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A Concert Featuring Women Composers and Lyricists

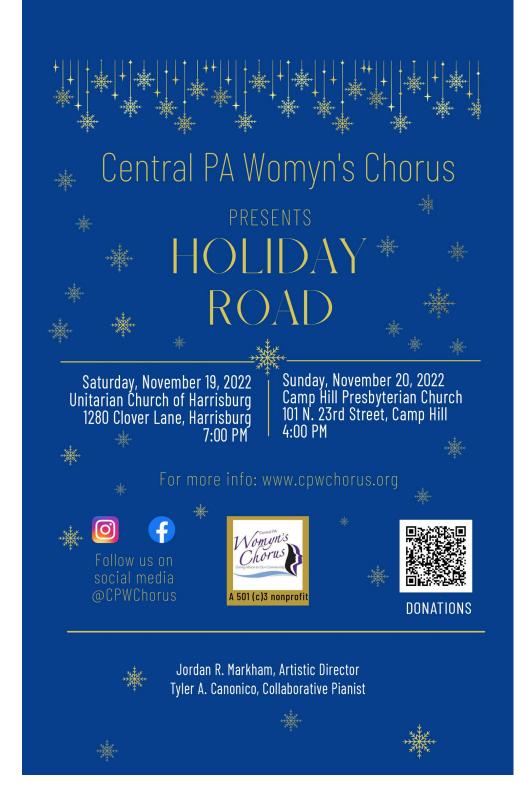
Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 3:00 PM

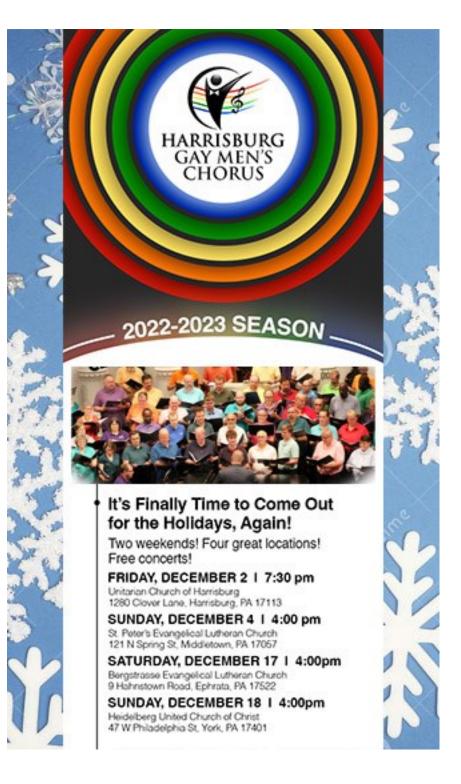
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If you don't even sing in the shower but want to be part of our magic, volunteer with us! We can put you to work. Email: cpwc@lucytv.net or call Erin at 717-275-0126.



This fall, CPWC created a new staff position of Assistant Accompanist, and chose singer Erin Eckert for the job. She leads sectional rehearsals and is available for singers who want additional practice. Erin Eckert is the organist for Christ Lutheran Church in New Bloomfield, and has played for many other churches in the past. She accompanies her church choir and sings with Jordan Markham's studio as well as any other place she can find. She graduated from Susquehanna University with a degree in Theatre Performance, but music is her first love. Thanks, Erin, for helping the Chorus reach its musical potential!



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# Welcome!

"I found out long ago, it's a long way down the holiday road." Indeed. The holiday season brings us to celebration, contemplation, joy, love, sadness, anticipation, and everything in the spaces between. The season celebrates the light that shines even when it does not feel like it should be possible. It celebrates the anticipation of new life. It reveres the hope that can be found in the silence of a dark night. It invites and welcomes compassion and strength and the pursuit of a just and more loving world. And it opens us up to receive joy.

The CPWC brings you a concert representative of all these parts of the holiday season. The contemplative beauty of lullabies juxtaposed with jubilant and joyful carols remind us that there is warmth and grace all around us. Music, especially holiday music, holds that special power that connects us across the ages, through time and space, allowing us to share in the stories of our ancestors – and engage with the traditions borne of those stories. Through song, they show us that while light dims, it never truly fades. Music also brings us fun new stories to match the current time, introducing another element of joy.

We wholeheartedly invite you to relax and enjoy this magical concert and journey with us down the holiday road.

Laura Edinger President, CPWC

The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus brings together a diverse group of women, united by the joy of singing, to celebrate and empower women, and to affirm a positive image of lesbians and feminists.

#### The Languages In This Concert

Languages of the Jewish Diaspora: Known as the Feast of the Dedication of the Lights, Chanukah celebrates the victory of the Jews over the Greeks in 165 BCE and the miracle of the Temple's re-dedication. There was only enough oil to last one night, goes the story, but it lasted eight nights. After the Second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE (AD), the Jewish people were dispersed from Israel to all parts of the globe. But Jews everywhere light one candle each night of the holiday to celebrate the miracle and feast upon foods fried in oil. Our concert includes three Chanukah songs.

**Yiddish** is the language of the Ashkenazim, the central and European Jews. Written in the Hebrew alphabet, it blends Hebrew and Aramaic with Germanic and Slavic languages. These people eat fried potato pancakes (latkes) for Chanukah.

**Mi Zeh Hidlik**: Translation: Who here has lit these slender candles twinkling like stars in the night? Come children, let us gaze upon them, this is the Festival of Light. Each candle burns, each candle glints, each happy candle sings. Come children, let us feel the joy this happy holiday brings. Joy without end! **Borukh Ate, Zingt Der Tate** (words and music by 20<sup>th</sup> century immigrants to the United States) Translation: "Bless these candles," sings my papa, with such humble grace. And the flicker of the flames lights his weary face. As the holy precious fire kindles in his eyes, my tired, stooped and worn-out papa straightens up and smiles. I can see and I can feel that papa is still strong. And I smile and love him dearly, holy is his song. Ancient prayers, long forgotten? No, they ring out clear. Sings my father, "Bless these candles," for your child to hear.

**Ladino** is the traditional language of the Sephardic Jews living in Palestine, Greece, North Africa and other countries. It blends archaic Spanish with a little Hebrew and other languages. These people eat fried doughnuts or other pastry for Chanukah.

**Eight Candles for Chanukah:** Translation: Beautiful Chanukah is here, eight candles for me. One candle, two candles, three candles, four candles, five candles, six candles, seven candles, eight candles for me. There will be many parties filled with joy and pleasure. We will eat pastelikos with almonds and honey.

**Spanish:** Nanita is a general term for someone that is dear to a child. *Nanita Lullaby* is based on a Spanish carol. Translation: *My child is sleepy. He will be blessed. Like a fountain that runs clear with the sounds of running water, like a bird singing in the forest, he sings and cries. He is quieted in the cradle that is swinging.* 

Latin: O Frondens Virga was written by Hildegard of Bingen (1098 - 1179), a German Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, mystic, medical writer and practitioner during the High Middle Ages. The text appeals to the Virgin Mary. Translation: O blooming branch, you stand upright in your nobility, as breaks the dawn on high: Rejoice now and be glad, and deign to free us, frail and weakened, from the wicked habits of our age; stretch forth your hand to lift us up aright.

Gaudete's refrain also celebrates Mary: Rejoice, Christ is born of the virgin Mary. Translation: The time of Grace has come, which we have waited for. Let us devotedly render him joyous songs. God has become man and

nature is astounded. The world has been renewed by the reigning Christ. The closed gate of Hezechiel has been crossed. From there the light has risen. Salvation has come in. Therefore, our congregation, praise him in brightness! Bless the Lord! Greetings to our king!

**German:** The familiar carol Silent Night was written in German more than 200 years ago. In its first performance, the young priest who wrote the lyrics, played the guitar and sang along with the choir director who had written the melody. It has been translated into 300 languages.

**Swahili:** Chapua Kali Desemba describes the joy of children running on the plains of Africa's tallest mountain, Kilamanjaro, in Tanzania.

#### **Musicians**



Jordan R. Markham, Artistic Director and Conductor, studied at The Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. He is a classicallytrained singer, having studied under Grammy-winning baritone William Sharp and soprano Susan Solomon Beckley of Bucknell University. He was a chorister at The National Cathedral and a chorister and soloist in The Handel Choir of Baltimore. Throughout the past decade, Jordan has performed with The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, as well as at Carnegie Hall, the Boston Symphony Hall, and the Jackie Gleason Theatre. He has been active in the musical scene for the past decade directing, accompanying, and acting in theaters throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland. He is currently serving as Director of Music & Organist at St Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg.

Tyler A. Canonico, Collaborative Pianist, is hailed as "one of east coast's finest young concert organists and inspiring church musicians." Tyler is the Minister of Music and Organist at Market Square Presbyterian Church in downtown Harrisburg where he leads an expansive music program and is the Artistic Director for *Arts on the Square*. Tyler is also an Adjunct Instructor of Music at Lebanon Valley College where he conducts the seventy-plus member College Choir. He is also the organist for the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, the founder and co-conductor of The Harrisburg Camerata, serves on the American Guild of Organists' national committee for Pipe Organ Encounters is the Sub Dean for the Harrisburg AGO Chapter



Encounters, is the Sub Dean for the Harrisburg AGO Chapter, and is a frequent concert artist and guest conductor throughout the country. His education includes a Master of Music in organ performance from the University of Alabama and a Bachelor of Arts in organ performance and sacred music from Lebanon Valley College. Tyler is exclusively represented by Concert Artists Cooperative.



**Dr. Erik Forst, percussionist,** is the Director of Percussion Studies at Messiah College, where he oversees all aspects of the Percussion Area. He maintains a healthy performing schedule as a soloist and clinician both nationally and internationally. Dr. Forst is also in demand as a Percussionist and Timpanist throughout the East Coast, most recently being appointed the Principal Timpanist with the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra in 2018. He is a clinician and performer for several percussion companies. An ardent supporter of new music, Dr. Forst has been involved in the commissioning of several new works. Dr. Forst received his BMUS in Music Education from the University of Georgia in 2003, his M.M. in Performance from the University of Georgia in 2005, and his D.M.A in Performance from the University of Georgia in 2015.



Artistic Director: Jordan R. Markham Collaborative Pianist: Tyler A. Canonico Assistant Accompanist: Erin Eckert

#### THE SINGERS

#### **SOPRANO 1**

Theresa Alberici Laura Dalton Erin Eckert Laura Edinger Lucy Glorius Darla Henry Wendy Roberson Heidi Trecoske Wendi Wright Hilde Wulf SOPRANO 2ALTO 1Hannah BelserAndrea DundoreLindsay ByronDeb GloriusRima CameronMel Kesler

Florence March

Linda Mussoline

Katie Knorr

Pan Mohan

ALTO 2 Becca Bowen Rebecca Eury Leann Klingensmith Kelsey Morris Arleen Shulman

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# PROGRAM

Holiday Road ...... Arr. by Greg Gilpin

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> Sponsored by Ashley & Caroline Zink in honor of our favorite Christmas movie, *Home Alone*

Two Yiddish Chanukah Songs

Mi Zeh Hidlik	Folk melody Words by Levin Kipnis
Borukh Ate, Zingt Der Tate	Solomon Golub Words by Avron Reisen

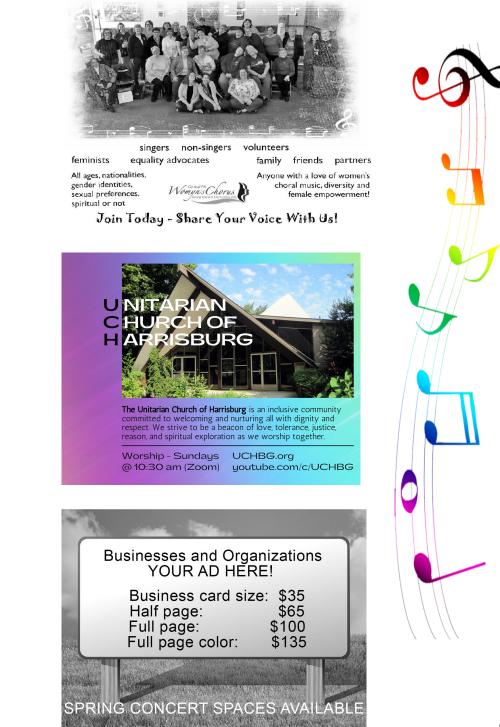
Nanita Lullaby	Spanish Carol	
	Arr. by Earlene Rentz	

O Frondens Virga ..... Hildegard of Bingen

Sponsored by Laura Edinger

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Who joins the Central PA Womyn's Chorus?



Gaudete (Rejoice!) ..... Traditional 16th Century Arr. by Jordan R. Markham We Need a Little Christmas (from Mame)..... Jerry Herman Arr. by Roger Emerson Sponsored by Lucy Glorius in memory of Dan Krynak Text Me Merry Christmas..... Adam Schlesinger and David Javerbaum Arr. by Roger Emerson Sponsored by Mel Kesler Soloist: Becca Bowen Arr. by Peter Harvey Sponsored by Cynthia Swanson Words by Dorothy Parker Sponsored by Arleen Shulman Stille Nacht (Silent Night) ..... Franz Grüber Words by Joseph Mohr Arr. by Philip Lawson Sponsored by Lindsay Byron Words by John Parker Soloist: Mel Kesler

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