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DR. ANDRÉ J. THOMAS, conductor DANIELLE TALAMANTES, soprano ALEXANDRA COLAIZZI, mezzo-soprano KEVIN PUNNACKAL, tenor JAMES SHAFFRAN, bass CHORAL ARTS SYMPHONIC CHORUS DOMINICK DIORIO, guest chorus master CHORAL ARTS ORCHESTRA

This performance is generously supported by a gift from Suzanne S. Brock. Dominick DiOrio (b. 1984) Solaris that love was you (Megan Levad) I. II. After Hahn (Misha Penton) III. One Lone Star (Meghan Guidry) I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941) 1. I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes 2. How Long? 3. The Lord is My Shepherd, Alleluia Missa in Angustiis (Mass for Troubled Times) Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) "Lord Nelson Mass" 1. Kyrie 2. Gloria 3. Credo 4. Sanctus 5. Benedictus 6. Agnus Dei

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### **Solaris** Music: Dominick DiOrio

#### I. that love was you

The love on the round green hill the one no one the one who only comes to me forehead, eyesquint, palm to the honeyed sun that love was you

Megan Levad

### II. After Hahn

another day turns to darkness and I'm a strange and colorful flower like those odd crucifix blossoms: a purple stamen and splayed petals— passion vine I think they're called closing up for a night's repose among the garden's duranta golden berries, sage and cosmos flower, red clover and andover reed o bien, aimée...

a world in ever-slowly-slow-motion genesis / sprout / grow / bloom / metamorph / mature / decay a spade dives into soil wind on cheek mud brushed from brow i kneel and the earth takes in my breath

the day holds out against a dark insistence a rustle of little musics peeking out like seraphim haunting the trees a skein of tiny every days a requiem for all our moments c'est l'heure exquise

Misha Penton



I have long thought that anyone who does not regularly – or ever – gaze up and see the wonder and glory of a dark night sky filled with countless stars loses a sense of their fundamental connection to the universe – Brian Greene

### III. One Lone Star

In winter's pitch beside Cayuga Lake the stars reflect on mirrored snow, ablaze in specks of stolen light.

What I knew of stars was the space between effigies: forgotten myths, novas too heavy to hold in the sky.

These were my stars when I met you, who was named for the light in Scorpio's heart.

I can trace your namesake, but never guessed that one lone star, instead of bursting, would light the way home.

Meghan Guidry

## I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Music: Adolphus Hailstork

### 1. I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help surely cometh from the Lord. Maker of heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. He that keepeth thee shall not slumber nor sleep. The sun will not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

— Psalm 121:1-4, 6-7

### 2. How Long?

How long, O Lord, will Thou forget me? How long will Thou hide Thy face from me? How long must I suffer anguish in my soul and grief in my heart? Look now and answer me O Lord. Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

— Psalm 13:1-2a, 3

### 3. The Lord Is My Shepherd, Alleluia

The Lord is my shepherd; I'll not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup, my cup runneth over.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Alleluia

I will lift up mine eyes

– Psalm 23



### Missa In Angustiis

Music: Joseph Haydn

### Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

### Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, Adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, Suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris, Amen.

### Credo

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex patre natum ante omnia saecula, Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero, genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri; per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de coelis.

### Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, And peace on earth to men of good will. We praise You, we bless You, We worship You, we glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father Almighty. Lord only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

You who take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us. You who take away the sin of the world, Hear our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

### Credo

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto, ex Maria virgine; et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est.

Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas. et ascendit in coelum. sedet ad dexteram Patris, et iterum venturus est cum gloria, judicare vivos et mortuos. cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum, et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit, qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur, qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Eccelsiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum, et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

### Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.

### Benedictus

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.

### Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.



He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

He rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures: He ascended into Heaven. and is seated at the right hand of the Father; He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; with the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church: I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; I look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosannah in the highest.

### Benedictus

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosannah in the highest.

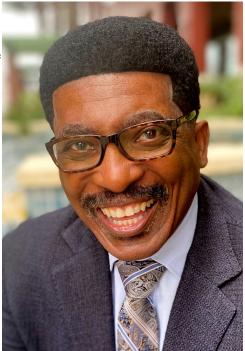
### Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## **Featured Artists**

## Dr. André J. Thomas Conductor

André J. Thomas is a Professor Emeritus of Music at Florida State University. He was visiting Professor of Choral Conducting at Yale University from 2020-2022. He also served as a faculty member at the University of Texas, Austin. He is presently an Associate Artist with the London Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Thomas received his degrees from Friends University (B.A.), Northwestern University (M. M.), and The University of Illinois (D.M.A). He is in demand as a choral adjudicator, clinician, and director of Honor/All-State Choirs throughout North America, Europe, Asia, New Zealand, Australia, and Africa. Dr. Thomas has conducted choirs at the state, division. and national conventions of the Music Educators National Conference (NAFME) and the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA). His international conducting credits are extensive.



He has led numerous prestigious orchestras and choirs around the world, including the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in England, the Berlin Radio Choir and the North German Radio Choir in Germany, the Netherlands Radio Choir, the Bulgarian Radio Choir & Orchestra, the Seoul Metropolitan Chorus, Ansan City Choir, Jeju Provincial Seogwipo Chorale in South Korea, the Charlotte Symphony, China's People's Liberation Orchestra, the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Thomas is a distinguished composer/arranger with Hinshaw Music Company, Mark Foster Music Company, Fitzsimons Music Company, Lawson Gould, Earthsongs, Choristers Guild, and Heritage Music Company.

Various musical organizations have recognized Thomas with the Living Legend Award, the Distinguished Service Award, the Robert Shaw Award, the NCCO (National Collegiate Choral Organization) Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Southern Region of ACDA Award of Excellence. In January 2019, he was inducted into the Florida Music Educator's Hall of Fame, and in 2022 he was presented the Samuel Simons Sanford Medal, the most prestigious honor conferred by the Yale School of Music.

## Danielle Talamantes *Soprano*

"It's not often that an operagoer is fortunate enough to witness the birth of a star!," noted of Soprano Danielle Talamantes' recent turn as Violetta in *La traviata* with Hawaii Opera Theatre. Last season she made her Washington National Opera début as Maria Hernández in Kamal Sankaram's Rise as part of their production Written in Stone, returned to her signature role as Mimì in Puccini's La bohème with Jacksonville Symphony and three world premiers: Mosaic for Earth by composer Dwight Bigler at her Alma Mater, Virginia Tech, the rhapsody written for Talamantes and orchestra based on T.S. Eliot's iconic poem The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock with the National Philharmonic,



and the stunning choral cantata *Kohelet* with the Washington Master Chorale and Santa Clara Master Chorale; the latter two works by acclaimed composer Henry Dehlinger. The conclusion of the season was with the Fairfax Symphony in the Beethoven Symphony No. 9 and a debut as guest soloist with the Buffalo Philharmonic.

This season's engagements include Mahler's Symphony No. 4 and Ginastera's *Milena* with the National Philharmonic, Verdi's Requiem with the Pensacola Symphony and the NC Master Chorale, Britten's *War Requiem* with Opera Roanoke, Handel's *Messiah* with The US Naval Academy, as well as concerts with Lyric Fest, Choralis, and the Artist Series of Sarasota.

Recent seasons performances include Frasquita in Bizet's *Carmen* and Anna in Verdi's *Nabucco* with The Metropolitan Opera, Beatrice in Catán's *Il postino* with VA Opera, Marzelline in Beethoven's *Fidelio* with Princeton Festival; Violetta in *La traviata* with Hawaii Opera Theater, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, and Finger Lakes Opera, Mimì in *La bohème* with St Petersburg (FL) Opera and Jacksonville Symphony; the title role of *Susannah* with Opera Roanoke; Donna Anna in *Don Giovanni* with Cedar Rapids Opera Theater; and a Spoleto Festival USA début as Sergente in Cavalli's *Veremonda*.

Professional recordings include At That Hour: Art Songs by Henry Dehlinger on the Avie Record Label; Canciones españolas and Heaven and Earth: A Duke Ellington Songbook on the MSR Classics label.



### Alexandra Colaizzi Mezzo-Soprαno

Praised for her "vocally fierce" and "deeptoned" mezzo-soprano voice (South Florida Classical Review), Alex(andra) Colaizzi brings warmth and versatility to stages across the United States.

Ms. Colaizzi performs with top-tier professional choral ensembles such GRAMMY® nominated Seraphic Fire and the Santa Fe Desert Chorale. She has appeared as a performer and soloist with GRAMMY® awardwinning vocal band Roomful of Teeth, and was recently featured with the John Daversa Jazz Orchestra for composer Justin Morell's album, "All Without Words."



Ms. Colaizzi enjoys a wide array of solo performance opportunities from early music, opera, recital, and new works. On the operatic stage she has performed in a wide range of staged works, most notably Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* (Cherubino), Britten's *Albert Herring* (Nancy), and Hindemith's *Hin und Zurück* (Helene). As a recitalist, she has curated recitals of works by female composers. Most recently, she explored the life and vocal works of composer Ethel Smyth in recital.

Ms. Colaizzi has trained and performed at programs around the country such as the Illinois Bach Academy, the International Baroque Institute at Longy School of Music, the Seraphic Fire Professional Choral Institute at Aspen School of Music, and the Amherst Early Music Festival.

This season, Ms. Colaizzi enjoys appearances with Seraphic Fire at Aspen School of Music, Franklin Chamber Choir, and the Master Chorale of South Florida. She makes her solo debut with The Choral Arts Society of Washington at the Kennedy Center in June 2023.

Ms. Colaizzi recently completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Miami Frost School of Music. She currently serves on the voice faculty of Miami Dade College and as Artistic Education Coordinator of the Seraphic Fire Youth Initiative.

## Kevin Punnackal *Tenor*

A first-generation Indian-American from Sugarland, TX, Kevin Punnackal recently covered the Captain in Lord of the Cries for Santa Fe Opera. During his time in undergrad at Houston Baptist University, Mr. Punnackal had the opportunity to perform roles including Ruggero (cover, La rondine) in addition to preparing the role of Romeo (Gounod, Romeo et Juliette). He recently received his Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma where he performed as Le Baron de Pictordu in Cendrillon and prepared the role of Nemorino (*L'elisir d'amore*). Mr. Punnackal has also performed the roles of Sam Kaplan (Street Scene) and covered Ruggero (La rondine) while attending the Varna International Music Academy in Bulgaria (2018).



During the 2021-22 season at Washington National Opera, Mr. Punnackal had the opportunity to sing for a workshop presentation of *Grounded*, a new opera co-commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera and WNO that features the musical writing of Jeanine Tesori set to a libretto by George Brant.



### James Shaffran *Bass*

Baritone James Shaffran is a Grammy winner (for Best Classical Recording of Corigliano's Of Rage and Remembrance, with the National Symphony and Leonard Slatkin) and threetime Wammie nominee for Best Classical Vocal Soloist. Shaffran's concert and opera performances have made him an audience favorite both locally and regionally. Concert highlights have been Puccini's Messa di Gloria with Gloria Musicae (Sarasota, FL), Luna Pearl Woolf's The Pillar (singing the role of Bernie Madoff) with The Washington Chorus, and the American premiere of Wenceslas by Bob Chilcott (in the title role) with Choralis. released on Signum Classics. His solo performances can be heard on RCA Red Seal, Erato, Naxos, Albany and Bridge Records.



A charismatic and versatile stage presence, Shaffran appears regularly with Washington National Opera. He is a veteran of over 50 principal roles and over 500 performances with WNO, recently including Sciarrone in *Tosca*, First Priest in *Magic Flute* (both simulcast at Nationals Park), Antonio in *Figaro*, Union Officer in the world premiere revision of Phillip Glass' *Appomattox*, an Inmate in Jake Heggie's *Dead Man Walking*, and the Old Gypsy in *Il trovatore*. Recent work on other stages includes the title role in Paisiello's *Barber of Seville* with Opera Lafayette, Sciarrone/Jailer in *Tosca* with Chelsea Opera (NYC), Grenville in *Traviata* with The IN Series (DC) and world premieres with the American Opera Initiative as Uncle Raymond in *Penny* and with UrbanArias in the role of The Principal in *Paul's Case*, both in DC and NYC -- a New Yorker pick as one of the top 10 musical productions of the season – released worldwide on National Sawdust Tracks. Jim and his wife Mary, a leadership coach and lyric soprano, live in Northern Virginia.

### Dominick DiOrio Guest Chorus Master

Dominick DiOrio is a conductor and composer who has won widespread acclaim for his contributions to American music. He has been recognized with The American Prizes in both Choral Composition (2014) and Choral Performance (2019, with NOTUS). In July 2020, he became the 14th Artistic Director & Conductor of the Mendelssohn Chorus of Philadelphia, where he has had the honor of preparing the singers for performances with The Philadelphia Orchestra.

DiOrio has conducted ensembles around the world, from the Houston Chamber Choir and Choral Arts Initiative in the USA to Allmänna Sången and Ars Veritas abroad.



A strong advocate for new music, he has collaborated with Paquito D'Rivera, Melissa Dunphy, Tawnie Olson, Caroline Shaw, Moira Smiley, Christopher Theofanidis, and the late Swedish composer Sven-David Sandström. Committed to diversity, inclusion, and representation in artistic programming, DiOrio proudly programs works that reflect the diversity of our world.

As a composer, DiOrio has been hailed for a keenly intelligent, evocative style, which shows "a tour de force of inventive thinking and unique colour" (Gramophone). His over 50 published works have appeared at major venues around the world including the Sydney Opera House, Lincoln Center, and Carnegie Hall. He writes music for singers and players of all ages and experiences, and his recent commissioning partners include the Children's Chorus of Washington, the Worcester Youth Orchestras, The Choral Arts Society of Washington, and "The President's Own" United States Marine Band.

Since 2012, he has been a member of the faculty at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he serves as Professor of Music (Choral Conducting) and leads the select, new music chamber chorus NOTUS, one of only 24 choirs in the world selected by competitive audition to perform at the 12th World Symposium on Choral Music in Auckland, New Zealand, before it was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

DiOrio recently completed a term as president of the National Collegiate Choral Organization. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting from the Yale School of Music, as well as the MMA and MM in conducting from Yale and the BM in composition summa cum laude from Ithaca College.





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