

30 YEARS

Pacific Voices
Enriching lives through music



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Our 30th Anniversary Concert!

7^{PM} Saturday
June 1, 2024

Samper Hall
Cabrillo College

2^{PM} Sunday
June 2, 2024



Crista Berryessa
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David Long
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Susan Seaburg, Suzi Arco, Vivian Moutafian

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Al Globus, Antonina Beyea
Bonnie Holmer-Orange, Christine Arenson
Grant Parker, John Govsky, Kathryn Nance
Steve Graf, Tommy Travers

BASS

Alex Kraft, Bob Dunn, David Izett
Donald Dufford, Jerry McMullen, Richard Salzberg
Ron Roderick, Shahe Moutafian

PERCUSSIONIST

Ben Sibley

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*Evelyn Avanti, Karen Anderson, Lenette Cutter
Ray Torres, Dan Model, Monica McGuire
Edy Rhodes, Susan Moren, Laurel Andres
Yona Adams, Julie Lorraine, Pamela Clements
Claire & Jerry Paul, Donna Seelbach
We apologize if we missed including your name
but are so glad you came to sing with us!*

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Cabrillo College's Samper Hall and Morgan Miller for their warm welcome and support of the arts.

Tom Graul, for your generous and consistent support of Pacific Voices for all these years.

All who have supported Pacific Voices through financial donations, giving of their time, and all who have attended our concerts over the years.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Deep gratitude to each of our dedicated volunteers for your essential contributions. You are the heart and soul of Pacific Voices!

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Pacific Voices *is a community choir whose purpose is to bring together singers for a joyous and supportive choral and social experience. Through our music, our loving connection, and the honoring of diverse musical and spiritual traditions, we inspire audiences and each other in ways that enrich all our lives.*

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“What a joy it is listening to Pacific Voices. They are full of energy”

AUDIENCE MEMBER

The Field Music by Mark Hayes, Words by Rumi

My Spirit Sang All Day Music by Gerald Finzi, Words by Robert Bridges

Sure on This Shining Night Music by Morten Lauridsen, Words by James Agee

Great Trees Music by Malcolm Dalglish, Words by Wendell Berry

Flying For Joy of the Flight Music by Michael John Trotta, Words by Margaret Fuller
Commissioned by Pacific Voices for their 25th Anniversary
Small Group: Krishna Feldman and Laura Sera

Siyahamba Arranged by Jacques Guyader / Arranged by Horace J. Scruggs, III

How Can I Keep From Singing? Music by Robert Lowry
Words by Anna Bartlett Warner, Arranged by Z. Randall Stroope

Tambur Music from J. Paix' Organ Book (1583)
Words by Karoly Vargha (1949), Arranged by Lajos Bárdos

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from **Artistic Director Crista Berryessa (Fall 2021-Present)**



It is my pleasure to welcome you to our 30th anniversary concert. There is so much to celebrate and be grateful for as we close the chapter on 30 years of memories, community, friendship, and song.

Already, in my few years with Pacific Voices I have seen how strong the friendships are and how fervent the devotion is to the music that is shared with the audience.

We have been through a lot as a community including loss, personnel changes, members moving away, and yet, the advocacy and commitment of holding all that life hands us within the music we create has remained unchanged. The members selected almost every piece of music we will sing for you, including some songs that have not been programmed in several years! We thank you for your support over the years. We could not be here without our audience and sponsors making these concerts come to life. Enjoy the selections we have prepared for you as the 30-year tide turns and if you'd like to be a part of raising the energy for the next 30 years, come sing with us! ~Crista Berryessa

from **Accompanist David Long (2004-2024)**



What PV has meant to me... hard to summarize after 20 years! Put simply, PV has been home. The choir has given me community, support, and a place to give and grow as a musician. To learn about leadership and what it means to be part of a larger whole. It's taught me about healing and generosity, and has given me some of the greatest musical highs of my life. PV will forever be a part of my heart and musical soul, so this isn't goodbye. Just see ya later!



"Pacific Voices, you rock! Your devotion to excellence shines through. You sing complex music with great passion. Then you end your concerts with your signature piece that opens our hearts even more and we go home filled with wonder. Thank you for blessing us so richly." AUDIENCE MEMBER

We love you David!





1994 to 2024



This is a choir that shares its love of singing by the joy reflected on their faces and the message shared in the music. We have many members who have sung in the group for over 20 years and the friendships help build on the community the choir shares. Good music with a variety of songs from around the world with a message of humanity, joy, love, hope, loss and simple beauty and poetry.



Jeff Belden

His gift was a true caring for others and being an incredible listener. He was also a fixer, he wanted to help folks with their life stuff. He gave of himself so easily, gently, lovingly.



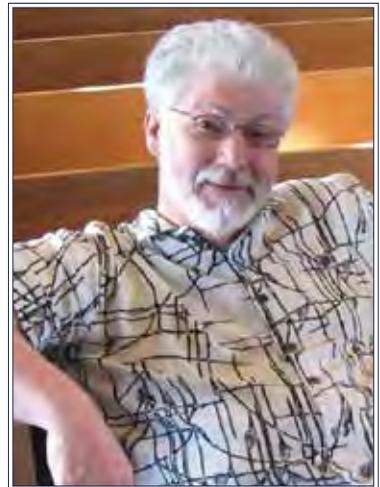
Karuna Kristine Ault

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Though Mahatma Gandhi spoke these words many years before her birth, I can think of no better description of the life of Karuna.



Madelyn Keller

Madelyn’s greatest gift was her presence. She shared her compassion, and aliveness with the many lives that she deeply touched. Her beaming, broad smile and bright eyes still fill our hearts.



Michael Brown

Michael loved and was an expert in many things, an accomplished chef, sawyer, home-builder, poet, author, husband, father, and dear friend, as well as a rich Baritone.



Chris Casey

She had a quiet, loving presence that seemed to enfold the people around her. She listened. She made you feel like who you were and what you thought were important.

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Memoriam

Pamela Nelson

Creatively, she was a founder of the Santa Cruz Art Center, and had a college teaching credential in art and design. She was also an event creator, modern dancer, and dedicated singer. She did everything incredibly well, even her handwriting was beautifully calligraphic.



Vaidehi Campbell Williams

Anyone who knew her or, even just met her, was touched by her caring and attention, often leaving the interaction feeling uplifted, seen, and affirmed. This was Vaidehi's super-power. Her openness and friendliness served her well throughout her life.

Celeste Deruisa

She was much younger than most of us, but she was an 'old soul'. Celeste was intelligent, beautiful, creative, and wise beyond her years. She wrote poetry and wrote her own tunes for them, creating songs that came straight from her heart.



Scott Ransom

Scotty was a fun, smart, funny guy with a heart of gold and not a mean bone in his body.

Rose Siri

And across that brief threshold that we call death, we still feel your presence with neither life diminished, nor love halved, nor honor abated.



lyrics

The Field

Music by Mark Hayes
Words by Rumi

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and
rightdoing, there is a field
I'll meet you there
When the soul lies down in that
grass, the world is too full to
talk about
Ideas, language, even the phrase
each other doesn't make any sense
There is a field. I'll meet you there

My Spirit Sang All Day

Music by Gerald Finzi
Words by Robert Bridges

My spirit sang all day
O my joy
Nothing my tongue could say
Only My joy
My heart an echo caught
O my joy
And spake
Tell me thy thought
Hide not thy joy
My eyes can peer around
O my joy
What beauty hast thou found?
Shew us thy joy
My jealous ears grew whist
O my joy
Music from heaven is't
Sent for our joy?
She also came and heard
O my joy
What, said she, is this word?
What is thy joy?
And I replied
O see, O my joy
'Tis thee, I cried, 'tis thee
Thou art my joy

Sure on This Shining Night

Music by Morten Lauridsen
Words by James Agee

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade shadows round
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground
The late year lies down the north
All is healed, all is health
High summer holds the earth
Hearts all whole
Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
Wandering far alone
Of shadows on the stars

Great Trees

Music by Malcolm Dalglish
Words by Wendell Berry

Slowly, slowly, they return
To the small woodland let alone
Great trees, outspreading
and upright
Apostles of the living light
Patient as stars, they build in air
Tier after tier a timbered choir
Stout beams upholding
weightless grace
Of song, a blessing on this place
They stand in waiting all around
Uprisings of their native ground
Downcomings of the distant light
They are the advent they await
Receiving sun and giving shade
Their life's a benefaction made
And is a benediction said
Over the living and the dead
In fall their brightened
leaves released
Fly down the wind, and
we are pleased
To walk on radiance, amazed
O light come down to earth
be praised

Flying For Joy of the Flight

Music by Michael John Trotta
Words by Margaret Fuller

I am immortal! I know it! I feel it
Hope floods my heart with delight
Upward I mount
Hope is the day-star of might
Come, let us mount on the
wings of the morning
Flying for joy of the flight
Wild with all longing
now soaring, now staying
Mingling like day and dawn
swinging and swaying
Hung like a cloud in the light
I rise, on, upward forever
Gathering strength, gaining
breath from the Spirit of Life
Chance cannot touch me
Hope floods my heart with delight

Siyahamba

Traditional South African Zulu
1. Arranged by Jacques Guyader
2. Arranged by Horace J. Scruggs, III

We are marching in the true light of God
Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Music by Robert Lowry
Words by Anna Bartlett Warner
Arranged by Z. Randall Stroop

My life goes on in end-less song
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the real, though far-off song
that hails a new creation
No storm can shake my
inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging
It sounds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing
Although the storms around me blow
I know the truth will guide me

Although the darkness
round me grows
My song's the light beside me
No storm can shake my
inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging
While love is lord of
heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Tambur

Old Hungarian Dancing Song

folk tune: "Ungaresca"

Music from J. Paix' Organ Book (1583)

Words by Karoly Vargha (1949)

Arranged by Lajos Bárdos

Tambur, andandori tam
Sweetheart come along with me
to the music so entrancing
Gay and lively melodies, they
will set your feet a dancing
Come, oh come to the dance fair
maiden, gleeful singing our hearts
will gladden, joy is ours my darling
Strike the cimbal oh so merry
Strike the cimbal oh and set the bass
to booming
Hear the piper pipe his gay ditty
to the merry thrumming
Dance and turn to the music lively
step and toss tot the measure
sprightly, more and more
never ending
Bending, bowing gracefully like
a gently swaying flower, heaven sent
you to be mine, there was
ne'er so prized a dower
Your sweet face does my heart
beguile, you are more fair when
you blushing smile that roses
fresh in the garden
Heed my sighs and clasp my hand
I am ever for you yearning
Love for you consumes with so great
a flame my poor soul burning
Other swains come to court and

woo you, darling, Be mine
only my one love true and
joy will ours be forever

The 23rd Psalm

Music by Bobby McFerrin

Words from Book of Psalms

The Lord is my Shepherd
I have all I need
She makes me lie down in
green meadows
Beside the still waters, She will lead
She restores my soul, She rights my
wrongs, She leads me in a path of
good things, And fills my heart
with songs
Even though I walk, through
a dark and dreary land
There is nothing that can shake me
She has said She won't forsake me
I'm in her hand
She sets a table before me
in the presence of my foes
She anoints my head with oil
And my cup overflows
Surely, surely goodness and
kindness will follow me
All the days of my life
And I will live in her house
Forever, forever and ever
Glory be to our Mother
and Daughter
And to the Holy of Holies
As it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
World, without end. Amen

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Music by Charles H. Gabriel

Words by Civilla D. Martin

Arranged by Ben Bram

Why should I feel discouraged
And why should the shadows come
Oh why, should my heart be lonely

and long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion
My constant friend
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me

I Sing Because I'm Happy

Music by Charles H. Gabriel

Words by Civilla D. Martin

Arranged by Kenneth Paden

Adapted by Rollo Dilworth

I sing because I'm happy

I sing because I'm free

I'm so happy, yes I am

Bonse Aba

Traditional Zambian Folk Song

Arranged by Victor C. Johnson

Bonse aba, mu pokelela
Ba lipele maka akuba bana
Kuba bana, kuba bana
kuba bana bakwa lesa
Muya ya ya, muya ya ya
muya ya ya, bakwa lesa

*All who sing with the Spirit have the
right to be called the children of God*

Traveller's Prayer

John Renbourn

Praise to the moon
bright queen of the skies
Jewel of the black night
the light of our eyes
Brighter than starlight
whiter than snow
Look down on us in the
darkness below
If well you should find us
then well let us stay
Be it seven times better
when you make your way

lyrics

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Be it seven times better when
we greet the dawn
So light up our way and
keep us from all harm
Give strength to the weary
give alms to the poor
To the tainted and needy
five senses restore
Give song to our voices
give sight to our eyes
To see the sun bow as
the new moon shall rise
Cast your eyes downwards
to our dwelling place
Three times for favour
and three times for grace
Open the dark clouds
your face for to see
To banish misfortune
and keep Trinity
In the name of our Lady
bright maiden of grace
In the name of the King
of the City of Peace
In the name of Creation
for we are of thee
All praise to the moon
for eternity

Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep

Words by Clare Harner
Arranged by Laura Farnell

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there; I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sun on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain

When you awaken in the morning's
hush, I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft star that shines at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there; I did not die

Blackbird

Paul McCartney & John Lennon
Arranged by David Long

Blackbird singing in the
dead of night
Take these broken wings
and learn to fly
All your life, you were only waiting
for this moment to arise
Blackbird singing in the
dead of night
Take these sunken eyes
and learn to see
All your life, you were only waiting
for this moment to be free
Blackbird fly
Into the light of a dark, black night

The Awakening

Joseph M. Martin

I dreamed a dream
A silent dream
Of a land not far away
Where no birds sang
No steeples rang
And teardrops fell like rain
I dreamed a dream, A silent dream
Of a land so filled with pride
That ev'ry song
Both weak and strong
Withered and died
I dreamed a dream
No alleluia, Not one hosanna
No song of love, No lullaby
And no choir sang to
change the world

No pipers played; no dancers twirled
I dreamed a dream. A silent dream
Silent. Silent
Awake, awake, my soul, and sing
The time for praise has come
The silence of the night has passed
A new day has begun
Let music never die in me
Forever let my spirit sing
Wherever emptiness is found
Let there be joy and glorious sound
Let music never die in me
Forever let my spirit sing
Let all our voices join as one
To praise the Giver of the song
Awake. Awake. Let music live

May All Beings Be Happy

Traditional Buddhist Prayer
Music by John Astin
Arranged by John Astin & Josh Gitomer

May all beings be happy
May all beings be at peace
May all be free from suffering
May all be free from pain



a bit of history

The foundation and building of this choir, the legacy of concerts and songs we have shared, and the continued success over these past 30 years rests upon the shoulders of these dedicated individuals.

Their talents, their musicianship and leadership in guiding our choir community of singers is a tribute to what Pacific Voices is and what it represents for many members and audiences over the years.



Jerry, Kitchy, Josh, David, Meri, Seán

Josh Gitomer Founder & Director (1994-2007)

Jerry Paul Conductor (2007-2008)

Meri Pezzoni Artistic Director (2008-2011)

Kitchy Burdette Conductor (Fall 2011)

Dr. Seán Boulware Conductor (2012-2020)

Crista Berryessa Artistic Director (Fall 2021-Present)



from the choir

What is your joy in singing with Pacific Voices?

Singing together when we have all prepared for the rehearsal. Learning something new. Feeling the collective Joy. Being supported by section members around me.

Being part of a family. Liking the music that we are singing and feeling that I am improving as a singer, and we are improving as a choir. The challenge of learning a new song, and learning it well, and the pleasure of singing an old favorite song.

The Messages in the Music. Even if there are no words, the places the songs take us.

Seeing everyone in community. Being in tune with each other. Fun warm ups. I sometimes come to choir not feeling up for it, but by the time I leave I am re-energized and happy!

How would you describe our choir to a good friend?

Joyful uplifting. Not your typical choir experience. Once you go or join, you are hooked!

My primary community, we are a group of folks who sing to bring joy to ourselves and the planet.

A family-with all the wonderful facets that word entails.

Singing to share love and beautiful music with the community and to demonstrate our love for the world by helping others and designating funds to other community organizations.

Inspiring, uplifting, devoted to community, supportive of positivity and personal growth, loving, having a good time . . .



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