

## This Is How You

Love

Chamber Choir with Chorale Soloists & Ensembles

Introducing
Matthew Myers
Artistic Director

Saturday, February 12, 2022

7:30pm Concordia Lutheran Church Pullman, Washington Alisa Toy

Assistant Director

## Chamber Choir,

the solo & ensemble voices of

## Chorale,



Alisa Toy

Artistic Director

**Assistant Director** 

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

## **Elena Panchenko**

Accompanist

present

# "This Is How You Love "

Please refrain from applauding between continuous sets of music.	
Fyer, Fyer	Thomas Morley (1557-1602)
1. "Vow" from This Is How You Love	Jocelyn Hagen (b. 1980) and Timothy C. Takach (b. 1978)
"Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered" from Pal Joey Chris Dopke	Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)
I May Be Wrong (but I Think You're Wonderful)  Kent Keller and Terry Keller	Henry Sullivan (1895-1975)
2. "Disclosure #1" from This Is How You Love Jill Creighton and Mac Murphy, soloists	Jocelyn Hagen and Timothy C. Takach
(please hold applause)	
3. "3:29 am" from This Is How You Love	Jocelyn Hagen and Timothy C. Takach
Cute Jill Freuden, Kent Keller, Scott Milner, Stephanie Sant, Bob Garcia, Ray Wallace, and Matt Zook	Neal Hefti (1922-2008)
Where've You Been Susan Beamer	Don Henry (b. 1959) and Jon Vezner (b. 1951)
"The Song That Goes Like This" from <i>Spamalot</i> Brian Collins and Deborah Collins	John Du Prez (b. 1946) and Eric Idle (b. 1943)
5. "Disclosure #2" from This Is How You Love Elizabeth Chilton and Chris Dopke, soloists	Jocelyn Hagen and Timothy C. Takach
(please hold applause)	
6. "Hungry" from This Is How You Love	Timothy C. Takach
"What Could Be Better" from <i>Bright Star</i> <i>Eric Nilsson and Janice Willard</i>	Edie Brickell (b. 1966)
I'm Yours	Jason Mraz (b. 1977)

Elizabeth Chilton, Brian Collins, Kent Keller, Terry Keller, and Stephanie Sant

Mac Murphy Ah! Dolente partita 7. "Disclosure #3" from This Is How You Love Jill Freuden and Anneliese Zook, soloists Jocelyn Hagen and Timothy C. Takach

### (please hold applause)

8. "Endurance" from This Is How You Love

Jocelyn Hagen and Timothy C. Takach

How I Love You Gail Miller Zina Goldrich (b. 1964)

Thus sings my dearest jewel Elizabeth Chilton, Terry Keller, and Stephanie Sant Thomas Weelkes (c. 1576-1623)

9. "Disclosure #4" from This Is How You Love Brian Collins and Deborah Collins, soloists Timothy C. Takach

### (please hold applause)

10. "Needle & Thread" from This Is How You Love

Jocelyn Hagen

"O luce di quest'anima" from *Linda di Chamounix* Alisa Toy Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848)

Foreign Lander Traditional, arr. Red Molly, adapted by Girls Quartet Chris Dopke, Conny Kirchhoff, Mac Murphy, and Anneliese Zook

Fade into You Matt Jenkins, Shane Mcanally, Treavor Rosen Jill Freuden, Ray Wallace, and Bob Garcia

11. "Love/Light" from This Is How You Love

Jocelyn Hagen and Timothy C. Takach

### (please hold applause)

12. "Disclosure #5:" from This Is How You Love Scott Milner and Alisa Toy, soloists

Jocelyn Hagen

Jenny Kiss'd Me Alisa Toy, conductor

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Eric William Barnum (b. 1979)

## Chorale Members in

## <u>Spirit</u>

Leo Ames
Walter Asbe
Duane Baker
Ken Baker
Jan Brandt
John Brewer
Elinor Butcher

Marcia Cook Kathy Curley Jean Jones DeLong

n Jones DeLong Charles Probasco
John Jordan Stan Shepard
Jack Kelly Gerd Steckel

Karen Kelly George LeBar Dean Vanderwall

**Ruth Vanderwall** 

Helen Lombard

Liz McNeal

Your lives "go on in endless song"...

## **Program Notes**

#### Fyer, Fyer

Thomas Morley was an English composer, editor, theorist, and organist in the Renaissance Era. He is best known for adapting existing Italian madrigals into his own English arrangements. The new piece, called a "contrafactum," often became more famous than its predecessor. "Fyer, Fyer" is a contrafactum of A la strada, o Dio, by the celebrated late Italian madrigalist Luca Marenzio. Marenzio's three-part madrigal from 1585 became a five-part piece after Morley revisited the work ten years later. "Fyer, Fyer" explores the frantic emotions of falling in love. The five choral parts imitate one another in a hectic manner to display the deep and uncontrollable force of love.

### This Is How You Love

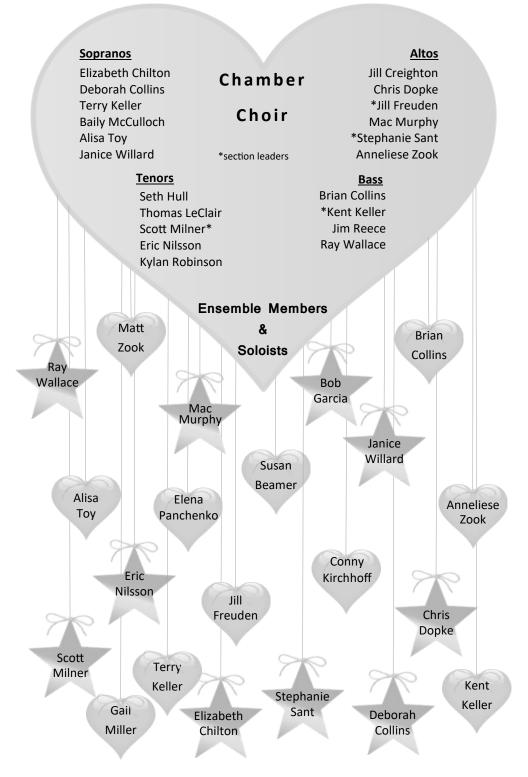
Though Jocelyn Hagen and Timothy Takach attended St. Olaf College and overlapped for two years there, they never met until they were both invited to a house-warming party for Abbie Betinis, another St. Olaf composer. Hagen and Takach quickly grew interested in one another personally and professionally. They soon fell in love and married in 2006, the same year that they founded their online company, Graphite Publishing, which pioneered the sale of PDF scores rather than paper octavos. They settled in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, where both pursued careers in composition. Hagen sang in and composed for the professional vocal ensembles Magnum Chorum and The Singers while also serving as an instructor at universities in the area. Takach sang professionally with the full-time men's ensemble Cantus and wrote many original compositions as well as arrangements for the group. The pair's prowess quickly spread throughout the metropolitan area as well as worldwide, and both have won numerous awards for works in their oeuvre.

In 2017, the couple relocated to Hagen's parents' lake cabin while their new home was being built in the suburbs of Minneapolis. While they holed up near the lake, they worked together to complete a collaborative commission for The Esosterics, a Seattle-based choir which had procured a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to premiere a new work. While both composers had collaborated regularly with other artists, they had never written music together. They sat at the piano side by side and took the time to hone every detail of the larger work collaboratively. This Is How You Love, the thirteenmovement piece, includes nine movements written together as well as two each which they wrote separately. The work includes a variety of poems about love as well as transcripts from couples' therapy sessions which are presented as "disclosures" sung by a pair of soloists. The third and third-to-last movements are both set for double choir; each choir sings a different poem about love in a different key. The two choirs subsequently perform the texts simultaneously. The resulting bitonality provides both the tension and warmth of dissonant chords. The extended work displays both composers' lyricism and penchant for rhythmic and harmonic complexity.

#### Jenny Kiss'd Me

Eric William Barnum serves as Director of Choral Activities at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He holds degrees in choral conducting as well as composition and vocal performance. His piece "Jenny Kiss'd Me" is a setting of a rondeau by Leigh Hunt. The poem was written during an 1838 flu epidemic, so the poet was not only moved by the excitement of new love but also the all-too-familiar emotion of a surprise connection with others during a public health crisis.

## **Today's Performers**



## Artistic Director



Recently hired as Palouse Choral Society's Artistic Director, Dr. Matthew Myers is new to the Palouse region. He works as assistant professor of choral music education at Washington State University, where he conducts the University Singers and Treble Choir and teaches courses in music education, conducting, and rock history. He earned his DMA in choral conducting from Louisiana State University, his master's degree in choral conducting from Northern Arizona University, and his bachelor's degree in vocal performance and music education from Luther College. After completing his degree at

Luther, he taught grades 6-12 choir at The American International School of Muscat in Oman. For the following five years, he worked as director of choirs and musical theatre at Boylan Catholic High School in Rockford, Illinois. In addition to conducting five choirs, he taught AP music theory, class piano, and critical thinking and coordinated a middle school choral program at four of Boylan's constituent grade schools. He has served as conductor of the NAU Men's Chorale and Chamber Singers, the LSU Chamber Singers, the Master Chorale of Flagstaff, and the Flagstaff Youth Chorale and has held church music positions in Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana, and Alabama. Prior to his time at WSU, Dr. Myers taught at the University of Alabama, where he conducted two choirs and taught courses in music appreciation, choral literature, vocal pedagogy, and diction.

## **Assistant Director**



Originally from Alberta, Canada, Alisa holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Mississippi University for Women where she was awarded the outstanding teacher intern award by MACTE. Now pursuing a Master's in Voice and Choral Conducting from the University of Idaho, she is currently singing the role of Pamina in Mozart's The Magic Flute. Other accomplishments include singing the role of Gertrude in Hänsel and Gretel

and soloing with the Mississippi State Symphony Choir and Orchestra, and the Greeley Chorale and Philharmonic Orchestra. She has soloed in Great Britain and Italy including a concert for Pope Benedict XVI. She recently won the University of Idaho Concerto/Aria Competition and placed first in the Southern Region NATS vocal competition in 2011. Alisa enjoyed serving several years in public and private schools teaching K-12 music and is in her 28th year of teaching voice and piano through her private studio.

## Accompanist



Elena Panchenko is originally from Ukraine and studied at the Moscow Conservatory, where she earned her degree in piano performance, music history, and music theory. She served as the musical director of the Penn State Opera for four years and performed the debut of two new operas, including Mrs. Satan, an opera about the life of the first woman presidential candidate, Victoria Woodhall. Working extensively as an accompanist and church musician, Elena has performed with groups as varied as a

children's dance group to such well-known musicians as Francis Orval and David Shifrin, clarinetist and Director of Chamber Music at the Lincoln Center. In addition to Elena's duties with Palouse Choral Society, she is also the music director at St. Jame's Episcopal Church in Pullman. Elena's family includes her husband, Alex, WSU math professor and former Ukrainian rock star (as is Elena), and their son Ivan, an attorney.

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