

The William Baker Choral Foundation Presents

Festive Praises

Kansas City Bronze

*Dr. William O. Baker, Music Director & Conductor
The Reverend Gabe Combs, Associate Music Director
Emily Fish, Student Intern*

John Schaefer, organ

Keith Benjamin, trumpet

Erica Seago, flute Sean Sweeden, percussion

Sunday, 20 March 2022

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
Lee's Summit, Missouri**

Saturday, 26 March 2022

**Countryside Christian Church,
Mission, Kansas**

*Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul, the waves and winds still know
The Lord Who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

SOLI DEO GLORIA

What wondrous love is this, O my soul ?

Kansas City Bronze

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Kansas City Bronze



Kansas City Bronze began in 2018, and has found a niche as one of the leading community handbell ensembles in the Kansas City region. Following a discovery year in 2018-2019, membership was appointed for the ensemble's first full season in 2019-2020. Kansas City Bronze has performed in solo concerts and community events from Basehor, Kansas to Lee's Summit, Missouri, including *Candlelight*, *Carols & Cathedral*, *Convocation 2020 With The William Baker Festival Singers*, and the *Lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree in Roeland Park, Kansas*. The ensemble appears on the Amber Waves album *The Heart Worships at Christmas*.

Under the leadership of Music Director William Baker and Associate Music Director Gabe Combs, Kansas City Bronze seeks to bring the highest levels of artistry and repertoire to community bell ringing. Kansas City Bronze maintained a full schedule of rehearsals and concerts during the 2020-2021 pandemic year. With the return of full activities for the concert-going public, Kansas City Bronze looks forward to increased concertizing, touring and recording in the months and years to come. Numerous performances of Kansas City Bronze may be enjoyed on our YouTube channel: WBakerCF.

Kansas City Bronze is an ensemble of the William Baker Choral Foundation. The Choral Foundation sponsors ten performing ensembles in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, North Carolina, and Georgia, in addition to the Institute for Healthy Singing, the Institute for Choral Creativity, the Choral Conversations Podcast, and the Jane Sullivan Choral Resource Library.

Kansas City Bronze is presently considering candidates for regular membership and the substitute list for the 2022-2023 season. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings in the Jane Sullivan Choral Library at the William Baker Choral Foundation Center in Roeland Park, Kansas. For information, please contact us at Mail@FestivalSingers.org or 913-488-7524.

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Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, MO

The Summer Singers of Lee's Summit

Gabriel Fauré: REQUIEM

Jennifer Lahasky, MME, Music Director & Conductor

REHEARSALS THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7:00-9:30, beginning June 2

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Festive Praises - Spring Concerts 2022

Saturday Afternoon, 20 March 2022, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lee's Summit, Missouri

Saturday Evening, 26 March 2022, Countryside Christian Church, Mission, Kansas

PRISMS

William PAYN, Born 1946

FANTASY ON AN IRISH TUNE

Irish Traditional arranged by Arnold Sherman

With Erica Seago, flute & Sean Sweeden, percussion

Associate Music Director Gabe Combs, conducting

FESTIVE PRAISES

Fred GRAMANN, Born 1950

FINLANDIA - BE STILL MY SOUL

Jean SIBELIUS, 1865-1957

With John Schaefer, organ

Arranged by Dale Wood

PRAYER OF ST. GREGORY

Alan HOVHANESS, 1911-2000

Keith Benjamin, trumpet John Schaefer, organ

GREENSLEEVES

English Traditional arranged by Cathy Mokebust

FANTASY ON SOUTHERN FOLK HYMNS

Arranged by Margaret Tucker

Jefferson Prospect The Promised Land Morning Trumpet Pisgab

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

English Traditional arranged by Linda McKechnie

Please join in singing on cue:

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears

All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.



Please join us for a Wine & Cookie Reception following the Sunday concert
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William Baker Festival Singers, Prairie Village, Kansas, 1998

New South Festival Singers, Atlanta, Georgia, 1985

Lynn Swanson, MME, Music Director & Conductor

Summer Singers of Atlanta, Midtown Atlanta, 1990

Andrew Phillip Schmidt, MM, Music Director & Conductor

Zimria Festivale Atlanta, Dunwoody, Georgia, 2014

Amy Thropp, MM, Music Director & Conductor

Summer Singers of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, 1999

William O. Baker, DMA, Music Director & Conductor

Cobb Summer Singers, Marietta, Georgia, 2006

Lynn Swanson, MME, Founder & Music Director

Summer Singers of Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit, Missouri, 2014

Jennifer Lahasky, MME, Music Director & Conductor

Voces Festivas, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2021

Leilani Velasco, Music Director

Kansas City Bronze, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2018

Vox Venti, Chicago, Illinois, 2022

Ed Frazier Davis, MM, Music Director & Conductor

Smoky Mountain Summer Singers, Waynesville, North Carolina, 2022

Lynn Swanson, MME, Music Director & Conductor

Institute for Healthy Singing, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2015

Jamea J. Sale, MME, Director

Institute for Choral Creativity, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2020

Ed Frazier Davis, MM, Director

Choral Conversations Podcast with William Baker & Jamea Sale, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2018

Jane Sullivan Choral Resource Library, Roeland Park, Kansas, 2016



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