# Arizona State University School of Music

# Graduate Chorale

Brook Larson Ryan Smit Alicia Wright Conductors

Matthew Larson Accompanist

# **Recital Chorale**

Kimilee D. McCreary Conductor

> Mory Ortman Accompanist

Thursday, April 27, 2000 7:30 p.m. Organ Hall



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#### I Ryan Smit, conductor

#### Warum?

#### Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Why then do songs ring out to the heavens? Gladly they would bring down the stars, which gleam and sparkle above, would attract Luna's sweet embrace would happily draw down the warm, happy days of blessed gods upon us!

#### Kas Tie Tadi

arr. Steven Sametz (1995)

Who are they who weep at sunset? They are orphans, subject to a cruel master. So dry the tear, dip the crust of bread and huddle closer to the fire. The little sun gathers rising golden dewdrops. That was not golden dew: those were little orphan's tears.

#### Zigeunerleben

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

In shadows of the forest, in the bush branches, there the breeze jumps and rustles and whispers at the same time. It flickers the flames and spreads the light as colorful figures on the leaves and rocks.

It is the gypsies movable throng with flashing eyes and with flowing hair, nursed on the Nile's holy waters, burned by Spain's southern glow.

Round blazing fires of swelling greenery, there camp the men, wild and bold, there crouch the women, preparing the meal and busily filling the old goblets.

And stories and songs ring out in the round of Spain's gardens blooming and colorful and magical sayings for trouble and danger passed by the old to the listening crowd.

A black-haired maiden begins the dance and sparkles the torches in her rosy glance. The luring of the guitar, the cymbals ring. How wild and wilder in a round dance they coil!

Then they rest, worn out from their nightly events. The beechwood murmers as they slumber. And they from their happy homeland are banned: They show in dreams that happy land.

But as now in the east the morning awakens, the beautiful thing of night fades away. The scraping of mules' hooves by daylight begins, now pulling the figures, who knows where to?

#### Π **Brook Larson, conductor**

#### **Funeral Ikos**

John Tavener

#### Ш Alicia Wright, conductor

#### Adieu, sweet Amarillis

John Wilbye (1574 - 1638)

#### Lebenslust (Joy of Living)

Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)

How can you be happy if you are alone? If you should be lonely, the fault is your own. If you will but trust in the love of a friend. you'll live in contentment, all troubles will end.

#### You Are the New Day

John David arr. Peter Knight

Ain'-a That Good News!

William L. Dawson

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#### Sicut cervus

G. P. da Palestrina (ca. 1525-1594)

As the deer thirsts for the water, So my soul longs for You, O Lord. *Ps.* 42:1

#### Regina Coeli, K. 276

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Amanda Osman, Soprano Andrea Floer, Mezzo-Soprano Chris Boggs, Tenor John Dooley, Bass

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia! For He whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia! Pray for us to God. Alleluia!

#### Abendständchen, Op. 42, No. 1 (Evening Serenade)

Johannes Brahms (1774-1856)

Hark, the flute again lamenting, And the dark, cool fountains murmur. Golden waft the tones descending: Silent, silent, let us listen! Lovely pleading, gentle wooing. Sweet it speaks unto the heart! Through the night all wrapt around me. Shines to me the tones' fair light.

# Nigra Sum

I am black, but beautiful,
O daughters of Jerusalem.
The king has rejoiced in me.
And has brought me into his chambers.
He spoke unto me:
"Rise up, my fair one,
And come away.
Lo, the winter is past and gone,
And the rain is over and gone;
Flowers appear on the earth,
And the time of renewal is come."
Alleluia. Song of Solomon 1:3-5, 2:10-12

Der gang zum Liebchen, Op. 31, No. 3

The moonbeams are falling,

The night birds are calling,

I ride through the forest,

Oh dearest, despair not, Tonight 'neath thy window.

Again shall we meet.

The stars are appearing, Our trysting place nearing,

I feel through my being,

Oh nightwind, low sighing.

The lure of her charm;

Go, tell her I'm flying, Impatient to greet her,

Let Thy Holy Presence

And shield her from harm.

My Lady to greet;

(The Trysting Place)

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal Michelle Murray, Soprano

Horatius villam habet

P. Tschesnokoff (1877-1944) arr. W. Ehret

Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

**Alice Parker** 

Z. Randall Stroope

**Brook Larson** is in the process of completing his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting. He is currently a teaching assistant for the ASU Choral Department and serves as the director of the ASU Men's Chorus. Brook has studied with Weston Noble, R. D. Mathey, Paul Sahuc, and Mark "Moose" Simmons.

**Kimilee D. McCreary**, an Arizona native, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education at Grand Canyon University in 1988 and a Master of Music degree from Arizona State University in 1991. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting. From 1988 to 1995 she was a member of the music faculty at Grand Canyon University, where she served as the Director of Choirs from 1993-1995. In addition to her teaching experience, McCreary has served in a number of church music positions in various denominations. An ordained minister, Rev. McCreary is currently the Minister of Music and Worship at Community Church of Hope in Phoenix, AZ. In addition to her work at CCH, she is also the Artistic Director for Arizona Women in Tune, a women's community chorus which is affiliated with GALA, an international choral association.

**Ryan Smit** is presently working on his Master's degree in Choral Music Education. He recently received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Choral and Instrumental Education from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, where he was the principal assistant conductor for the Dordt College Kantorei and an assistant conductor for the Dordt College Campus Band. He also sings with the Phoenix Bach Choir and serves as Music Director for Hope Community Church in Scottsdale. Ryan and his wife Amie live in Tempe, along with their two-month-old son Caleb.

Alicia Wright was born in Eugene, Oregon and later attended Willamette University in nearby Salem. At Willamette, Alicia studied vocal performance where she played such roles as Yum-Yum in *The Mikado* and Poppea in *The Coronation of Poppea*. She is presently working towards her Master's degree in Choral Music Education while also taking coursework to receive her teaching certificate. Alicia is currently student teaching at Westwood High School under the tutelage of Jeff Harris. She will also get a chance to student teach at the elementary level during the fall semester. This has been an extraordinary experience for her and has helped to welcome her into the wonderful world of conducting.

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#### <u>Soprano</u>

Robbie Brada Kellie Friedmutter Jennifer Kagikas Melissa Nelson Meigan Stack Katherine M. Talley Alicia Wright

#### Alto

Janessa Anderson Tiffani Diane Brown Susan Marcus Janet Martin Mary Lou Ocol Linda Pearson Leonora Stephanoff

<u>Tenor</u> Michael R. Empey Sean Mahoney Ryan Smit Mark A. White Jr.

#### <u>Bass</u>

Kevin Brower Jared Edwards Jacob W. Herbert Brook Larson Mark Lawlor

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#### <u>Soprano</u>

Dena Holland Tina Larsen Michelle Murray Carrie Oliver Amanda Osman Sara Jane Swim

Alto Nicki Bakko Andrea Floer Christin Hill Alissa James

Tenor Chris Boggs Paeter Frandsen Mory Ortman James L. Seifert

Bass Robb Butler Michael Cavalieri John Dooley Jason Paul Matthew Paustian Joel Schreuder

#### **Upcoming Events**

April 30	Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus Camelback Bible, Paradise Valley	3:00 p.m.
June 4	Choral Union Bon Voyage Concert Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix	3:00 p.m.

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