



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Brahms & Dilworth: Remembrance & Justice**  
Saturday, March 4 at 4 PM  
Ardrey Auditorium on NAU Campus  
In collaboration with NAU Wind Symphony and NAU's Vox Astra & Vox Montes vocal ensembles  
Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 NAU faculty/staff  
free to students and anyone under age 17  
[tickets available here](#)
- **Arizona Gives Day**  
Tuesday, April 4  
online fundraising event  
[click here to donate](#)
- **¡Cantemos! Latin American Concert**  
Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM  
Sinagua Middle School  
Recommended contributions \$20 for adults and \$5 for students and children

## Master Chorale of Flagstaff is announced as a finalist for TWO Viola Awards!

We are excited to announce that MCF has been announced as a finalist for the 15th Annual Viola Awards in the Excellence in Music category for our "Safe Harbor: Songs of Refuge & Home" Concert this past November, and in the Excellence in Collaboration category with Coconino Center for the Arts for the same concert in collaboration with the 25 Million Stitches Exhibit.

The Viola Awards, hosted by Creative Flagstaff, are a Flagstaff tradition, celebrating excellence in arts, science & culture, while also recognizing artists, educators, organizations & leaders who make positive contributions to our community. This year's Viola Awards will be held on April 1 at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Flagstaff. [Click here for more Viola Awards information.](#)

*Brahms & Dillworth*  
**REMEMBRANCE AND JUSTICE**

MASTER CHORALE OF FLAGSTAFF | NAU VOX ASTRA AND VOX MONTES CHOIRS | NAU WIND SYMPHONY

Stephen Meyer & Timothy Westerhaus CONDUCTORS  
Abigail Fisher PERCUSSION SOLOIST  
Courtney Evans & David Willers GRADUATE CONDUCTORS  
Bret Peppo VOX MONTES CONDUCTOR

Over 150 NAU and Flagstaff singers join NAU's Wind Symphony to present the Arizona premiere of Rollo Dillworth's *Weather*, with poetry written by Claudia Rankine in 2020. Featuring: Johannes Brahms's song of remembrance, *Begräbnisgesang*; the abolitionist *Battle Hymn of the Republic*; and a dazzling xylophone concerto by NAU's new assistant professor of percussion, Abigail Fisher.

**NAU NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY**  
Edith School of Music

**MASTER CHORALE FLAGSTAFF**

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**  
**4:00 PM**  
**Ardrey Memorial Auditorium**

Adults: \$15 | Seniors/Faculty and Staff: \$10  
Youth 17 yrs. & under and NAU/CCC students with ID: FREE  
Prices listed might not include all applicable convenience, service, or facilities fees, which may affect the final purchase price.  
Complimentary parking is available for this concert. Please see information on ticket purchase listing at CTO for more details.  
Tickets at NAU Central Office in the University Union  
nau.edu/cto | 928-523-5661 (888) 529-7214

nau.edu/music | 928-523-3413

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Over 150 singers from MCF and NAU's Vox Astra and Vox Montes join NAU's Wind Symphony to present the Arizona premiere of Rollo Dillworth's *Weather*, with poetry written by Claudia Rankine in 2020. This concert also features Johannes Brahms's composition of remembrance, *Begräbnisgesang*, the abolitionist hymn *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and a xylophone concerto by NAU's assistant professor of percussion, Abby Fisher.

## Support MCF on Arizona Gives Day!



**[Click here to contribute!](#)**

**You don't need to wait until April 4th!**

During one day of online giving, people will open their hearts and wallets to support their favorite Arizona causes. It's a whirlwind of just 24 hours, but the tangible and intangible impacts of Arizona Gives Day can be long-lasting for nonprofits including Master Chorale of Flagstaff! As Master Chorale raises funds on this day, it will include some friendly competition within the sections of the chorale to see which section can bring in the most donations. If you plan on giving, be sure to choose your favorite section (sopranos, altos, tenors, basses) to receive the credit for why you are supporting us!

*We are grateful for the financial support we receive through grants!*



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# We've been busy!

Here's a look at the three different performances we've already had this season!

## *Safe Harbor: Songs of Refuge and Home*

*On Sunday, November 13th, the Master Chorale presented two concerts at Coconino Center for the Arts: "Safe Harbor: Songs of Refuge and Home." This concert shared stories of human journeys in collaboration with the opening of Coconino Center of the Arts exhibition "25 Million Stitches: One Stitch, One Refugee." Music on the program built a bridge with cultural and current events in Syria, Ukraine, East Africa, and the United States. Texts sung in Ukrainian, Arabic, Swahili, Italian, and English invited attendees to cherish the gifts to be free and loved by neighbors, to help others find refuge and home. Musical collaborators included Aimee Fincher (piano) and Owen Davis (darbuka, crotales, chimes, percussion), who accompanied a procession of singers and audience through the exhibition gallery to the theatre, invoking refugees' journeys through movement.*



*Above: Audience members explore the "25 Millions Stitches" exhibit while waiting for singers to process from the exhibit to the auditorium.*

*Below: Jennifer Kim Sohn shares the story of her exhibit during the concert.*



## *Christmas in the Mountains: Southwest Solstice*

This performance was full of festivities as the chorale was joined by choirs from Flagstaff High School and Sechrist Elementary School for seasonal holiday music with the Elden Brass Quintet, audience sing-alongs, and Conrad Susa's Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest, sung in Spanish and English and performed with harp, guitar, and marimba.



## *Go For Baroque: Venus & Adonis*

MCF joined with NAU Community Music and Dance Academy with choreography by Andrew Needhammer to present a Valentine's opera by English Baroque composer, John Blow. Complete with Cupid and Cupid's pupils, this performance was presented with dancers and children's chorus from Sechrist and Marshall Elementary Schools, Baroque orchestra, and professional vocal soloists. With approximately 600 audience members and numerous collaborations, this performance was a huge success!



# Getting To Know Us!

When we talk about the "Fab Four", we're talking about our section leaders...



Stephanie Hammond  
Soprano Leader



ML Quartaroli  
Alto Leader



Dave Shaffer  
Tenor Leader



Jamie Shontz  
Bass Leader

Volunteer  
of the Year,  
Cindy Kelly



Selected by the MCF Board President, and heartily endorsed by the Artistic Director and Business Manager, meet our Volunteer of the Year, Cindy Kelly! Cindy, a singer in the alto section, currently serves as the secretary on our Board of Directors, heads up our librarian tasks, and is in charge of concert attire for our singers. In the words of our director, Tim Westerhaus: *"Cindy is the first to volunteer with a positive and supportive spirit, ensuring that each new singer is welcomed with sheet music in their hands. She gives generously of her time because of her care for this community, whether organizing the choral library, posting concert publicity, taking detailed minutes, and helping others feel at ease in a new community. Cindy is selfless, thoughtful, and attentive in her support of others in Master Chorale."* Thank you, Cindy!

## Seeking Sponsorships and Advertisers for our 2023-2024 Season!

If you have or know of a business that would be a good fit as a sponsor for next year's season or would like to advertise in our season program that reaches 2000+ audience members, we would love to give you more information! Please reach out to us at [info.masterchorale@gmail.com](mailto:info.masterchorale@gmail.com) so that we can provide you with more information!

**Have you checked out our website recently?**

**[www.masterchorale.net](http://www.masterchorale.net)**