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

Each concert features local musicians, such as the Cottonwood Community Band, other adult and children's choirs, as well as works by local composers.

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.

Jacob Land
Assistant Conductor

Nancy Bright
Pianist



Nancy has been the Accompanist for The Verde Valley Voices for 14 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 21 years. She is also 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 after many requests has produced her own CDs.

For sharing their special talents with us,

The Verde Valley Voices

Extends Special Thanks to:

The String Quartet

Kim Rice..... Violin
Jonathan Levingston..... Violin
Marco McKay Viola
Katie Immel Cello

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We want to especially thank:

- ◆ Father David Kelash at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
- ◆ 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!

Concert Program

“Frostiana: Road Not Taken, A Girl’s Garden, Stopping by Woods, Choose Something Like a Star”

Words by Robert Frost, Music by Randall Thompson

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**“It’s the Most Wonderful Time ”** .....Arranged by Carl Strommen

Words and Music by Eddie Pola and George Wyle

Directed by Jake Land

**“Before the Marvel of This Night”** .....

Lyrics by Jaroslav J. Vajda, Music by Carl Schalk

Accompanied by the String Quartet

**“Gesu Bambino”** ..... Solos by David Eidson and Dennis Hartley .....

Lyrics by Frederick H Martens, Music by Pietro A. Yon

Accompanied by the String Quartet

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“When You Believe”Music by Carlos M. Lopez

“A Holiday Sing-Along” Arranged by Audrey Snyder

“Bethlehem”

Arranged by J. Edmund Hughes & Mary Ellen Loose

Accompanied by Kim Rice, Violin and Katie Immel, Cello

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**“Below the Mistletoe”** ..... Words and Music by Jay Althouse

**“Silent Night”** ..... Arranged by Jack Schrader

Words by Joseph Mohr, Music by Franz Gruber

Accompanied by the String Quartet

Directed by Jake Land

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“Let There Be Peace” By Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Master of Ceremonies

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The Verde Valley Voices

Director
Caleb Nihira

Accompanist
Nancy Bright

Sopranos

Becker, Hannah
Benjamin, Gayle
Bolton, Kim
Brennan, Marianne
Clark, Patricia
Duncan, Cecilia
Dwyer, Elaine
Emerson, Beverly
Emmett, Cindy
Johnson, Cynthia
Johnston, Lori
Kadri, Kathi
Lacher, Susan
Maison, Colleen
Massey, Karen
McBride, Colleen
McDowell, Desiree
Nix, Carol
Norris, Shelley
Osher, Barbara
Richards, Elisa
Schick, Willie
Sesow, Sage
Smith, Julie
Smitterberg, Jude
Spalding, Ginger
Sperger, Dottie
Vogel, Linda
Warren, Linda
Webb, Phillis
Witcher, Carolyn
Wood, Trish
Zuercher, Marny²

Altos

Bice, Velda
Crownsoble, Allison
Dumitru, Alma
Farraro, Lois
Follett, Kristine
Gibson, Jody
Harris, Lyn*
Henry, Becky
Hill, Eunice
Jarvis, Pat
Kelly, Joan
Knoepfle, DeVona
Lemire, Countess
Lokaychuk, Noel
Nelson, Margaret
O'Regan, Karen
Packer, LaFaye
Palmer, April
Rasmussen, Cathy
Schnack, Theresa
Shires, Madeline
Unruh, Louise
West, Rosie
Westling, Casey
Wilson, Kathleen

* *Team Leaders*

Tenors

Baker, Jake
Braithwaite, Georgia
Eidson, David
Lewis, Leon
Markle, Jay
Minnick, Mary Ann
Reese, Sally
Roberts, Stan
Schick, Terry
Uruburu, Anne
Vogel, Dell

Basses

Arney, Craig
Bevan, Mike
Bryant, Rick
Fullerton, Kent
Hartley, Dennis
Kavet, Alex
Morris, Dan
Osher, Jules
Rees, Fred
Reese, Robert
Rosenfeld, Paul
Stolberg, Arne
Tolbert, Steve
Witt, Bill

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