

SACRA/PROFANA

A LONGING FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 17, 2021, 7:00PM
ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



TONIGHT'S SACRA/PROFANA PERFORMERS

SOPRANO

Katie Hickey
Carron Martin
Courtney Minor
Jessica Trost
Libby Weber

ALTO

Sara Freese
Gianna Hamilton
Danielle Perrault
Elly Roseberry
Meghan Rossi

TENOR

Aaron Burgett
Corey DeTar
Tony Malerich
Michael Sakell
Kurt Wong

BASS

R. Aaron Bullard
Adam Davis
Thomas Lokensgard
Jonathan Nussman
Zlatoslav Sokolov

ACCOMPANIST

Sarah Giles, *piano*
R. Aaron Bullard,
cello
Adam Davis, *violin*

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Juan Carlos Acosta has been serving as the principal conductor of SACRA/PROFANA since 2015 and has continued the legacy of visionary programming and musical excellence founded by Krishan Oberoi. Under his leadership the ensemble has given notable premieres of works by composers such as Sarah Kirkland Snider, Kim André Arnesen, Ola Gjeilo, Saunder Choi, Sarah Rimkus, and was featured in the live world premiere of the film “Star Trek Beyond” with a score by Michael Giacchino. Active nationally, regionally, and locally as a speaker and presenter, Juan Carlos has made presentations or served as clinician for the Choristers Guild, the American Guild of Organists, the San Diego Arts Mega conference, the California and American Choral Directors Association. Together with composer Brandon Waddles, Juan Carlos and SACRA/PROFANA were awarded the inaugural Diverse Voices Collaborative Grant through the ACDA, which will be premiered at the Summer Choral Intensive in July 2022. In addition to his role with SACRA/PROFANA, Juan Carlos is the Director of Music Ministries at the Village Community Presbyterian Church, where he directs the Chancel Choir, the Village Community Chorale, and Youth Choir, and has led two international tours. Juan Carlos has previously served on the music faculty of the University of San Diego, Cuyamaca College, and the Chula Vista School for the Creative and Performing Arts.

ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR



Aaron Burgett—an active director, composer, and performer— received his Bachelor’s degree in Music Composition from PLNU, his Master’s degree in Choral Conducting from SDSU, and now enjoys teaching and performing in a variety of styles. He has taught at schools and churches throughout San Diego County, working with students anywhere from the age of five to eighty-five. Currently, Aaron is the Director of Choral Worship at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, as well as the Assistant Conductor of SACRA/PROFANA. When not making music, Aaron can be found filming weddings with his wife (Madeleine), playing fetch with their dog, or enjoying the Southern California sun on various outdoor adventures.

SACRA/PROFANA



SACRA/PROFANA awakens and nurtures enthusiasm for the choral art through vibrant performances and focused education outreach. Our debut album, *Elegies & Ecstasies*, was released in 2012, and in 2014 SACRA/PROFANA produced the world premiere recording of *When We Were Children* by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer David Lang, available on the Cantaloupe Music record label. Our second album, *A Longing for Christmas*, is being released tonight!

SACRA/PROFANA has accomplished remarkable things in just 12 years including numerous world and U.S. premieres and collaborations with leading regional arts organizations: San Diego Symphony, Art of Élan, San Diego Opera, California Ballet, and many more. SACRA/PROFANA also has performed with many artists of worldwide renown, including the legendary Irish band the Chieftains, producer Carlton Cuse (of ABC's hit show *Lost*), composer Michael Giacchino (*Star Trek*), and composer Alan Menken and lyricist Stephen Schwartz in the development of Disney Theatrical's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at La Jolla Playhouse.

After a successful first twelve years, we just kicked off our 2021-22 Season that includes innovative choral programming, renewed collaborations with local and regional artists/groups, and service to our community through unforgettable performances and education programs that change choral students' lives.

PROGRAM

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

SOLOIST: MEGHAN ROSSI, MEZZOSOPRANO

SAUNDER CHOI

O COME EMMANUEL

ERIC WILLIAM BARNUM

WHAT IS THIS LIGHT?

ELAINE HAGENBERG

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

SOLOISTS: MEGHAN ROSSI, MEZZOSOPRANO
CARRON MARTIN, SOPRANO

ABBIE BETINIS

A SIGN OPPOSED

SHAWN KIRCHNER

PAT-A-PAN

ARR. SHAWN KIRCHNER

MATER DEI

SARAH RIMKUS

WINTER RIDE

MARI ESABEL VALVERDE

INTERMISSION

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

SOLOIST: DANIELLE PERRAULT, MEZZOSOPRANO

BRANDON WADDLES

O ANTIPHONS*

CORY HIBBS

- I. O WISDOM
- II. O ADONAI
- III. O ROOT OF JESSE
- IV. O KEY OF DAVID
- V. O MORNING STAR
- VI. O KING OF NATIONS
- VII. O EMMANUEL

CHRISTMASHUP*

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER
JOY TO THE WORLD

AMY GORDON

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

STEPHEN STURK

*WORLD PREMIERE PERFORMANCE

STAFF

Juan Carlos Acosta, Artistic Director
Krishan Oberoi, Founding Director & Principal Guest Conductor
Aaron Burgett, Assistant Conductor
Becca Ung, Chorus Manager

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

Voyage Thru Death to Life: Stories of the African Diaspora – February 25, 7:00 PM, St. Mark's United Methodist Church

American Choral Directors Association Conference – March 3, Long Beach Performing Arts Center

American Landscapes – March 27, 3:00 PM, Mission Theater in Fallbrook

Garden Party – May 7, 5:00 PM, Private Residence, La Jolla

Seconds – May 20, 7:00 PM, Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach

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