

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

Dedicated to the highest levels of ensemble singing, the Southern Oregon University Chamber Choir has performed to acclaim throughout the west coast of the United States, and internationally in Asia, Europe, and Mexico. Praised by iconic composer Morten Lauridsen as “superb ... in the top rank of university chamber choirs in the United States”, the 40-voice ensemble specializes in new and seldom-heard repertoire, as well as the performance of large-scale choral-orchestral works. Recent collaborations with Southern Oregon Repertory Singers of JS Bach’s Mass in b minor and Saint Matthew Passion have drawn praise from many, including celebrated soprano Julianne Baird, who described the Mass in b minor performance as: “beautiful and inspiring... it was an honor to perform with them”. This May, Chamber Choir and Repertory Singers will combine to perform Haydn’s Creation” with an orchestra drawn from across the west coast and international-level soloists. The Southern Oregon University Chamber Choir has performed numerous times with the Rogue Valley Symphony Orchestra, recorded for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and has been a featured ensemble at conventions for the National Association for Music Education.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Dr. Paul French is Director of Choral /Vocal Studies at Southern Oregon University and Artistic Director/Conductor of the Southern Oregon Repertory Singers. Ensembles under his direction have performed to acclaim across the west coast, at numerous conventions (American Choral Directors Association, Music Educators National Conference, American Guild of Organists), and internationally at music festivals in the Czech Republic, Germany, and Mexico. Known for his performances of new and seldom heard repertoire, French has commissioned over 40 pieces of music and conducted the west coast premieres of many more, including the second performance in the United States and west-coast premiere of Robert Levin’s celebrated 1991 edition of the Mozart “Requiem”. That performance was later praised by Willene Gunn, Director Emerita of the San Francisco Opera Program, as: “measuring up to anything I have heard in any concert hall... anywhere”. French has conducted for Northwest Bach Ensemble, Rogue Valley Symphony Orchestra, Chelan Bach Festival, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Britt Festival, and Rogue Opera, where his conducting credits include: La bohème, Carmen, La Traviata, Die Zauberflöte, and Così fan tutte. French has conducted honor choirs across the west coast, served as Oregon state president for American Choral Directors Association, and conducted for “West Coast Live” for an estimated one million households nationally and internationally.



South Medford High School Chamber Choir

Andrea Brock, director

South Medford High School E! Choir

Pam Nordquist, Director

Southern Oregon University Chamber Choir

Dr. Paul French, Director

University of Southern California Concert Choir

Dr. Christian Grases, Director

present

“New Currents: An Evening of
20th Century Choral Music”

Music at SOU

November 11, 2015 ▪ 7:30 p.m.

SOU Music Recital Hall

PERSONNEL
Southern Oregon University Chamber Choir

Soprano

Bailey Aldrich
Destanee Cachucha
Lyndee Dextler
Sabrina Herbert
Dacey McCrae
Hanna Moty
Ariana Orford
Milkaeli Rhodman
*Muriel Sadleir Hart
Kea Seaman
Rose Sheldon
Bailey Snelgrove
Elizabeth Snow
Molly Williams

Alto

*Christina Dietlein
Susan Franks
Sarah Gerbing
Lauren Henggeler-Green
Savanna King
Kelly Lusk
Breahna Molina
Erin Morlan
Sara Murnane
Hannah Pearcey
Emma Reh
Jesse Shirley
Corin Wesman
Megan Wright

Tenor

Mark Brown
Luke Donahue
Nicolas Halbeib
Danny Hernandez
*Strand Hill
Julian Jones
Zach Marshall
Erik Norseth
Dasan Sullivan

Bass

Ken Depp
Lincoln Ennis
James Friedman
Ron Hart
Bucanan Howard
Tim McElroy
*Jeff Meyers
Pete Nordquist
Liam Porter-Bell
Ryan Roemer
*Ryan Weber

* Section leader

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A Social Madrigal

Nathan Howe (b. 1982)

Omnia Sol

Z Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

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A Babe is Born

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Jodi French, Organ

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Clavis David

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel; who opens, and no-one shuts; who shuts, and no-one opens: come, and lead the prisoner from the prison house, who dwells in darkness and the shadow of death.

*There is no Rose**

Craig Kingsbury

*Commissioned in 2006, by Southern Oregon Repertory Singers,
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Please see separate program.

Combined Choirs

A Lullaby

Ryan Murphy (b. 1971)