THE BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
Dr. Stephen W. Sachs, Chair
presents

Choral Festival Concert

Monday, April 24, 2017 • 7:30 p.m.
Belhaven University • Concert Hall
PROGRAM

O Clap Your Hands (based upon Psalm 47)  
John Rutter • b. 1945

I Worship You, Lord (lyrics based upon Psalm 103)  
David Lantz III • b. 1964

Vesperae solennes de confessore
V. Laudate dominum
Maddi Jolley, Soprano
W. A. Mozart • 1756-1791

The Lord is my Shepherd  
Mandy Williams, Oboe
Belhaven University Choirs  
Conductor, Chris Phillips
John Rutter • b. 1945

Hear my Prayer  
Moses Hogan • 1957-2003

Even When He Is Silent  
Kim Arnesen • b. 1980

I Thank You God for most this Amazing Day  
Eric Whitacre • b. 1970

Battle of Jericho  
Moses Hogan • 1957-2003

Let Everything that Hath Breath  
Colorado Mass Choir

The Awakening  
The Combined Choirs  
Conductor, Pietro Gallion
Joseph Martin • 1760-1850

PROGRAM NOTES

The Murrah Choral Department has been known as one of the best high school choral groups throughout the District, State, and Nation for many years dating back to recordings from the late 1950s and 60s. The Choral Department consists of the Murrah Concert Singers, Murrah Madrigals, Girls Choir, Boys Choir Sextet, and Quartet. All of these groups have competed on the district, state, and national level and have been perpetually rated from advanced to superior levels. Awards include but are not limited to District superior rating 2008, 2009, 2010 State superior rating 2009, 2010. Superior Rating, Concert Singers, Festival Disney in Orlando Florida competing against almost 300 choral groups, invitations to Carnegie Hall, and a host of other national and international venues. In the 2012-2013 year the choir competed in New Orleans and won the entire festival overall with the highest average for all choirs and received an invitation to The Heritage Festival of Gold for Honor Choirs in New York City at St. Bartholomew’s Cathedral where they were privileged to work with Internationally
Acclaimed composers Dr. Andre' Thomas and Dr. Jeffrey Redding. In 2013 – 2014 School Year the Murrah Concert Singers competed in Washington D.C. and at Spellman College in Choral Festival in Atlanta, GA beating over 100 choirs. During the 2015-2016 year the choir received invitations to Chicago, Illinois where they recorded live with other honor choirs a commissioned piece conducted by world renowned composer and conductor, Dr. Rene Clausen. Currently, the choir competed on Saturday, November 5th at the River Land Choral Festival in Pearl, Ms. At this festival, the Concert Choir and Madrigal received all superior ratings, Best in Class Awards in all Categories, Best Overall Choir Awards, and Award for Highest Score overall (The Grand Champion Award). Also during this school year, the choir competed in Atlanta, Georgia at the Wordstrides Heritage Choral Festival competing against 126 choirs and winning the festival overall with Girls’ Choir having the highest score of 98. In the 2016-2017 the choir was invited to Los Angeles due to winning the Atlanta Festival to participate in the Wordstrides Encore Performance Festival of Gold. The Choir has been under the leadership of Mr. Pierrdro Gallion, Director of Choral Activities since 2008 and continues to soar on wings of musical excellence in a varying repertoire of music.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC MISSION STATEMENT

The Music Department seeks to produce transformational leaders in the musical arts who will have profound influence in homes, churches, private studios, educational institutions, and on the concert stage. While developing the God-bestowed musical talents of music majors, minors, and elective students, we seek to provide an integrative understanding of the musical arts from a Christian world and life view in order to equip students to influence the world of ideas. The music major degree program is designed to prepare students for graduate study while equipping them for vocational roles in performance, church music, and education. The Belhaven University Music Department exists to multiply Christian leaders who demonstrate unquestionable excellence in the musical arts and apply timeless truths in every aspect of their artistic discipline.

The Music Department would like to thank our many community partners for their support of Christian Arts Education at Belhaven University through their advertising in “Arts Ablaze 2016-2017.” It is through these and other wonderful relationships in the greater Jackson community that makes many of our concerts possible at Belhaven. We praise God for our friends and are truly thankful for their generosity. Please mention The Arts at Belhaven University when you visit our community partners.

For a complete listing of Music Department scheduled fall semester programs, please visit our website at http://www.belhaven.edu/music/recitals.htm. A complete listing of major Belhaven University arts events may be found at http://www.belhaven.edu/arts/schedule.htm.

Thank you to those working behind the scenes to make today’s program a success: music faculty supervisor, Mr. Christopher Phillips; student workers –Sound, Rachel Boxill; Videographer, Joanna Ayers; Photographer, Deborah Kim; House manager, Taylor Scrivner; Stage manager, Jessica Schmidt; Usher, Brittany Haynes; Reception Hosts, Dorothy Claire Glover & Sarah Warren.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 29, 11:30am, Concert Hall
Monday, May 1, 7:30pm, Concert Hall
Tuesday, May 2, 7:30pm, Concert Hall

Mandy Williams Junior Oboe Recital
Best of Belhaven II
Choral Arts Concert: “Songs for Slaying Giants”
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, FACULTY AND STAFF

Dr. Stephen Sachs, dean of fine arts, music chair, pianist • Dr. Paxton Girtmon, director of bands, woodwind specialist •
Dr. Andrew Sauerwein, composer, theorist • Song Xie, violinist, director of string ensembles • Adam Almeter, low brass
adjunct • Nancy Bateman, cello adjunct • Dennis Bonds, jazz guitar adjunct • Richard Brown, string bass adjunct •
Sybil Cheesman, flute adjunct • Carol Durham, organ adjunct • Sarah Elias, piano and music theory adjunct • Doug Eltzroth,
worship arts adjunct • Dr. Rebecca Geihlsler, vocal and music history specialty instructor • Kenneth Graves, clarinet adjunct •
Christina Hrivnak, vocal adjunct • Richard Hudson, french horn adjunct • Margaret Ingram, jazz piano adjunct •
Amanda Mangrum, harp adjunct • Randy Mapes, double reed adjunct • Dr. Tanja Miric, classical guitar adjunct •
Christopher Phillips, vocal/choral & worship arts specialty instructor, director of choral ensembles & Singing Christmas Tree •
Dr. Owen Rockwell, percussion specialty instructor, director of percussion ensembles • Carolyn Sachs, piano adjunct •
Elizabeth Taylor, viola adjunct • Lloyd Turner, trumpet adjunct • Sarah Anne Waters, vocal adjunct •
Grace Anna Lane, administrative assistant

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, MUSIC MAJORS

Timber Alexander • Joanna Ayers • Lauren Barger • Hannah Bonner • Rachael Boxill • Bailey Bradshaw • Gabriella Castro •
Qichao Cen • Stephen Craig • Deon Crawford • Miracle Gee • Dorothy Claire Glover • Byron Hammond • Leonard Harris •
Brittany Haynes • Kierra Haynes • Samantha Hidalgo • Tracy Hilaire • Anne Hilleke • Silvanus Johnson • Madeline Jolley •
Daniel Jones • Lenard Jones • Zakary Joyner • Deborah Kim • Miranda Kunk • Savannah Lamb • Jordan Locke •
LaDeshia Lonie • Rachael McCartney • Rebekah Miller • Charity Ross • Jessica Schmidt • Taylor Scrivner • Seth Shelton •
Susan Smallwood • Tripp Stewart • Ebony Sutton • Mariah Taylor • Hannah van der Bijl • Mandy Williams • Hannah Wilson

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, DECEMBER GRADUATES

Daniel Bravo • Justin Nipper • Brandon Smith • Elizabeth Walczak