



*Delaware ACDA*

*Presents*

*2024*

*Children's Honor Choir  
Festival*

*Dr. Cera Babb,  
Conductor*

*Stephanie Bailey,  
Accompanist*

*4:00 PM*

*Saturday, March 9  
Newark High School  
Auditorium*

# Program

## *I Started Out Singing*

Jocelyn Hagen

## *The Dream Keeper*

Text from “The Dream Keeper” by  
Langston Hughes  
Music by Rollo A. Dilworth

*Storm*

James A. DesJardins

## *The Mountains Are Calling Me*

Tom Shelton

### *A Wink and a Smile*

Music by Marc Shaiman  
Lyrics by Ramsey McLean  
Arr. By Steve Zegree

**Dr. Cera Babb** is the Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where she conducts the Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Tenor/Bass Ensemble, and Treble Choir. She also teaches courses in conducting and music education. An active clinician with honor choirs, all state choirs, and choral festivals around the country, her work focuses on fostering enriching, meaningful, and musically excellent experiences with musicians and their communities. Before teaching at UW-River Falls, Dr. Babb taught choir and courses in music education and music history at Alma College. She has also worked with nonprofit, community, children's, and intergenerational choirs around the country, and values the impact communal music-making can have on communities of all kinds.

Dr. Babb's research interests include assessing the impact of choral music on communities, investigating the work of underrepresented musicians, developing choirs with the use of tuning forks, and fostering student success at the post-secondary level. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Michigan State University, a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Oregon, and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Delaware.

Dr. Babb is the recipient of Alma College's Phi Sigma Sigma Woman Professor of the Year, the Robert A. Harris Award for Excellence in Choral Performance, the Charles K. Smith Endowed Fellowship in Graduate Choral Conducting, the Graduate Employee Award of Excellence in Ensemble Teaching, and the Johns Award for Excellence in Teaching.

**Stephanie Bailey** is thrilled to be accompanying the Delaware Children's Honor Choir again! She has been playing the piano for over 25 years and accompanying for almost 20 years. She spends most of her time working in the performing arts industry as an actress, accompanist, singer, and songwriter. Currently Stephanie teaches piano and voice lessons from her home and is the Studio Manager at an Orangetheory Fitness Studio. When she is not working, Stephanie can be found cheering for the Phillies, attending church, or spending time with family and friends.

Founded in 1959, the **American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)** is a nonprofit music-education organization whose mission is to inspire excellence and nurture lifelong involvement in choral music for everyone through education, performance, composition, and advocacy. The ACDA strives to create powerful artistic experiences and be advocates for cultural and educational change that we might transform people's lives.

Delaware Chapter President  
Children's Choir Co-Chairs

Andrew Trites  
Victoria Brown, Kelly Busovsky, Kelly Hanson, Jen Kowalski



### *Participating Choruses and Directors*

Laura Baltrusaitis  
Kelly Busovsky  
Barbara Swartz  
Amanda Fitts  
Amanda O'Connor  
Aubrey Everett  
Emma Cooper  
Gina Greeson  
Kaitlin Kresse  
Christopher Myers  
Jennifer Kowalski  
Andrew Trites  
Leslie Bailey  
Sara Gaines  
Katie Martinenza

Albert H. Jones Elementary  
Caravel Academy  
Carrcroft Elementary  
Claymont Elementary  
Forwood Elementary  
Gateway Charter School  
Harlan Elementary  
Lulu Ross Elementary School  
Mariner Middle School  
Milford Central Academy  
Sanford School  
St. Ann School  
Wilbur Elementary  
Wilmington Friends School  
Wilmington Friends School



*The Delaware ACDA Honors Choir is the work of many hands, hearts, and minds, celebrating the musicianship of our Delaware youngsters. Our dedicated committee of directors volunteers much time and effort on the behalf of the children. We are so grateful to all of the directors and to our gracious host, Newark High School, for making this possible. Thank you, parents, for sharing your children with us this weekend!*

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## *Honor Choir Participants*

### **Albert H. Jones Elementary**

Isabella Garcia  
Krishna Hamilton  
Arielle Hawkins  
Shalisa Irving  
Jalisa McDermott  
Savannah Schaen

**Caravel Academy**  
Mackenzie Arsenault  
Cora Baker  
Mackenzie Bishop  
Abby Boyd  
Drew Brandenburg  
Ray Crowder  
Christopher Fielding  
Tyler Foster  
Kameron O'Donnell  
Zoey Reilly  
Alivia Ruiz  
Tristan Victor  
Ellie Wollaston  
Raylee Wollaston

**Carrcroft  
Elementary**  
Callan Brown  
Skylar Cooper-Ferguson  
Naomi Everett  
Nora Ford  
Jade Hardy  
Kalissa Jones  
Kinsley Kelley  
Oliver King  
Jacob Kuhlmann  
Raegan Manlove  
Ryan Marino  
Kennedy McConnell  
Lymaja Moses  
Riley Overly  
Savannah Temme

**Claymont  
Elementary**  
Corrine Brunson  
D'Kailah Chavis  
Ibyn Cottman  
Hannah Dugan  
Penelope Dunn  
Cormac Grant  
Alice Hanson  
Ruthie McFarland  
Guadalupe Perez-  
Hernandez  
Bridget Priestley  
Mia Sparks  
Shianne Stroman  
Mila Vulcanovic  
Riley Zimmerman

**Forwood Elementary**  
Salma Awadallah  
Chase Begley  
Jacob Cotton  
August Colgan-Snyder  
Jaida Flowers  
Lexi Ford  
Samantha Harper  
Sailor Johnson  
Luca McClafferty  
Eamonn O'Neill  
Olivia Sanchez  
Davide Tamburro  
Jeremiah Torrance  
Arjun Vivek

**Gateway Charter  
School**  
Jael Daniels  
Payton Staab

**Harlan Elementary**  
Betsy Aragon-Torres  
Chase Benn  
Fatimah Chandler  
Romello Curry  
A'niya Harris  
Shaniece Henley  
Alexa Torres  
Jordyn Wharton

**Lulu Ross  
Elementary**  
Lexi Caccamise  
Raelyn Henderson  
Piper McPherson  
Farrah Pastor

**Mariner Middle  
School**  
Finley Tuer

**Milford Central  
Academy**  
Emily Croce  
Karen Gonzalez-Ramirez  
Giovanni Johnson  
Kennleigh Jones  
Michael Richards  
Lilah Villalobos

**Sanford School**  
Leah Beattie  
Nora Henry  
Zoey Morris  
Alexis Polis  
Mayble Wample  
Veronica Williams

**St. Ann School**  
Kylie Bell  
Michael Casale  
Graham Dudley  
Iris Kenny  
Evelyn Raney  
Colette Shrenk

**Wilbur Elementary**  
Lillyanna Anderson  
Payton Booth  
Joy Botros  
Jonathan Castro  
Karoline Grabowski  
Greysen Luongo  
Anneliese Mattessino  
Annalise Mehling  
Cecilee Penland  
Evelyn Price  
Nora Tickle  
Faye Yetter

**Wilmington Friends**  
Samara Alexander-Elam  
Isaak Bober  
Giana Draper  
Izzy Register  
Michelle Odumah  
Ben Shull  
Lorenzo Tran  
Cider Wehler