

A Celebration of Innovative Song-Leading

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Presenting Speakers:

Jo Rasi - Special Projects, Carpe Diem Arts

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<https://carpediemarts.org/daily-antidote-of-song>

Jo joined Carpe Diem Arts to help fill in where there is a need! She manages the Daily Antidote of Song, a joint program with Washington Revels where she also works part-time, and she co-manages the Community Family Sings with Busy. Jo is quite familiar with Carpe Diem Arts, having served on the Board for the last few years.

Dr. Kathy Bullock - Professor Emeritus of Music, Berea College

kathybullock.com

Dr. Kathy Bullock is a Professor Emeritus of Music, Berea College, Berea, KY and, currently, an Adjunct Professor of Music, University of KY, School of Music. She earned the Ph.D. and M.A. in Music Theory from Washington University, MO, and a B.A. from Brandeis University, MA. For over thirty years she has designed and taught courses in music and general and international studies. She currently conducts workshops in African American Music throughout the U.S., Europe, and Africa sharing hope and joy during these challenging times.

Robert Istad - Artistic Director, Pacific Chorale

Wayfaring Stranger <https://youtu.be/sr5xpV-o03E>

<https://www.robertistad.com/>

<https://www.pacificchorale.org/>

Mr. Istad regularly conducts and collaborates with Pacific Chorale, Pacific Symphony Orchestra, Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra, Sony Classical Records, Yarlung Records, Berkshire Choral International, and Long Beach Symphony Orchestra. Pacific Chorale under his leadership can be heard on two forthcoming recordings: "Ecstasies Above: The Music of Tarik O'Regan" on Yarlung Records (2020), and "Mahler's Eighth Symphony" with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Gustavo Dudamel on Deutsche Grammophon (2020).

Dr. Dominick DiOrio - Associate Professor of Music, Indiana University. Director, NOTUS

Wire You Here <https://youtu.be/XnM9uv0wqaQ>

www.dominickdiorio.com

<https://blogs.iu.edu/jsomchoral/notus/>

Dominick DiOrio is an imaginative, enthusiastic, and energetic conductor and composer who has won widespread acclaim for his contributions to American music. Whether leading an ensemble or crafting a new score, he brings equal passion and determination to his work in vocal and instrumental music, and he has been recognized with The American Prizes in both Choral Composition (2014) and Choral Performance (2019, with NOTUS).

Sammi Dowd - Video Editor

Wire You Here <https://www.sammidowd.com/>

Sammi is currently a Video Editor at ESPN. She graduated from Montclair State University in May 2018 with a BFA degree in filmmaking with a business minor.

Dr. Joy Hirokawa - Founder and Artistic Director - The Bel Canto Youth Chorus of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem

How Can I Cry

<https://bach.org/belcanto/>

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Dr. Joy Hirokawa is the Founder and Artistic Director of The Bel Canto Youth Chorus. She earned a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Music Education from Boston University, a Masters degree in Choral Conducting from Temple University, and a Bachelors degree with honors in Music Education, also from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. She teaches a course annually at Villanova University's Summer Music Program in working with the child's voice.

Kirsten Oberoi - Founding Artistic Director, South Shore Children's Chorus
Rise To It Now

www.southshorechildrenschorus.org/staff/kirsten-oberoi

Venmo: @ssccchorus PayPal: https://paypal.me/sschildrenschorus?locale.x=en_US

Kirsten Oberoi is a passionate music educator, heavily involved in the music community of the South Shore. In 2016, Kirsten co-founded the South Shore Children's Chorus with colleague Carey Shunskis. That same year, Kirsten began as the Choral Director at Ahern Middle School in Foxborough, MA.

Corie Brown - Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education, San José State University

I Have A Voice <https://www.youtube.com/user/pwchorus>

<https://www.sjsu.edu/music/faculty-staff/directory/corie-brown.php>

Corie Brown serves as Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at San José State University. She leads the SJSU Concert and Treble Choirs and brings diverse teaching experience in both public and community settings. Prior to graduate studies in Colorado and Oregon, then moving to California, Dr. Brown taught in Colombia with the Fundación Nacional Batuta from 2012–2014, where she aided in the creation of the organization's choral department and mentored choir teachers throughout the country. She also taught in public schools in Chicago and Michigan.

Dr. Bret Amundson - Dean of Arts and Letters and Director of Bella Voce, The College of St. Scholastica

Greta Sails <https://youtu.be/IC0cdd3xZr4>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SaintScholastica>

<https://www.facebook.com/stscholastica>

At St. Scholastica, Bret directs The St. Scholastica Concert Choir and Bella Voce and oversees the college's General Education program, including the first-year program, Dignitas. Under Bret's direction, The College of St. Scholastica Choirs perform several concerts a year and annually tour both regionally and nationally, including the 2013 tour to Rome, Assisi, Subiaco, and Norcia, Italy as a part of The College's Centennial Celebration. In 2014, Bret was awarded the college's Benedictine Professorship in General Education. In 2015, Bret was named one of Duluth's 20 Under 40. Bret is the Artistic Director for the Lake Superior Youth Chorus and is the Artistic Director of the Twin Ports Choral Project.

Maggie Wheeler - Director, Golden Bridge Community Choir

Rise Up <https://youtu.be/9YFiGXoXedQ>

goldenbridgechoir.com Maggiewheeler.net

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Maggie Wheeler is best known in the U.S and internationally for her work as an actress in film, television and voice-over and most notably as the character of Janice on NBC's hit series Friends. Maggie is a passionate singer, songwriter, choir director and workshop facilitator. She has been teaching her vocal workshop "Singing In The Stream" for over 30 years at retreat centers, universities, communities and schools to provide the experience of creating interpersonal harmony and internal harmony through the powerful act of creating vocal harmony. Maggie directs the 100-voice Golden Bridge Community Choir in Hollywood, an inter-generational, non-auditioned choir now going in its 16th year. She is a prolific songwriter with a catalog of powerful and timely songs that have been sung by choirs worldwide. Maggie's original music for choirs and communities is available on iTunes and other music platforms. To accompany her most recent CD entitled 'Walk With Me', Maggie has created a songbook available by request through her website goldenbridgechoir.com

Throughout this year of change Maggie hosted a weekly online community gathering called Together In Song, bringing together people from around the world to join in the healing power of singing.