

VOICES is a non-audition community chorus committed to learning, sharing, and singing songs from diverse choral traditions. Our Fall 2024 semester begins in early September. 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*.





# VOICES Multicultural Chorus Ross Mizrahi, Artistic Director Anna Hummel, Accompanist 3:00 pm May 18, 2024 First Baptist Church of Ithaca

# Program

**Cherokee Morning Song** 

Native American Traditional

#### Haba Na Haba (Little by Little)

Based on a Swahili proverb. Jerry Estes, music and additional words. 2004.

#### Aeyaya Balano Sakkad

Folk song from India. John Higgins, arr. 2000.

## Tum Balalaika

Israeli folk song. Mary Pooler, arr. 1970.

# Sakura

Japanese folksong. Julia Wheeler, arr. 2006.

#### The Cuckoo

American follksong, Robert I. Hugh, arr. 2009. Cajon: Ravinder Kingra

## Interlude: Frühlingsrauschen (Rustle of Spring) op. 32 no. 3

Composed by Christian Sinding.1896. Pianist: Anna Hummel

#### Oklahoma!

From the Broadway show "Oklahoma!" Richard Rodgers, Music. Oscar Hammerstein II, Lyrics. 1943.

### **Three Hungarian Folk Songs**

Béla Bartók. Benjamin Suchoff, English version and choral transcription. 1960.

# Tú No Sabe Inglé

Cuban melody based on poem by Nicolas Guillen. Emilio Grenet, music. 1990.

### Ljubav (The Cup Song)

Bosnian Text. Mary Cay Brass, translation and arr. 2014. Bass: Liz Ryan, Banjo: Joe Tonzola, Guitar: Ravinder Kingra, Guitar: Brian Bollo. Ukulel:e: Jessica Hoff. Cuppers: Saia, Emma, Bronwyn, Sylvia, Ryan

### You Can't Stop the Beat

From the Broadway show "Hairspray." Marc Shaiman, Music. Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, Lyrics. Roger Emerson, Arr. 2001. Drum Set: Ravinder Kingra

# **Chorus Members**

#### Alto

Silvia Amigo-Silvestre Joanne Brown Myrna Brown Kelly Doolittle Linda Duttweiler **Cynthia Howell** Andrea Kabcenell Lisa Lincoln Joanna Luks Helen McLallen Sherrie Norman Barbara Schwartz Fae Tompkins Lena Trancik Wendy Wolfe Joanna Woods

#### Bass

David Gries Ryan McHugh John Phillips Soprano

Nina Aasen Leagh Anderson Elaine Gries Brittany Jaromin Melody Johnson Susie Kossack Bronwyn Mohlke Christine Sparfel Diane Withiam

#### Tenor

Debbie Bosanko Michael Duttweiler Katey Kingra Glenn Larratt Ron Liso

**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.