



August 1, 2022

Greetings, Master Chorale of Flagstaff Singers!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Season! I am delighted to be joining MCF's vibrant community of singers and excited for our concerts and projects. Our season is titled ***Un Mundo de Amor: A World of Love***. It encompasses a wide variety of collaborations, cultural traditions, and performance venues.

Programming Overview

We'll span the globe with our November refugee-themed concert at Coconino Center for the Arts. Our holiday program will bridge the holidays and the Southwest with Conrad Susa's *Christmas in the Southwest*. We shift our "Go for Baroque" program to February in a staged performance of the English Baroque opera-masque, *Venus & Adonis*, performed with the Community Dance Academy and elementary children's choruses. We collaborate with NAU's Wind Ensemble for a regional premiere of Rollo Dillworth's *Weather* (poetry by activist Claudia Rankine) and Brahms's *Begräbnisgesang*. We'll close with an April concert with either mariachi or tango ensemble.

Schedule and Attendance

The overview below includes scheduled dates, subject to shift as we confirm venues and timing. Your regular attendance is extremely important for community and our shared musical mission. Please note that each singer is allowed one absence per concert program. Additional information can be found in the singer handbook.

I look forward to creating together with you "A World of Love" through song!

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2022-2023 Pre-Season August Events

- **Aug 11, 5:30-7:15 pm, Community Band:** Casual Sing-along on Heritage Square of [On the Mall](#)
 - Please join if you can to help me lead the Square in singing & whistling. We'll advertise Beer Choir & invite people to audition to sing with us.
- **New Member Auditions:** Aug 16-17, and Aug 23-34: Please share with other potential singers!
- **Thurs, Aug 18, 6:00-7:30 pm - Beer Choir @ Mother Road Brewery**
 - Join us for singing and a refreshing drink! This is a casual event designed to invite our broader community for a summer sing. No rehearsal necessary. Bring a tablet or printout of the [Beer Choir Hymnal](#)

Official 2022-2023 Season Overview: *Un Mundo de Amor – A World of Love*

Fall Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings, August 30-December 6, 7:15-9:30pm
Kitt School of Music Room 145

Big Sing @ Heritage Square: Sat, Sept 17, 1-2pm
Performance with NAU choral union and elementary, middle, and high school choirs

Concert 1: **Safe Harbor: Songs of Refuge & Home**

Sun, Nov 13, 2pm and 4 pm (2 performances)

Coconino Center for the Arts

Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, November 1, 7:00-9:30 pm, at Coconino Center for the Arts

Master Chorale of Flagstaff presents a concert of human journeys through music in collaboration with the opening of Coconino Center for the Arts' new exhibition, "[25 Million Stitches: One Stitch, One Refugee](#)." Music on this program builds a bridge with cultural and current events in Syria, Ukraine, and East Africa, and U. S. composers invite us to cherish the gifts to be free and loved by neighbors, to help others find refuge and home.

Concert 2: **Christmas in the Mountains: Southwest Solstice**

Saturday, Dec 10, 3 pm

Flagstaff High School, with brass & percussion, guitar, harp

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, Dec 9, 6:00-9:00 pm

Presented with Flagstaff H.S., Sechrist Elementary Choir, Marshall Magnet School

This winter program includes seasonal holiday music with 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 percussion. Master Chorale presents a festive afternoon concert for the whole family, with time for dinner before Flagstaff's Holiday of Lights Festival.

Spring Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings, January 10-April 25, 7:15-9:30pm
Kitt School of Music Room 145

Note: Optional Extension through May 16 for casual May event

2023 Rehearsal Retreat: Jan 14: Tentative Time 9:30am-12pm, 1:30-4pm

Concert 3: Go for Baroque: *Venus & Adonis* A Valentine's Baroque Opera with Dance

Sunday, Feb 5, 3pm

Coconino High School (To be confirmed)

Additional rehearsals:

- Fri, Feb 3, 6:00-9:00 pm
- Sat, Feb 4, 10:00am-12:30 pm; 2:00-4:30 pm (may be shortened)

Master Chorale of Flagstaff joins with NAU Community Dance Academy to present a Valentine's drama by English Baroque composer, John Blow. Complete with Cupid and cupid's pupils, this performance will be presented with dance and children's chorus, chamber orchestra, and NAU vocal soloists.

Concert 4: Brahms & Dillworth: Remembrance & Justice

Saturday, March 4, 4pm

Ardrey Auditorium

Dress rehearsal, Tues, Feb 28, 7:15-9:30 pm

Master Chorale of Flagstaff performs with NAU's Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Steve Meyer, to present two moving works for winds and choir: Johannes Brahms *Begräbnisgesang* and the Arizona premiere of Rollo Dillorth's *Weather*, with poetry written by Claudia Rankine in 2020.

NAU Spring Break: no rehearsal March 14

Concert 5: *Specific Repertoire in Process* ¡Cantemos! Mariachi in Concert or ¡Cantemos! Tango in Concert

Sunday, April 30, 3pm

Dress Rehearsal: *To be confirmed*

Concert of Mariachi Music or Tango ensemble (*Misa Tango*)

Coconino H.S. or Sinagua TBD

Choir meets Mariachi (or Tango) in this festive spring concert of music, presented collaboratively with instrumental mariachi or tango ensemble. Performance may be followed by Mexican food trucks to extend the sensory experience and celebration of vibrant culture.