

**UPCOMING CONCERTS AT THE OREGON CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AT SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY**

Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Siskiyou Singers, Haydn, Maria Theresa Mass with Orchestra

Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Southern Oregon Repertory Singers

Friday, December 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber Music Concerts—Gabe Young, oboe, Jodi French, piano



SOU Concert Choir

Dan Kocurek, director

SOU Chamber Choir

Dr. Paul French, director

present

Ancient Nova

Music at SOU

December 4, 2016 ▪ 3:00 p.m.

SOU Music Recital Hall

For more info and tickets: 541-552-6348 and oca.sou.edu

Piano Tuning by Steinway Concert Piano Technician Thomas Lowell

PERSONNEL

SOU Concert Choir

Soprano

Moriah Admire	Ellie Mosbaek
Erin Casper	Kea Seaman
Katie Cook	Joelle Schlievert
Sophie DeLuca	Bailey Snelgrove
Carrie Hults	Ashley Stewart
Ariana Orford	Alexandra Watt
Angeline Love	McKayla Yeoman
Hannah Mock	
*Muriel Sadleir Hart	

Alto

Madison Bieker	Carly Keone
Gwen Bogard	Raven Mahoney
Ciera Cox	Erin Morlan
Mariah Delegato	Rachel Routh
Wren Eustis	*Molly Williams
Raegen Hedley	Emily Wilson
Brittany Hreha	Jay Zheng
Aubrey Fitzgerald	
Quinci Freeman-Lytle	
Bethanie Sandoval	

Tenor

Jacob Ellis
Strand Hill
Owen Hucke
Galen James-Heskett
Brandon Lasala
*Zachery Marshall
Zhi Pu
Logan Tiedt
Justin Wade

Bass

Anthony Bock
Ken Depp
Parker Flickinger
Ryan Fogleman
*James Friedman
Jordan Johnson
Taran McGuire
Camden Wade

* Section leader

SOU Chamber Choir

Soprano

Bailey Aldrich	Mikaeli Rhodman
Sophie DeLuca	Andrea Sandoval
Lyndee Dexter	Rose Sheldon
Sabrina Hebert	Bailey Snelgrove
Lan Kim	Carolyn Theiss
Mikayla Mattocks	Molly Williams
Dacey McCrae	
*Muriel Sadleir Hart	

Alto

Madison Bieker	Sara Murnane
*Megan Bradner	Ariana Orford
Mari Donahue	Madison Queen
Laura Hay	Makayla Reed
Xiaoyue Hu	Christina Tyson
Savannah King	Sarah Tyson
Breahna Molina	

Tenor

CJ Arnce
Mark Brown
Jaron Cannon
Jacob Ellis
Danny Hernandez
Strand Hill
*Zachery Marshall
Eoghan McDowell
Dasan Sullivan

Bass

Ken Depp
Lincoln Ennis
Cameron Gray
Tim McElroy
*Jeff Meyers
Pete Nordquist
Cameron Riggs
Ryan Weber

* Section leader

and international-level soloists. The SOU 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.

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.

Bruce Pullan and Leslie Dala, as well as many renowned orchestral and instrumental conductors around North America.

Dan Kocurek directed the University of Oregon's award-winning a cappella group On the Rocks (www.uoontherocks.com) from 2004-2006 and his arrangements are featured prominently on two of the group's CARA-nominated CD's (best collegiate a cappella album). On the Rocks tours internationally and has performed at Lincoln Center, on *Good Morning America*, and also NBC's *The Sing-Off*. The group also has a YouTube following numbering in the millions.

From 2013-2015, Dan was the Artistic Director of the Vancouver Peace Choir (www.vancouverpeacechoir.org). His adventurous programming took VPC through multiple partnerships, including the It Gets Better Project and the Mood Disorders Association of B.C. These partnerships saw the choir commissioning a full, feature-length film concert project titled *Blue Ocean Floor*, which was premiered in the Vancouver Planetarium, as well as a string of successful performances of Johannes Brahms' monumental *Deutsches Requiem*. Through his work with VPC, he was one of four worldwide recipients of the 2014 Torch-Bearer Award (www.peacerun.org), joining the likes of Billie Jean King, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Carl Lewis for this prestigious peace award. Aside from directing, Dan is an active soloist, chamber musician, orchestral musician, and clinician in Canada and the United States. More details at www.dankocurek.net.

SOU CHAMBER CHOIR

Dedicated to the highest levels of ensemble singing, the SOU 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

Ancient Nova

SOU Concert Choir
Dan Kocurek, director

<i>Tundra</i>	Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978) Sophie DeLuca, soprano Christine Eggert, piano
<i>Earth Song</i>	Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)
<i>Sonnez les cloches</i>	arr. Timothy Corlis (b. 1972)
<i>Serenity</i>	Ola Gjeilo Chelsea Villanueva, alto saxophone
<i>Alouette</i>	arr. Robert Sund (b. 1942)
<i>Silent Dawn</i>	Timothy Corlis
<i>Seal Lullaby</i>	Eric Whitacre (b. 1970) Christine Eggert, piano
<i>Daemon Irrepit Callidus</i>	Gyorgy Orban (b. 1947)

Intermission

SOU Chamber Choir
Dr. Paul French, director

<i>Hodie Christus natus est</i>	Justin Vickery (composed 2012) Jodi French, organ
<i>Glow</i>	Erik Whitacre (b. 1970) Jodi French, piano
<i>Serenissima una noche</i>	Geronimo Gonzalez (fl. 1633) Jared Brown, percussion
<i>O magnum mysterium</i>	Hyo-Won Woo (b. 1974) Mikaeli Rhodman, soprano Eoghan McDowell, tenor

<i>Pat-a-pan</i>		Burgundian Carol arr. David Conte (b.1955)
<i>Ancient Nova</i>	Bailey Snelgrove, soprano Breahna Molina, alto Jodi French, piano	Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
<i>Jingle Bells</i>		J. Pierpont arr. Ben Parry (b. 1965)
<i>Silent Night</i>	Jodi French, organ Devon Ivie, flute	Franz Gruber Arr. Philip Stopford (b. 1977)
<i>Winter</i>	Molly Williams, soprano Strand Hill, tenor Chelsea Villanueva, clarinet Jared Brown, vibraphone	Alvin Trotman (b. 1989)
<i>Mary had a baby</i>	Muriel Sadleir Hart, soprano	arr. Craig Courtney

TRANSLATIONS

Hodie Christus natus est

Today Christ is born;
today the Savior has appeared;
today the Angels sing,
the Archangels rejoice;
today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

Serenissima una noche

A most serene night is made greater because of an infant. In the cool of
December, made bright by the stars, step to the dance, and to the sun,
for the child of the true god is born; today let us all acclaim him.

O magnum

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

SOU CONCERT CHOIR

Our largest vocal ensemble, the Concert Choir usually has 50-60 singers performing a wide variety of musical styles from Renaissance to 20th century. This ensemble performs a concert at the end of each term in the Music Recital Hall as well as occasionally performing at community events. In addition, Concert Choir has gone on tour in Oregon and also performed with the Rogue Valley Symphony.

American conductor, trumpeter, and arranger **Daniel Kocurek** is a strong advocate for music performance that not only touches people on a sonic level, but also moves them to their core. Currently the Artistic Director of the Rogue Valley Symphonic Band and the SOU Concert choir, he has worked with notable choral conductors Sharon Paul, Helmuth Rilling,