



Present the

2023 Homecoming Concert

O Radiant Dawn

EMU Choir - EMU Voices - Measure for Measure

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

7:30 pm

Pease Auditorium

Ypsilanti, MI

Program Notes

Good evening and welcome to the historic Pease Auditorium for a fabulous evening of choral music. We are so delighted that you have chosen to join us in a celebration of choral music on Homecoming Weekend. This evening the concert will involve students, faculty, and community members seeking to elevate our daily living with beautiful music. Tonight you will hear music intended to embrace connection, reflection, and joy. We hope that this music inspires you to embrace the joy in your own life through the beauty of music.

The program this evening, **O Radiant Dawn**, is designed to open our eyes to the present beauty that surrounds us. Our common nature is to ignore the good and beautiful aspects of our lives and to preoccupy our thoughts with anxiety about what could be yet better. While this posture inherently leads to progress and other positive outcomes, it also robs of the opportunities to relish the joy and beauty that surrounds us all. We become immune to the powerful force that positive reflection brings. When we take time to observe the good and the beauty in our lives, relationships it counteracts the natural drive to improve. We hope you find our offering of beauty an opportunity to take stock of all that is positive in your life.

We are thrilled to strengthen our ties to Measure for Measure, a relationship that began in 1988. Alumni of the University of Michigan and EMU have been making music together for over thirty-five years. We are now working together to continue this partnership of music by offering Measure for Measure as an ensemble option for EMU Students. In addition, our music students are offered opportunities to join their leadership staff and learn how community organizations function well. What a wonderful opportunity for EMU Students to engage in a fabulous tenor/bass ensemble while strengthening our community of choral singing.

The Homecoming Concert is a time to reconnect with our friends and musical family from years past while we connect and reflect on what it means to be a member of the EMU School of Music & Dance. We want to welcome all EMU Choir Alumni to the audience, and for those members who have sung with Dr. Johnson, we invite you to the stage to sing Morten Lauridsen's beautiful setting of Sure on this Shining Night.

Katie Rohwer
EMU Voices



Steven Lorenz
Measure for Measure



Brendan Closz
Measure for Measure
Assistant Director



Brandon Johnson, DMA
Director of Choral Activities



Concert Literature

EMU Voices

Kafal Sviri	Petar Liondev (1936–2018)
To Sit and Dream	Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)
Fire	Katerina Gimon (b. 1993)
Breathe In Hope	Dale Trumbore (b. 1987)
Rise Up	Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

Measure for Measure

Hallelujah, Amen! <i>from Judas Maccabeus (1746)</i>	G.F. Handel (1685–1741)
Dance for Love	Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)
Grace in the Sun	arr. Ethan Speery (b. 1971)

Andy Melichar, tenor

EMU Choir

Wanting Memories	Ysaye Barnwell (b. 1946)
Laudate Dominum	José Mauricio Nunes Garcia (1767–1830)
I Thank You God for Most This Amazing Day	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
From Light to Light: Earth	J. Aaron McDermid (b. 1974)
O Radiant Dawn	James MacMillan (b. 1959)
Sweet Rivers	Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)
Ilus Hääl	Laura Jēkabsone (b. 1985)

Alumni Song

** We invite all EMU Choir alumni who have sung this work to the stage.*

Sure On This Shining Night	Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)
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*We invite all EMU Choir Alumni to an Afterglow event directly following the concert at **Corner Brewery, 720 Norris Street**. All are welcome, and we would love to see you there.

Rosters

EMU Voices

Soprano 1

Kayla Berry
Addison Novosel
Vanessa El-Zein
Hannah Rybski
Efthymia Skrettas(Mia)
Rosa Skrobola
Emma Svinicki
Hailey Johnson

Soprano 2

Salome Buzguta
Willamina Churchill-Torres(Willow)
Juliette Harrison
Meghan Mastenbrook
Rachel Taylor
Ava Kachnowski
Olivia Palazzolo
Mikayla Bournay
Lily Richey
Amara Harris
Allie Beecher

Alto 1

Ava Cichowski
TJ Combs(he/they)
Anastasia Fredrick
Fabiola Gayosso(Fabbi)
Tessa Hanrath
Emily Hoy
Grace Pucher
Katherine Steger
Sophia Zebrowski
Hannah Allie
Sam Iwanowicz

Alto 2

Grace Beebe
RileyHeather Bergman
Teddy Borsodi
Emma Brooks
Jill Gerhart
Reese Short
Bertrina Thomas
Averi Weitzman

Measure for Measure

Matthew Bartow
Ed Berger
Jim Berlucchi
Alan Clark
Brendan Closz
Joe Diederich
Mark Ely
Bill Forgacs
John Hall
Gordon W. Johnson
Thomas Layher
James McCarthy
Andrew Anderson
Dyche Anderson
Dick Bauman
Bob Bender
Dave Berry
Eric Budnik
Richard Burney
Jason Caminsky
David Clark
Evan H. Cohen
Doug Egedy

Gary Fry
John Frye
Ben Gardner
Beau Keyte
Brent Lofgren
Bob Pierce
John Sheridan
John Stoddard
Rob West
Brent O'Banion
Andrew Pawuk
Jim Robertson
Andy Rosenzweig
Mark Rosner
Gregory Shea
Donald E. Shelton
Marty Slabey
Dave Smith
Sun Chao
Jim Breck
Arthur Durkee
Tom Emery
Dan Johnson

M. George McConnell
Matthew C. Meader
David Meitzler
Andy Melichar
Jim Meretta
Brian Neau
Kingdavid Obiji
Daniel Vogt
Brian Brenton
Jeffrey Caminsky
Pat Conlin
Glenn Dregansky
Brian Erickson
Bert Greene
Richard Hendricks
Michael Hignite
Knut Hill
Matthew Ilas
James Rowan
Ken Saldanha
Michael Sikora
John Simpkins
Stew Work

EMU Choir

Soprano 1

Emily Beggs	2025- Music Education	Canton, MI
Rachel Mah	2026- Vocal Performance	Fenton, MI
Sophia Merkle	2027- Psychology	Saline, MI
Zoe Spencer	2024- Music Education	Escanaba, MI

Soprano 2

Elizabeth Clark	2025- Music	Pinkney, MI
Catherine Lietz	2024- Music Performance	Buchanan, MI
Alyssa Malbon	2024- Music Education	Canton, MI
Jennifer O'Neal	2025- MM Conducting	Ypsilanti, MI
Kaylee Stokely	2024- Music Education	Jackson, MI
Nicole Wills	2025- MM Conducting	Fairbanks, AK

Tenor 1

Matthew Cook	2024- Music	Martin, TN
Anthony Davis	2023- Music Education	Milford, MI
Ben Ward	2026- Music Education	Marine City, MI

Tenor 2

Jonathan Bias	2027- Theatre	Rossford, OH
Victor Ross	2026- Music Therapy	Ypsilanti, MI
Phillip Solis	2024- Computer Science	Harper Woods, MI
Verick Von Buskirk	2027- Music	Brighton, MI

Alto 1

Hannah Berberoglu	2025- Interior Design	Ypsilanti, MI
Olivia Kissner	2026- Music Therapy	Defiance, OH
Nicole Mroczek	2024- Music Education	Mattawan, MI
Eleanor Myers	2026- MM Conducting	Detroit, MI
Sarah Jerica Sales	2026- Music Education	Woodhaven, MI

Alto 2

Mavis Clawson	2025- Music Education	Parma, MI
Katelyn Dunn	2026- Music Education	Canton, MI
Julia Tully	2025- Social Work	Wyandotte, MI
Vivian Vargas	2025- Exploratory	Adrian, MI
Daniela Walbridge	2026- Music Education	Ann Arbor, MI
Emma Willerup	2024- Music Education	Cockeysville, MD

Baritone

Troy Birdsong	2024- Music Education	Ypsilanti, MI
Christopher Berlongieri	2027- Music Performance	Ann Arbor, MI
King David Obiji	2027- Music	Nwaka, AN
Sean Ryan	2025- Music	Northport, NY
Jack Tabor	2027- Exploratory	Ypsilanti, MI

Bass

Merrick Breckler	2025- Music Education	Farmer, OH
Connor Eilers	2026- Music Education	Canton, MI
Nicolas Guzman	2025- Music Performance	Clinton, MI
Christopher Studnicki	2025- Music Education	Canton, M

Special Thanks to the EMU Voice Faculty

Emily Benner, Soprano

Dr. MeeAe Nam, Soprano

Dr. Robert Peavler, Baritone

Curt Peters, Tenor

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EMU Choral Events 2022-2023**Fall 2022:**

October 19	EMU High School Choral Exchange	EMU Honors College
October 21	MI ACDA Performance	Central Michigan
University		
November 10	EMU High School Honor Choir	EMU
Dec. 9	Holiday Candlelight Concert	Pease Auditorium
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Winter 2023:

February 7-10	ACDA Regional Conference- not full choir	Omaha, NE
February 16	Dundee High School	Dundee, MI
February 17	Howell High School	Howell, MI
March 8	Choir Home Tour Performance	Pease Auditorium
March 22	EMU Voices, Measure for Measure	Pease Auditorium
April 6	Invitational Choir Festival	Pease Auditorium
	<i>Guest: J Aaron McDermid</i>	
April 15	Carnegie Hall Performance	New York, NY