

THE RAINBOW CHORALE  
OF DELAWARE PRESENTS

# Everything Old is New Again

A HOLIDAY CONCERT



at Skyline United Methodist Church  
3100 Skyline Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19808

Saturday December 3, 2022 at 7:30 PM  
and Sunday December 4, 2022 at 3:00 PM





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# NOTES FROM THE PODIUM

## CONTRIBUTED BY DOUGLAS P. BENDER

Welcome and thank you for joining us for our “Everything Old Is New Again” concert! As a newcomer to this wonderful organization, I found myself feeling more and more connected with this concert theme. I have been singing in or directing choirs for many years, but this season with the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware has made the experience feel new again. They have welcomed me whole-heartedly and trusted me with their voices. There is an energy, positivity, and warmth to this group and I am grateful to be among them. I hope this feeling extends to you as you listen today.

Today’s concert will present a few pairings of traditional carols and familiar tunes with reinterpretations of these pieces. These pairings will be interspersed with a few stand alone selections. Our concert begins with *O Magnum Mysterium* (Victoria, 1572) as a stand alone selection. This renaissance motet presents the text of the “great mystery” of the birth of Jesus Christ in a manger. This ancient sacred text continues to provide inspiration for composers to this day. Another of our other stand alone pieces includes the tenor and bass feature of *Heat Miser/Snow Miser* (Laws & Bass, 1974) from the TV film “The Year Without A Santa Claus”. This piece will feature two soloists and a lot of attitude. The sopranos and altos have their own feature *The Caffeine Overload Polka* (Barnes, 2002). Here you will hear a relatable tale of our caffeinated existence. Also included with our stand alone pieces are four selections that tenderly express the beauty of the season. *Glow* (Whitacre, 2013), *Nun Gimel Hei Shin* (Shatin, 1999), *This Christmastide* (Fraser, 1988), and *In The Bleak Midwinter* (Darke, 1993), which all illustrate the majesty, excitement, and the mystery of the season.

Our first reinterpretation comes from *The “Shouldn’t Be” Carols* (Barnes, 2012). Within this medley we have familiar tunes with altered lyrics. This piece details the frustrations and antics of the holiday season. One of the tunes included in this medley is the same as another of our selections, *We Three Kings* (Meader, 2004). Some of our other paired selections include *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (Mendelssohn, 1840) with *Coming Out on Christmas* (Johnson, 1995) and *White Christmas* (Berlin, 1942) with *Pink Christmas* (Weirick, 2015).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Jane Gober, our collaborative pianist, for her incredible work and support. I would also like to thank the RCD Board and membership for putting their faith in me this year. RCD would like to thank the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant for their support and allowing us to use their facilities for our rehearsals as well as Skyline United Methodist Church for hosting our concerts this weekend. As we gather together for this old tradition of a holiday concert, I hope you find something new to be excited about. It is my hope that this concert leaves you rejuvenated for the holiday season. It was a great pleasure preparing these selections for you and getting to know this group. We wish you a happy, safe, and fulfilling holiday season. As always, RCD thanks you for your support!

In song,

Douglas P. Bender

## **DOUGLAS P. BENDER**

### **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**



The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is delighted to have Douglas P. Bender join us as Artistic Director. Douglas Bender was born and raised in northern New Jersey and recently moved to the area with his wife. He is a NJ public school music educator and has taught music and conducted scholastic

choirs for the past 13 years. Douglas earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University and a Master's degree in vocal performance from Montclair State University. He has performed as a chorister and tenor soloist in various ensembles throughout northern NJ and New York. He is honored to be trusted with conducting the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware and is looking forward to an exciting season of music to come.

## **SARAH JANE GOBER**

### **COLLABORATIVE PIANIST**



Sarah Jane Gober is a collaborative pianist from the greater Philadelphia area, with a Masters in Piano Accompanying / Opera Coaching from Temple University. Sarah is currently working with faculty and students at West Chester University. She has also served as the choral director and accompanist at Calvary Baptist Church in Newark, DE since 2017. In her free time, Sarah also has a strong passion for cooking and running.

## **COME SING WITH US!**

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Presbyterian Church of the Covenant (PCOC)

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# CHARLA PHOENIX

## PRESIDENT



RCD Friends and Family!

I would like to welcome you to the 23rd season of The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware.

This year we welcome our new Artistic Director, Douglas Bender. We are so excited to have Doug, and the expertise he brings to the group. We are also thrilled to welcome back to the piano, our Collaborative Pianist, Sarah Jane Gober. Doug, Sarah and the entire artistic committee have worked very hard to put together a lovely holiday program, as well as an exciting season of quality music for your entertainment and enjoyment.

The RCD Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to guide the organization on its mission to elicit change in our communities through music. We strive to come together through our similarities, and we continue to celebrate the things that make our communities diverse and unique.

We are always looking for people to bring their talents and strengths to our board of directors. If you are interested in joining our board of directors or interested in being a member of our "5th section", please don't hesitate to ask a board, or choir, member for more information.

We are very excited about our upcoming season and look forward to seeing your smiling faces in the audience.

Relax and enjoy!

Charla M. Phoenix

# Everything Old is New Again

*Soloists are listed in order of appearance*

**O Magnum Mysterium.....**Tomas Luis de Victoria

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sings.....**Felix Mendelssohn,  
arr. William  
Cummings,  
des. David Willcocks

**Heat Miser/Snow Miser from *The***  
***Year Without A Santa Claus*.....**Maury Laws & Jules  
Bass

Heat Miser - Jay Simmons and Snow Miser - Camilo Matos, *Soloists*

**The “Shouldn’t Be” Carols.....**Eric Lane Barnes,  
arr. Arreon Harley

**White Christmas.....**Irving Berlin,  
arr. Roy Ringwald

**Nun, Gimel, Hei, Shin**  
**(Chanukah Round).....**Judith Shatin

**Glow.....**Eric Whitacre,  
piano arr. Lisa  
Edwards

**Caffeine Overload Polka.....**Eric Lane Barnes

**Coming Out On Christmas.....**arr. Dean Johnson  
Stosh Pehowic, *Soloist*

**We Three Kings.....**J.H. Hopkins,  
arr. Darmon Meader  
Anne Shuman, *Percussion*

**This Christmastide (Jessye’s Carol).....**Donald Fraser

**In The Bleak Midwinter.....**Harold Darke  
Anne Shuman and Jim Scroggs, *Soloists*

**Pink Christmas.....**arr. Chad Weirick

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# Christmas at Covenant

## Sunday, December 11

4pm-Candlelight Advent Vespers  
(In-person & Live-streamed)

A service of darkness and light, hymns and spoken word. Featuring Part 1 of Handel's Messiah with choir, soloists and orchestra.

## Saturday, December 24

4pm - Candlelight Worship  
(In-person & Live-streamed)

*A family-oriented, candlelit worship service celebrating the Nativity with special music and carols.*

11:30pm - Midnight Candlelight Service  
(Live-streamed only)

*A short, intimate service of spoken word and music prepares us for the Birth of Christ. The service ends shortly after midnight on Christmas Day.*

## Sunday, December 25

10am - Festive Christmas Worship  
(Live-streamed only)

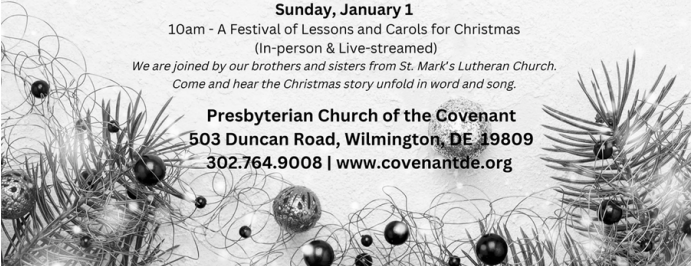
*We will be joined by members of The Rainbow Choral of Delaware who will offer their voices to sing carols and anthems for the day.*

## Sunday, January 1

10am - A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas  
(In-person & Live-streamed)

*We are joined by our brothers and sisters from St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Come and hear the Christmas story unfold in word and song.*

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**10:30 AM**

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- Family Service
- Carols & Candlelight

**2:00 PM**

**9:00 PM**



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Love of music is common to everyone. When we sing, we hope to impart the ideals, hopes, dreams, and aspirations of our community. Our goal is that with our listening audience we will strike a chord of commonality, and bridge the differences of our life experiences.

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