

FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

School of Music

*presents*

***Friendship - Sweetest Balm of Life***

*featuring*

**The Florida State University Singers**

**Dr. Kevin Fenton, *Director***

**The Madison Singers and JMU Chorale**

**Dr. Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy, *Director***

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

8 pm

Concert Hall



There will be one 15-minute intermission.

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# Friendship - Sweetest Balm of Life Program

## . . . In Singing . . .

*Cantate Domino*

Claudio Monteverdi

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing and give praise to His name.  
For He has done marvelous things, and we sing and exult and praise.  
*In songs with the harp and the voice:* for He has done marvelous things.

Sing, Sing!

Szabolcs Balásy, arr. Ian McDougall

Now Our Meeting's Over

Traditional, arr. Hagen

## . . . In Sharing . . .

Fear Not

Daniel Schreiner

*Pour Toi, Mère* (For You, Mother)

Sydney Guillaume

From the depth of my memory, in the hollow of my memories,  
Between the joys of my childhood and all my future dreams,  
I feel you my beautiful angel. I see your love.  
O my mother of a kindest heart, my faithful friend of always.

I love you, I love you so immensely mother, sweet mother.  
For you love and your kindness, I will sing your praises all my life.

My soul is delirious at the cries of your pain;  
my music throbs and groans its length.  
Lord, in your kindness, comfort my mother.  
Give her your love, your strength and your light.

She remains forever my great inspiration, and that my life for her is a blessing.

*Bes Inshafat bi Jamal* (but, how beautifully it healed)

Alex Favazza

Fire burns and erases yesterday. A seed grows and writes tomorrow.  
Fire scarred the earth, but how beautifully it healed.  
Storms may come but let us proceed with love.

*Indodana*

Traditional isiXhosa, arr. Michael Barrett/Ralf Schmitt

The Lord has taken His son who lived amongst us.  
The son of the Lord God was crucified.  
Hololo (crying) Father Jehovah, father.

## 15-Minute Intermission

## . . . In Transforming . . .

If Ever There Is

Rich Campbell

*Raua Needmine* (Curse Upon Iron)

Veljo Tormis

Ohoi evil, cursed iron! Flesh consuming, bone devouring,  
Spilling blood, devouring virtue! Whither comes your cruel cunning,  
Haughtiness so overbearing? Fie upon you, evil iron! Your beginnings reek of malice.  
You have risen from villainy. From above the earth appeared fiery maidens in the heavens,  
Heavily with milk aladen, Spilling milk upon the marshes.

# Friendship - Sweetest Balm of Life Program (cont'd)

Black, the liquid from one maiden, Turning into ductile iron.  
White milk flowing from the other; Tempered steel from this arising.  
From the third a crimson liquid, Cursed, rusty ore created. Ohoi evil, cursed iron!  
Then you were not high and mighty, Not so mighty, not so haughty,  
When you slumbered in the swampland When you suffered in the marshes.  
Fie upon you, evil iron! Your beginnings reek of malice. You have risen from villainy.

Then a wolf came running hither, bear a-rambling over younder.  
Footprints stirring in the swampland, Traces from the swamp arising  
Giving rise to iron seedlings, In the shadows of the wolf prints  
In the traces of the bear tracks.

Ohoi wretched child of bogland, Born of rust and milk of maidens!  
Tell me who made you so angry! Who set you to evil doings?  
Death came riding through the marshes, Plague along the wintry byways,  
Til they found the iron seedlings Resting in the lowly swampland,  
Finding seedling steel in swampland Rusty iron in a boghole  
Then great death began to utter, Killer plague began intoning,  
In a pinegrove on a hillside, In a field behind the village,  
Far beyond the farmer's granges. Here will be the fateful forging!  
Here a furnace I will fashion, Mighty fanning bellows anchor!

Here I'll set the iron boiling! Blast the rusty ore to flaming!  
Pound the iron full of fury! Iron quaked and iron quivered,  
Quaked and quivered, tossed and trembled, When he heard the call for fire,  
Heard the iron's angry summons.

Ohoi cursed, evil iron! Then you were not high and mighty,  
Whining under beating anvils. Moaning in the blazing furnace,  
Not so mighty, not so haughty! Moaning in the blazing furnace,  
Whining under beating anvils. Droned the old man on the oven  
Groaned the greybeard from the furnace: Iron stretches out like tallow,  
Dripping down like oozing spittle, Flowing from the blazing furnace,  
Seeping from the scalding fire. Yet the iron, soft and gentle,  
Must be toughened, must be tempered, Turned into steel defiant.  
Get the spittle from a serpent!

Come, Sweet Peace

Richard Waters

"Ode to Peace" by St. George Tucker (1752-1827), Williamsburg, VA

Come, sweet peace, and with thee bring all the odors of the spring;  
Summer's golden harvests, too, autumn's fruits of carious hue,  
Winter's health and cheerful fires; joys, which competence inspires.

Leave to war the vernal blights, scorching summer's sultry nights,  
Autumn's fogs and sickly dew, rugged winter's blustering crew,  
Slavery, famine and despair, leave behind to cruel war.

All the good that freedom brings, mirth from innocence that springs, temperance,  
the foe to strife, **friendship, sweetest balm of life**, love that rivals bliss divine,  
Gentle Peace: be ever thine.

*Ukuthulu*

Traditional South African, AVoice4Peace.org

In this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings...  
Peace... Redemption... Praise... Faith... Victory... Comfort... Peace...

# Personnel: The Florida State University Singers

Dr. Kevin Fenton, *conductor*  
 Henry Pronoto, *assistant conductor*  
 Adam Zrust, *assistant conductor*  
 Samuel Carlton, *pianist*  
 † *diction coach* \* *choir leadership*

## SOPRANO 1

Katelyn Casey '18	BME, Choral Music Education	Naperville, IL
Christine Cummins '19	BM Vocal Performance	Roswell, GA
Samantha LoGrasso '19	BME Choral Music Education	Jupiter, FL
Allison Parks '18	BME Choral Music Education	Melbourne, FL
Marlyn Sosa '17	BME Choral Music Education	Kissimmee, FL

## SOPRANO 2

Mackenzie Bounds '18	BA Music and Theater	Middleburg, FL
*Kelli Doyle '17	BME Music Education	Seminole, FL
Lisa Hamman '18	BM Vocal Performance	Cape Coral, FL
Halle Hoskins '17	BME Choral Music Education	Longwood, FL
Zhany'r Johnson '18	BME Choral Music Education	Brooklyn, NY
Sarah Mayper '18	BME Choral Music Education	Sarasota, FL
Camden McLean '19	BM Vocal Performance	Boston, MA
Sarah McWaters '18	BM Music Therapy	Palm Harbor, FL
+Katie Priest '19	BM Vocal Performance	Sarasota, FL
Gabriela Santos '18	BME Choral Music Education	Orlando, FL
Sofia Scatterreggia '18	BM Vocal Performance	Barcelona, Spain
Raneen Sfeir '17	BME Choral Music Education	Orlando, FL

## ALTO 1

*S. Clarke-Lequerique '17	BME Choral Music Education	West Palm Beach, FL
Lorrelle Jock '17	BME Choral Music Education	Miami, FL
Breanna Hall '19	BME Choral Music Education	Winter Haven, FL
Emma Harmon '19	BME General Music Education	Orlando, FL
Caitlin Kelley '17	BME Choral Music Education	Harrisonburg, VA
*Valerie Parrish '18	BME Choral Music Education	Orlando, FL
Irene Plaza '18	BME General Music Education	Royal Palm Beach, FL
*Bridget Shannon '17	BME Choral Music Education	Jacksonville, FL
*Maggie Shannon '18	BA Music	Jacksonville, FL

## ALTO 2

Amber Faircloth '18	BME Choral Music Education	Valrico, FL
Elena Maeurer '19	BME Choral Music Education	Austin, TX
Tia Patel '19	BM Music Therapy	Niceville, FL
Caitlin Slater '18	BS Interdiscip. Social Science	Tampa, FL

## TENOR 1

Jamonte Bruton '19	BM Vocal Performance	De Land, FL
Chris Desmond '20	BME Choral Music Education	Valrico, FL
Brandon Deuber '20	BME Choral Music Education	Orlando, FL
Henry Pranoto '18	Ph.D. Choral Music Education	Semarang, Indonesia
Malcolm Rogers '18	BME Choral Music Education	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Josiah Vega '19	BA Music and Commercial Music	Fort Myers, FL
Adam Zrust '17	Ph.D. Choral Music Education	Albion, NE

## TENOR 2

Stephen Fodroczi '19	BA Music/Latin/Greek/Eng. Lit.	Marietta, GA
Nardgelen Francois '18	BME Choral Music Education	Orlando, FL
Riley Hirai '19	BM Vocal Performance	Tallahassee, FL
*Danny Lootens '17	BME Choral Music Education	Orlando, FL
Sergio Perez '16	BA General Music	Winter Haven, FL
Ira M. Stecher '17	BA Music/BS Biomathematics	Cooper City, FL

## Personnel: The FSU University Singers (cont'd)

### BARITONE

Joseph Canter '19	BM Vocal Performance	Tallahassee, FL
Tristan Davis '18	BME Choral Music Education	Dallas, TX
*Naveed Easton '17	BME Choral Music Education	Tallahassee, FL
Alex Fike '18	BME Choral Music Education	Marietta, GA
Ben Goodrich '18	BA Music	Bristow, VA
Michael Mello '20	BME Choral Music Education	Tallahassee, FL
Kimani Patterson '18	BME Choral Music Education	Tallahassee, FL
Adam Pryor '18	BME Choral Music Education	Bunnell, FL
*Jonathan Riviere '17	BA Music/Marketing	Brandon, FL
Roberto Vidal '19	BME Choral Music Education	West Palm Beach, FL

### BASS

Larry Grullen-Polonco '18	BME Choral Music Education	Orlando, FL
Emory Mulick '17	BM Vocal Performance	Atlanta, GA
Joshua Nieves '17	BA Music Therapy	Brooklyn, NY
Matt Willis '18	BME Choral Music Education	Tallahassee, FL

## The Madison Singers and JMU Chorale

\*\* denotes JMU School of Music Faculty

Dr. Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy, *Director of Choral Activities*

Tracey Schimmel-Reed\*, Ellen Atwood\*, Dr. Tonya Menard\*\*, *Choral Accompanists*

Kathryn Bailey, Lindsey Bross, Kelsey Wessels, *Undergraduate Managers*

Jessica Spafford, *DMA Diction Coach*

### SOPRANO

Melissa Allen\*  
Amanda Bennett  
Katie Bentley  
Maggie Boyd  
Lindsey Bross\*  
Rebecca Brown  
Katie Carbone\*  
Kayla Centaure  
Darby Clinard\*  
Hannah Deal  
Laura Eaton  
Claire Fadl  
Natalie Harris  
Jodi Hoffman  
Jennifer Hoye\*  
Amanda Mason\*  
Brittany Maruca\*  
Laura Pachnos  
Chloe Richard  
Jurnee Smith  
Megan Walton

### ALTO

Ellen Atwood\*  
Kathryn Bailey\*  
Maya Davis\*  
Isabel Florimonte  
Scarlette Harris  
Lexi Jennings  
Helai Karim\*  
Alvina Klopot  
Courtney Leipertz  
Cecelia McKinley  
Kathleen McVicar\*  
Maggie Rabe  
Shannon Richard  
Rebecca Rozmajzl  
Rebecca Schneider\*  
Annalise Sears  
Elizabeth Shofi  
Kaylee Shuey  
Michael Truilo  
Isabella Valdes\*  
Emily Veramessa  
Elizabeth Weikle\*  
Kelsey Wessels\*

### TENOR

Brian Ashton  
David Bogaev\*  
Nick Branson\*  
Douglas Byler\*  
Aidan Everett\*  
Joshua Fisher Cox  
Mike Jarvis\*  
Leif Christian  
Jomuad  
Mohammed Kahn  
Stuart Lohr  
Vinny Okechukwu\*  
Chad Rohrbach  
Ned Sieverts\*

### BASS

Peter Barber\*  
Scott Clark\*  
Joel Clemens  
Spenser Codella  
Dominic Fowler  
Trevor Goldhush  
Drew Holcombe  
Howard Kim\*  
Evan Lattanzi\*  
Justin Long  
Patrick Marr  
Zach Nicely\*  
Alton Peters\*  
Benjamin Pryse  
Dawson Taylor  
Joao Versos

# The Florida State University Singers, Dr. Kevin Fenton, *Director*

**University Singers**, founded in 1948 by Dr. Wiley Housewright, is the premier undergraduate touring choir at Florida State University. The auditioned choir consists mostly of students majoring in music. During its rich history, University Singers has performed with remarkable musicians Simon Halsey, Krzysztof Penderecki, Bobby McFerrin, Sir David Willcocks, Aaron Copland, Norman Dello Joio, Billy Taylor, and the esteemed Atlanta Symphony conductor Robert Shaw. During the past 17 years, University Singers has been invited to perform at national and regional conventions of the Music Educators National Conference and the American Choral Directors Association, including their performance at the national conventions of ACDA in 2013 and 2007. Recent tours have included performances throughout the Southeastern United States and Central Europe. In 2015, the members of University Singers represented the United States in the Choral Festival celebrating the 500th anniversary of the City of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and in 2016, they participated in AVoice4Peace concerts with choirs throughout the United Kingdom. The choir has produced five recordings: *Making Music Together as One; Now Let Us Sing!*; *Reflections 2003-2006, Songs of Hope and Inspiration*; and *Garnet and Gold: A Look at the Nineties*.

Several distinguished conductors have led the University Singers in its 66-year history, including Walter James, Joseph Flummerfelt, Clayton Krehbiel and André Thomas. Kevin Fenton has carried on traditions established by these outstanding conductors since 2000.

**Kevin Fenton** is professor of choral conducting and ensembles at Florida State University where he conducts the FSU University Singers and Chamber Choir. He has conducted the Virginia Tech Meistersingers (1998), the University Singers (2013, 2007, 2006, 2003, 2002) and the Festival Singers of Florida (2012) in performances at regional and national conventions of ACDA and NAfME. A champion of new music, Dr. Fenton has conducted over 30 premiere performances—most recently Skip Stradtman's "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table" and "Amazing Grace" (2015); Troy Robertson's "We are the Music Makers" (2014) and "This Mystery" (2012); Eric Barnum's "In Paradisum" (2010); Sydney Guillame's "Au-Déla du Chagrin" (2010); Clifton Callender's "Reasons to Learn to Sing" (2010); and "The Soul's Passing" (2008) by Dominick DiOrio.

Dr. Fenton has conducted choirs in 35 states, including 24 all-state choirs. Additionally, he has conducted the ACDA Southern Division High School Honor Choir (2008), the Beijing International Choral Festival Choir with China's People's Liberation Orchestra (2007) and the Dublin International Choral Festival (2016).

Dr. Fenton teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in choral literature and choral conducting. His textbook, *Foundations of Choral Conducting*, has been adopted throughout the country. He is a recipient of the Florida State University Teaching Award for Excellence, the Wayne Hugoboom Distinguished Florida Service Award, and the Gamma Mu Chapter of Delta Omicron *Music Professor of the Year*. He recently taught at the Kenya Conservatoire of Music as a Fulbright Specialist to Sub-Saharan Africa—and he is in his ninth year as artistic director of the Festival Singers of Florida, a choir of music educators and performers based in Orlando dedicated to "inspiring and engaging through impassioned singing."

# University Singers Teaching Assistants Since 2000

- 2000-01: **Carlos Vasquez-Ramos**, *Music and Worship Director*, Nativity Catholic Church, Brandon, FL
- 2001-02: **Shannon Marsh Chase**, *Director*, Vox Nova Chamber Choir, Brunswick, ME
- 2002-03: **Debi Chandler**, *Director of Choral Activities*, University of Louisiana, Monroe, LA
- 2003-04: **Christopher Aspaas**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Ft. Worth, TX
- 2004-05: **Josh Bronfman**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Sam Houston State, Huntsville, TX
- 2005-06: **Peter Durrow**, *Director of Choral Activities*, SE Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO  
**Mihoko Tsutumi**, *Director of Choral Activities*, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY
- 2006-07: **Michael Murphy**, *Director of Choral Activities*, University of Idaho, Pocatello, ID  
**Craig Zamer**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN
- 2007-08: **Sandra Babb**, *Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education*, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR  
**Rollo Fisher**, *Director of Choral Music*, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY
- 2008-09: **Roger Hale**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Dixie State University, St. George, UT  
**Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy**, *Director of Choral Activities*, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
- 2009-10: **Angel Vasquez-Ramos**, *Director of Choral Studies*, California State University, Bakersfield, CA  
**Alan Zabriskie**, *Director of Choral Activities*, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO
- 2010-11: **Stefanie Cash**, *Director of Music Education*, Berry College, Rome, GA  
**Troy Roberston**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX
- 2011-12: **Michael Hanawalt**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS  
**Felicia Barber**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Westfield State University, Westfield, MA
- 2012-13: **James Brown**, *Assistant Professor of Choral Music*, Troy University, Troy, AL  
**Amy Kotsonis**, *Assistant Professor of Choral Ensembles and Music Education*, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2013-14: **Ryan Luhrs**, *Director of Choral Programs*, Lenoir-Rhyne, Hickory, NC  
**Erynn Millard**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, MN
- 2014-15: **Steven Hankle**, *Assistant Professor, Choral Music, and Choral Music Education*, Penn State University, University Park, PA  
**Adam Potter**, *Director of Choral Activities*, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
- 2015-16: **Chris Harris**, *Ph.D. candidate*, Florida State University  
**Sandy Hinkley**, *Ph.D. candidate*, Florida State University

## The Florida State University Vocal Area Faculty

### Choral Faculty

- Judy Bowers: Professor of Choral Music Education, Director of Women's Glee
- Suzanne Byrnes: Director of Capital City Children's Choir
- Kevin Fenton: Professor of Conducting and Ensembles,  
Director of Chamber Choir and University Singers
- Andre Thomas: Owen F. Sellers Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities,  
Director of Men's Glee and the Tallahassee Community Chorus

### Opera Faculty

- Douglas Fisher: Professor, Director of Opera Activities
- Matthew Lata: Professor, Stage Director of Opera

# The Florida State University Vocal Area Faculty (cont'd)

## Voice Faculty

Wanda Brister: Associate Professor of Voice  
Chuck Chandler: Assistant Professor of Voice  
Shirley Close: Professor of Voice  
Larry Gerber: Professor of Voice  
Timothy Hoekman: Professor of Vocal Coaching and Accompanying  
Evan T. Jones: Assistant Professor of Voice  
David Okerlund: Associate Professor of Voice  
Marcia Porter: Associate Professor of Voice  
Gayle Seaton: Program Director of Music Theatre  
Valerie M. Trujillo: Coordinator of Voice/Opera, Professor of Vocal Coaching, Accompanying

## Spring Tour 2017 The Florida State University Singers

Dr. Kevin Fenton, *conductor*  
Henry Pronoto, *assistant conductor*  
Adam Zrust, *assistant conductor*  
Samuel Carlton, *pianist*

March 12, 7:30 p.m.  
*with Tennessee Tech Chorale*  
Wattenbarger Auditorium  
Cookeville, TN

March 13, 7 p.m.  
*with Chattanooga Boys' Choir*  
First Baptist Church  
401 Gateway Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN

March 14, 8 p.m.  
*with the Madison Singers and JMU Chorale*  
Forbes Center for the Performing Arts - James Madison University  
Harrisonburg, VA

March 15, 7:30 p.m.  
*with the Penn State University Choir*  
Esber Recital Hall  
State College, PA

March 17, 7:30 p.m.  
*with the choirs of Queens College*  
Aaron Copland School of Music  
Queens, NY