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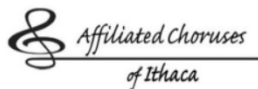


VOICES is a non-audition community chorus committed to learning, sharing, and singing songs from diverse choral traditions. Our Spring 2025 semester begins January 27, 2025. We meet 7:00 pm–8:45 pm Monday evenings in the First Unitarian Society Annex. Visit our website for more information and to join: <https://acithaca.org/groups/voices/>

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The VOICES Steering Committee includes Sherrie Norman, President; Michael Duttweiler, Treasurer; Kelly Doolittle, Cynthia Howell, Andrea Kabcenell, and Ross Mizrahi, *ex officio*.



Songs of Celebration!

VOICES MULTICULTURAL CHORUS

Ross Mizrahi, Artistic Director

Anna Hummel, Accompanist

3:00 pm December 15, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ithaca

Program

Hey Ho, Nobody Home

16th Century English Traditional

Gabi, Gabi

Based on a South African praise song. William C. Powell, arr. 1999.

Pengyou, Ting! (Listen Friend!)

Traditional Chinese melody. Russell Robinson, arr. 1994.

Ríu, Ríu, Chíu

Renaissance Period Spanish Carol. Mary Pooler, arr. 2005.

Sleigh Ride

Mitchell Parish, words; Leroy Anderson, music; Hawley Ades, arr. 1950.

Bidi Bom

Hanukkah song. David Eddleman. 2003.

Hanukkah Nagila

Based on traditional Hebraic folksong. 1999. Linda Spevacek, arr. 2010.

S'vivon

Traditional Jewish folksong. Valerie Shields, arr. 1994.
Emma Mizrahi—violin. Saia Mizrahi—cello.

Balia Di Sehú (Let's Dance the Sehú)

Harvest dance in Papiamentu language. Caribbean. Rufo Odor, arr. 2000.

Only I

Arabic language and harmonies. Jim Papoulis, words and music. 2018.

Niska Banja

Serbian Romani dance. Nick Page, arr. 1989.
Kerry Mizrahi—piano primo

It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Sing, Sing, Sing

Tom Anderson, arr. 2000. "It Don't Mean a Thing" Duke Ellington, music; Irving Mills, words. 1932. "Sing, Sing, Sing" Louis Prima, words and music, 1936.
Catherine Gale—solo. Ravinder Kingra—drum set

Let Everything That Hath Breath

Gospel song. Jeffery L. Ames, words and music. 1998.
Ravinder Kingra—drum set

Chorus Members

Alto

Silvia Amigo-Silvestre
Joanne Brown
Myrna Brown
Kelly Doolittle
Linda Duttweiler
Tillie Garnett
Cynthia Howell
Andrea Kabcenell
Lisa Ryan
Barbara Schwartz
Fae Tompkins
Lena Trancik
Karen Veanor
Carol Whitlow
Wendy Wolfe
Joanna Woods

Bass

David Gries
John Phillips
Earl Rose

Soprano

Nina Aasen
Lisa Camilli
Laurie Gillespie
Elaine Gries
Melody Johnson
Susie Kossack
Bronwyn Mohlke
Jennifer Munger
Christine Sparfel
Diane Withiam

Tenor

Michael Duttweiler
John Hern
Catherine Gale
Katey Kingra
Ron Liso
Siusing Shantur

Ross Mizrahi, Artistic Director Ross holds Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in music education from Ithaca College. With more than 20 years of directing and teaching experience, he currently is general music teacher for South Hill Elementary School in Ithaca. An accomplished singer in his own right, he for three years was singer and educational coordinator with "Sons of Pitches" performing in hundreds of venues all over the Northeast. Ross served as Associate Director of VOICES before assuming the directorship in Fall of 2022.

Anna Hummel, Accompanist Anna (she/her) is an Ithaca area student, singer, and pianist. She began taking piano lessons at 5 years old and has continued her career as a solo pianist taking lessons from Kerry Mizrahi and Dr. Charis Dimaras at Ithaca College. She has worked with Ithaca area music educators such as Michael Allen, Kristin Zaryski, and the faculty of Ithaca College's Summer Piano Institute. Anna began accompanying a few years ago with the Ithaca High School Choir, of which she is also an active member.