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- ◆ Father David Kelash and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for the use of their church for this concert
- ◆ Mountain View United Methodist Church for the use of their church for our weekly rehearsals
- ◆ The Arizona Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts for their generous grant to the Verde Valley Voices
- ◆ The folks like you who attend our concerts. Thank you!

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Verde Valley Voices

Organized in 1997, the Verde Valley Voices is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote artistic self-expression through choral music in a non-audition group for all ages.

It offers the creative process of making music in fellowship, musicianship, and choral performances for the greater Verde Valley community. Our common goal is to grow collectively as a group and individually as choral singers.

This chorale of 70+ singers enralls its audience with a variety of works, ranging from Handel's Messiah, Broadway show tunes to music from around the world.

The Verde Valley Voices could not perform for you, our audience, without the dedication of the following people, who generously provide their time and expertise both in leadership positions and behind the scenes.

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Caleb Nihira Music Director and Conductor

Caleb Nihira is thrilled to be appointed as conductor of the Verde Valley Voices. He is currently a second-year graduate student pursuing the Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting at Northern Arizona University, where he directs the Women's Chorale and teaches undergraduate conducting for music education majors. In addition, he currently serves on the faculty of the Curry Summer Music Camp and teaches private voice lessons through the NAU Community Music and Dance Academy. Prior to graduate school, he was the Music Director at Academy of Tucson High School from 2007 to 2013. Overseeing the entire music department, he taught Music Appreciation and Music Theory and directed the Guitar Ensemble and Mixed Choir. Additionally, he directed the Advanced Women's Choir, which has performed at the Arizona Music Educators Association annual conferences in 2011 and 2013, at the Arizona Charter Schools Association conference in 2012, and at the 2013 Summer Conference of the Arizona chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. From 2011 to 2013, he was also director of the Chancel Choir at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church in Tucson. As a chorister, he has sung with The Concordia Choir, Tucson Chamber Artists, and the Shrine of the Ages Choir at NAU. Caleb graduated from Concordia College (Moorhead, MN) in 2006 and has studied conducting with René Clausen and Edith Copley.

Pat Jarvis

Assistant to the Director

Pat Jarvis has been singing with the Verde Valley Voices since the Fall of 2011. She is delighted to be serving as assistant to the director this Spring. Pat is a retired choral director, teaching in the Alexandria, Virginia, City Public School System for over 20 years. Before that she finished her doctorate in vocal music performance at ASU. She has also been on the faculty at NAU and the University of North Dakota. She has degrees from Louisiana State University and Mars Hill College.

Nancy Bright

Pianist



Nancy has been the Accompanist for The Verde Valley Voices for many years. Often heard performing or accompanying, she enjoys a wide variety of musical opportunities throughout the Verde Valley. Currently, Nancy is the Pianist, Organist and Choir Director at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church where she has served for over 20 years. She is also Associate Organist at Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish and Accompanist for the Verde Baptist Church choir. Nancy received her music and business degrees from Arizona State University, graduating Cum Laude. She remains very active in accompanying instrumentalists, vocalists, ensembles and choirs in schools, churches and special programs in the community. She is often called on for her expertise at weddings and memorial services. Nancy has been the pianist in many productions for several theatre companies, school productions, recitals and fundraising concerts. She has extensive experience as a solo keyboardist and as a collaborating musician.

For sharing their special talents with us,

The Verde Valley Voices

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Jonathan Levingston..... Violin

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This concert is dedicated
to our longtime member and friend Arne Stolberg.

Concert Program

“An American Quilt” John Leavitt, arr.
(The Yellow Rose of Texas, Deep River, Old Dan Tucker)
Jonathan Levingston, violin

“The Road Home ” Stephen Paulus
Julie Smith, solo

“Shenandoah” Rollo Dilworth, arr.
Julie Smith, flute

Musical Interlude

Kathy Kadri, soloist; Julie Smith, piano



“Ching-a-Ring-Chaw” Aaron Copland

“At the River” Aaron Copland

“I Bought Me a Cat” Aaron Copland

Musical Interlude

Jonathan Levingston, violin



“Route 66” Kirby Shaw, arr.

“Blue Skies” Roger Emerson, arr.
Jonathan Levingston, violin

Musical Interlude

Kim Bolton, Colleen McBride, Becky Henry, Karen O’Regan
Jake Baker, David Eidson, Dennis Hartley, Charley Pinckney
Julie Smith, piano



“Simple Gifts” Darrell R. Douglas, arr.

“Amazing Grace” Jack Schrader, arr.
Directed by Pat Jarvis

“This Land is Your Land” Robert De Cormier, arr.

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Nancy Bright

Sopranos

Benjamin, Gayle*
Bolton, Kim
Brennan, Marianne*
Clark, Patricia
Duncan, Cecilia*
Dwyer, Elaine
Emerson, Beverly
Emmett, Cindy
Ferguson, Helen
Johnson, Cynthia
Johnston, Lori
Kadri, Kathi
Lacher, Susan
Massey, Karen
McBride, Colleen
McDowell, Desiree
Nix, Carol
Norris, Shelley
Osher, Barbara
Schick, Willie
Sesow, Sage
Shires, Madeline
Smith, Julie
Sperger, Dottie
Waak, Marianna
Warren, Linda
Webb, Phillis
Wise, Evelyn
Witcher, Carolyn
Zuercher, Marny*

Altos

Anderson, Leonor
Canther, Kristi
Farraro, Lois
Follett, Kristine
Gibson, Jody
Harris, Lyn*
Henry, Becky
Hill, Eunice*
Jarvis, Pat
Kelly, Joan
Knoepfle, DeVona
Komarek, Mary Lou
Lemire, Countess
Nelson, Margaret
Noack, Jackie
O'Regan, Karen
Packer, LaFaye
Rasmussen, Cathy
Schnack, Theresa
Sydow, Eileen
Vogel, Linda
West, Rosie
Westling, Casey
Wilson, Kathleen
Wood, Trish

Tenors

Baker, Jake
Braithwaite, Georgia*
Eidson, David*
Minnick, Mary Ann
Roberts, Stan
Schick, Terry
Uruburu, Anne
Vogel, Dell

Basses

Arney, Craig
Fullerton, Kent
Hartley, Dennis
Kavet, Alex
Parker, Naomi
Pinckney, Charles
Rees, Fred*
Rosenfeld, Paul
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