Florence, on tour with the UNA Collegiate Singers, in collaboration with other groups such as the UAH Concert Choir and Huntsville Youth Orchestra, and as part of the Alabama ACDA Collegiate Choirs Festival. In the spring of 2009, they had the privilege of representing the University of North Alabama on the Department of Music & Theatre's first international tour in its history, taking them to Italy. Since then, the group toured to Costa Rica in the springs of 2011 and 2019 and Ireland in spring 2013 as part of UNA's Study Abroad program; they completed a second tour to Italy in the spring of 2015. They have been featured performers at the AMEA conference in 2006, 2013, 2016, and 2019. They joined the UNA Collegiate Singers for the inaugural convocation of the Alabama All-State choir this spring.

UNA Vocal Jazz Ensemble

A small group chosen from among the members of the UNA Choruses, this ensemble explores the uniquely American idiom of jazz as well as pop and world music, often arranged by its members. They have been featured at the W.C. Handy Music Festival in Florence, at the Panoply Festival of the Arts in Huntsville, on tour with the Collegiate Singers and Chamber Choir, and frequently at special UNA events including banquets, seasonal events, and anthems at sporting events (both UNA's and the Huntsville Havoc). They have been featured performers at the ACDA Show and Jazz Choir Festival (2015 and 2017) and the AMEA conference (2013 and 2016).

Personnel

ALCORN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Tina Price Downs, *director*
Jeremy Reece, *principal*
Brandon Quinn, *superintendent*

Sarah Latch
Maleigha Voyles

ATHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Teresa Edwards, *director*
Graham Aderholt, *principal*
Beth Patton, *superintendent*

Lily Hobbs
Abigail Martin
Kayla Parrish
Rachel Smith
Lily Tucker
Averionna Turner
Bailey Woollard

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL

Teresa Edwards, *director*
Willie Moore, *principal*
Beth Patton, *superintendent*

Arii Andrews
Laila Cooper
Kirra Craig
Marjorie Diaz
Sophie Gordon
Savannah Hendrick
Melanie Hope
Nanci Lipscomb
Aubrey Mason
James Romines

CORINTH HIGH SCHOOL

Allen Woodhouse, *director*
John Barnett, *principal*
Lee Childress, *superintendent*

Adriana Pech
Anahi Rivera-Ambrosia
Marquise Whitelow
Emeri Gosney
Barbara Cantrell

America Aguilar
Kabriya Burns
Jadah Merryman

DESHLER HIGH SCHOOL

Katlyn Lott, *director*
Jessica Byrd, *principal*
Russell Tate, *superintendent*

Mason Bishop
Jordynn Hoyle
Emmalee Lewis
John Linley
Rhett Pilkinton
Hayden Talley

FLORENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Andrew Mills, *director*
Kevin Wieseman, *principal*
Jimmy Shaw, *superintendent*

Rachel Allen
Emely Arguedas
ZaMeria Beasley
Daniella Curiel
Reagan Carroll
Zoie Frost
Brianna Goodman
Taylor Gray
Abigail Hill
Jai Kendrick
Landri Kilpatrick
Annabelle Knowlton
Evelyn Owens
Chloe Perez
Lydia Ryan
Shakeria Stanford
Keylee Taylor
Sophie Wiggins
Chloe Wallace

FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Kevin Reese, *director*
Roderick Sheppard, *principal*
Jimmy Shaw, *superintendent*

Caroline Brown
Jaidyn Cooper

Izzie Gren
Matthew Kerl
Jakiyah Latham
Sonny McCznless
Laynie Nail
Zak Parker
Paisley Phillips
Veda Powell
Webster Sharp
Keira Wiggins

MADISON ACADEMY

Shelli Rimes, *director*
Brian Privett, *principal*
Casey Farris, *president*

Kale Agraviador
Cosette Brown
Annalee Scofield
Rebecca Olsen
Addison Shaw
Madeline Taylor
Josie Widick
Ella Grace Williams
Holly Young

MARS HILL BIBLE SCHOOL

J.J. Davenport, *director*
Dexter Rutherford, *principal*

Brannon Derr
Dawson Derr
Lizzie Donnan
Tyler Foster
Evelyn Gallagher
Sam Lumpkins
Preston Lumpkins
Harley Thornton
Lauren Sutherland
Libby Sutherland

MUSCLE SHOALS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Peter Wilder, *director*
Diana Ritter, *principal*
Chad Holden, *superintendent*

Dakota Axelson
Jacey Beal
Makenzy Boatwright

Carrington Buchanan
Connor Frederick
Kathryn Geise
Lo Hammond
Kylee Hanback
Kylie Hand
Aurora Ludington
Blake Mitchell
Reagan Sain
Annalise Seay
Josh Tucker
Reese Van Dam
Anna Kate Whitten
Aysia Willingham
Imani Willingham

MUSCLE SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL

Hannah Bradford, *director*
Kevin Davis, *principal*
Chad Holden, *superintendent*

Aaron Boatwright
Aiden Elmore
Elijah Elmore
Caleb Fuller
Elizabeth Gautney
Kamryn Grissom
Abigail Johnson
Sage Little

ONEONTA HIGH SCHOOL

Morgan Crim, *director*
Jeff Jones, *principal*
Craig Sosebee, *superintendent*

Abby Burke
Meryn Banks
Elaiha Rivera
Caleb Bailey
Michael Windham
Judson McKinney

RUSSELLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Aaron Freeman, *director*
Jeremy Madden, *principal*
Heath Grimes, *superintendent*

Abigail Ashton
Tara Cummings
Erika Cruz

Jared Davis
Evan Davis
Lily Cate Pace
Briley Palmer
Zackary Pinkard

UNA CHAMBER CHOIR

Ian Loepky, *conductor*
William Hueholt, *collaborative pianist*

Soprano

Anitra Burk
Jacqueline Goodwin
Annika Halcomb
Chelsea Haynes*
Andrea Mastin
Katie McDonald
Carolina Mooring
Taylor Romanczuk*

Alto

Marissa Briley
Emma Mauldin
Heather Medlin
Laci New
Leah Pickering
Maylea Roby
Nydia Thomas*
Natalie Thrasher*
Fresly Umaña Chaves
Macey Vandiver*

Tenor

Colby Allison
McKinley Copeland
Preston Cox
Dylan Haynes*
Tyler Holmes*
Carson Partain
Josiah Rains

Bass

Evan Bowers
Cooper Cafaro
Marcus Hardy
Daurian Lewis
William Miller*
Joshua Prestenberg

UNA VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Ian Loepky, *director*

Molly Austin
Hensley Beatty
Evan Bowers
McKinley Copeland
Dylan Haynes*
Daurian Lewis
Andrea Mastin
Josiah McBee
Katie McDonald
William Miller*
Abby Montgomery
Carolina Mooring
Josiah Rains
Natalie Thrasher*

**denotes an Officer or Section Leader in the UNA Choruses*

Upcoming Events

et in terra pax (and on earth, peace)

University of North Alabama Chamber Choir
and Repertory Orchestra

Tuesday October 4, 2022, Norton Auditorium

7:30 p.m.

\$15 adults/\$5 UNA students & affiliates

Fall Choral Showcase

University of North Alabama Collegiate Singers
and Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Tuesday October 25, 2022, Norton Auditorium

\$15 adults/\$5 UNA students & affiliates

For more information on Choral Performance Awards

or to schedule an audition, contact

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