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Dear Friends of Orlando Sings,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Second Season of Orlando Sings! As we celebrate our one year anniversary this month, I would like to thank you all for your incredible support and encouragement. We had a hugely successful inaugural season, with an energized community of singers and concert-goers, and the choirs of Orlando Sings receiving rave reviews and positive publicity in prominent local media outlets. We were named Orlando's Favorite

Community Arts Organization in Pultown, and the upcoming **Orlando Sings Choral Festival** (May 18 & 20, 2023) made Matt Palm's "Three to See" in the Orlando Sentinel arts season preview.

We had so much interest from great singers in the Orlando area that we formed a NEW auditioned choir this season, **Harmonia**. I am excited for you to hear this fantastic group in their debut tonight under the direction of rising star conductor Sandra Shafer. The **Orlando Senior Singers** also began this fall and are off to a great start! Join us for an intergenerational CAROL SING-A-LONG: 3:30-4:45 pm Saturday December 3, 2022 at Westminster Towers.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the remaining concerts and events of Season 2022-2023! **A Solaria Solstice** (December 21) is a CAN'T MISS experience in the intimate acoustic marvel of Timucua Arts, and our super fun **Mardi Gras Gala** is coming up February 4. We have some fabulous programs coming up in the spring, including **Handel's Messiah** with the **Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra** in Steinmetz Hall (March 30, 2023).

Learn more at [orlandosings.org/season](http://orlandosings.org/season), sign up for our email newsletter, and be sure to follow us on social media to stay up to date on all the exciting work of Orlando's new and fast-growing fine arts nonprofit organization.

All of this is possible because of the generous support of YOU, our patrons and donors. Please donate to our **First Anniversary Fundraiser** today ([orlandosings.org/donate](http://orlandosings.org/donate)) and please also consider making an additional gift to the **Ashley Minear Orlando Sings Endowment Fund** ([orlandosings.org/endowment](http://orlandosings.org/endowment)). We are thankful to be contributing to the cultural life of our community and changing lives for the better through music. Thank you so much for your support. See you at the next concert!

Sincerely,  
Andrew Minear, D.M.A.  
Artistic and Executive Director

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Kimberly Evans

Emily Fratti

Noel Godoy

Brittany Gress

Maria Hayes\*

Melanie Huston

Justin and Elizabeth Ingram

Marcie and Hank Katzen

Chevalier Lovett

Blaire Lynch\*

Terence Madlangbayan

Walter Magiera

David McDermott

James Nussbaumer

Alan Pagan

Mary Palmer

Sarah Purser and Marco Bojorquez

Chrissa Rehm

Anthony Roberts

Gary and Joanne Schoelkopf\*

Bethany Smith

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*\*In memory of Ashley Minear*





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2022-2023  
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private dinner with guest artists,  
associate conductor and artistic and  
executive director



private dinner with Solaria singer or  
Symphonic Chorus soloist and  
artistic and executive director



lunch or art museum/ gallery visit  
with artistic and executive director



invitation to exclusive spring donor  
cocktail & live jazz piano reception



invitation to Solaria rehearsal



invitation to Symphonic Chorus or  
Harmonia rehearsal



invitation to exclusive fall donor  
party



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invitation to choral festival vip  
reception



acknowledgement in program



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\$250

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## PROGRAM

### HARMONIA (debut performance)

Muie Rendera  
Ava Maria  
La Paloma

arr. C.A. Pinto Fonseca  
César Alejandro Carrillo  
arr. Cristian Grases

### SYMPHONIC CHORUS

Hanacpachap	Anonymous/ 17th Century Peruvian
Salmo 150	Ernani Aguiar
Canciones de Cuna	Alberto Grau
<i>Kristina Cawthon, soprano</i>	
Kasar mie la gaji ("The Earth is tired")	Alberto Grau

### INTERMISSION (15 min)

Estrela é Lua Nova	Traditional from Brazil/ arr. Heitor Villa-Lobos
<i>Gabriela Santos, soprano &amp; Cristina Jimenez, mezzo-soprano</i>	
Useless Landscape	Antonio Carlos Jobim
Two by Scliar	Esther Scliar
1. Para Peneirar	
2. Beira Mar	
Samba de Uma Nota So	Antonio Carlos Jobim
Suite Nordestina	Traditional from Brazil/ arr. Ronaldo Miranda
II. Dendê trapiá	
IV. Eu vou, eu vou	
Dreamer	Ella & The Bossa Beat
Misa Criolla	Ariel Ramírez
I. Kyrie	
II. Gloria	
III. Credo	
IV. Sanctus	
V. Agnus Dei	
<i>Alex Glover, Zachary Pecore, tenors</i>	

Girl From Ipanema

Antonio Carlos Jobim

## HARMONIA

### SOPRANO

Kristen Bays  
Ramnie Cabrera  
Nicole Funk  
Kaelyn Gadberry  
Mars Green  
Brittany Gress  
Astrid Hernandez

Faith Janicki

Irene Kaplan

Sydney Leduc

Ashley Lee

Ginna Leftwich

Juliana Lind

Erica Longman

Marti Stanford

Christina Machado

Sarah Milowic

Grace Olsen

Shirley Piercy

Liana Rivera

Gia Rodriguez Benitez

Holly Sahmel

Gabriela Santos

Michelle Toro

Jana Vlaanderen

Madison Whelan

### ALTO

Maggie Bailey

Ariel Bermitz Beahan

Ali Bernards

Joan Braun

Nyasha Brice

Ashleigh Ciambriello

Beka Ciolek

Vanessa Davis

Sarah Furtado

Heather Gentile

Charlotte Harrington

Melissa Holst

Madison Hubbard

Cristina Jimenez

Sierra Karr

Cara Lee

Emylette Marrero

Cheri Morris

Gabrielle Peterson

Lenaia Powell

Ashley Rogers

Carolyn Rosenblum

Jasmin Ruiz

Mia Shoquist

Raven Steffey

Yvette Stohler

Lindsay Stough

Mara Torres

Lisa Trotzke-Laws

Emily Wilson Tavarez

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Andrew Minear

PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR, ORLANDO SINGS SYMPHONIC CHORUS

Sandra Shafer

CONDUCTOR, HARMONIA

Gabriela Santos

GUEST CONDUCTOR, SYMPHONIC CHORUS

### GUITAR

Christopher Belt

### DOUBLE BASS

Christopher Morgan

### PIANO

Ledean Williams

### PERCUSSION

Ryan Boehme, principal  
David Mitchell  
Paul Yorke

## SYMPHONIC CHORUS

### SOPRANO

Isabel Barbatto  
Katelyn Bocarro  
Pamela Carlson  
Kristina Cawthon

Amy Conrod  
Leslie Gallagher  
Ryleigh Graber

Brittany Gress  
Holly Hodges

Lauren Jewell  
Irene Kaplan  
Brianna Martin  
Meagan Miller

Claire Olinik  
Sandra Peter  
Hollie Pratt  
Sanuki Prematilleke  
Karen Roberts

Shannon Romba  
Janie Rutherford

Gabriela Santos  
Erin Scully Kolodinsky  
Sandra Shafer  
Kathryn Supina

### ALTO

Indhira Acosta  
Ali Bernards  
Hillary Brown  
Kate Carlton  
Ashleigh Ciambriello  
Ashley Cintron  
Rebekah Ciolek

Dorea Cook  
Katie Counts  
Meagan Davis  
Melinda Fradley  
Emily Fratti  
Johanna Gonzalez  
Kari Hamada  
Grace Hayes

Cristina Jimenez  
Sydney Leduc

Danielle Lindner  
Michelle Mailhot  
Amy Martin Cole  
Susan Mathews  
Valerie Parrish  
Miranda Schubert  
Lindsay Taylor Stough  
Michelle Toro

### TENOR

Antonio Barnes  
Andy Blanchard  
Nicholas Boehme  
Paul Braithwood  
Andrew Campbell  
Ross Cawthon  
Thomas Dyer  
Russ Elms  
Andrew Francis  
Noel Godoy  
Daniel Hill  
Michael Kennedy  
Brian Knollman

Will Mathews  
Zachary Pecore  
Ezra Prather  
Ralph J Pugh  
Wesley Schafer  
Kristopher Schave  
Reiner Wolf

### BASS

Matthew Astone  
Samuel Carlton  
Benjamin Caswell  
Dillon Chapman  
Justin Chase  
Thomas Desmond  
Alex Glover  
Michael Hodges  
Cameron Ivie  
Aaron Kass  
Malcolm Katzen  
Jerrett King  
Ryan Knight  
Cesar Lengua-Miranda  
David McDermott  
Justin McGill  
Kelly McKee  
Matthew Minear  
Amir Mohammed  
Liam Joshua Munn  
Alex Pollard  
Evan Powers  
Nathan Selikoff  
James Thompson

## PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR ORLANDO SINGS SYMPHONIC CHORUS



With appearances across the United States, **Dr. Andrew Minear** is an active conductor, music educator, and choir leader. He is the founding Artistic and Executive Director of Orlando Sings where he conducts the Orlando Sings Symphonic Chorus and the professional vocal ensemble Solaria. Recent or upcoming engagements include Opera Orlando's production of "All is Calm," the National Concert Chorus in Carnegie Hall, the Seoul Oratorio Festival in South Korea, the American Choral Directors Association Southern Region SSAA Honor Choir,

Music and Worship Arts weeks in Lake Junaluska and Montreat, and all-state choirs in seven states. He has conducted multiple summers at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan and led the Florida Ambassadors of Music on performance tours of Europe. Before it was cancelled due to the pandemic, Minear was one of only 40 choral leaders in the world selected to present at the 12th World Symposium on Choral Music in Auckland, New Zealand. Dr. Minear's passion for expressive music-making has been cultivated through two decades of experience in children's, church, community, middle school, high school, university, and professional choral settings.

Previously, Dr. Minear served as the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Alabama where he led the university choirs, oversaw the graduate choral conducting program, and taught courses in conducting and choral literature. Prior to his time in Alabama, Minear pursued a doctorate degree in choral conducting at Michigan State University where he served as the director of the MSU Campus Choir and assistant director of the MSU Men's Glee Club. Before going to MSU and during his tenure as Choral Director at Dr. Phillips High School, home of the Visual and Performing Arts Magnet for Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, the DPHS Concert Choir performed with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, and Minear's students were selected over 180 times for All-State and ACDA Honor Choirs. Cora Bella, the advanced SSAA choir, performed to acclaim at State (2011), Southern Division (2012), and National (2013) Conferences of the American Choral Directors Association.

Dr. Minear received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting from Michigan State University and his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Education from Florida State University.



## FOUNDING CONDUCTOR HARMONIA



**Sandra Shafer** is the Director of Choirs at her alma mater Apopka High School and has twice been named “Teacher of the Year” at Liberty Middle School (2014) and Apopka High School (2022). Student choirs under her direction have consistently received Superior Ratings at District Music Performance Assessment as well as toured throughout the United States. Most recently, Apopka High School’s Treble Choir “Belles” was invited to perform at the 2021 Florida Conference of the American Choral Directors Association.

As a performer, Mrs. Shafer serves as section leader and soloist at Winter Park Presbyterian Church and sings with the Orlando Sings Symphonic Chorus and Solaria Singers. She is an active conductor, clinician and adjudicator throughout Florida, and has presented sessions at conferences of the Florida Music Educators Association and the Florida Vocal Association. Mrs. Shafer serves as the social media chair for both FL ACDA and Southern ACDA and is an active member of ACDA, FMEA and FVA. Mrs. Shafer holds a bachelor’s degree in Vocal Music Education from Stetson University in DeLand, FL.

Mrs. Shafer is thrilled to be the conductor of Harmonia, Orlando Sings’ NEW Soprano-Alto choir!

## GUEST CONDUCTOR ORLANDO SINGS SYMPHONIC CHORUS



**Gabriela Santos** is the Choir Director at Odyssey Middle School. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Choral Music Education from The Florida State University. As a first generation American, Gabriela was born and raised in Orlando while her family is from Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. She adores her Brazilian culture and has thoroughly enjoyed helping teach the Portuguese language in preparation for tonight’s concert. Ms. Santos is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Educators, and alumna of Sigma Alpha Iota (Professional Women’s Music Fraternity). She is an

active member of the choral community, serving as Head Chair for OCPS All County Honor Choir, Co-Coordinator for the FLACDA 6-9 T/B Choir, Secretary for FVA District 8, and Assistant Director of Night Staff for FSU Summer Music Camps.

## TENOR SOLOISTS



**Zachary Pecore**, originally from Niceville, Florida, currently serves as the Director of Choirs at East River High School here in Orlando. He has consistently earned excellent and superior rating with his choirs both at the middle and high school level. A graduate from the Florida State University (FSU) with his bachelor's in choral music education, Zach immediately moved down to Orlando after graduating to experience the City Beautiful and the thriving arts scene that it has to offer. He has performed with several professional arts organizations in Orlando, and is excited to be returning to Orlando Sings for

their second season as the tenor section leader. Zach is an active member of the Florida Music Education Association (FMEA), Florida Vocal Association (FVA), American Choral Director's Association (ACDA), and is a past recipient of the Southern Division ACDA Colleen Kirk Award. Zach has served as the All-County Choir chair for Orange County Public Schools (OCPS), the head counseling and dorm supervisor for FSU Summer Music Camps, and is the current OCPS district chair for FVA.



**Alex Glover** is in his eleventh year of teaching at Edgewater High School where he conducts seven choral ensembles and teaches AP Music Theory. Ensembles under Mr. Glover's direction vary in style, voicing, and ability level and have consistently received Superior ratings at district and state level music performance assessment. Mr. Glover also serves as the Director of Traditional Worship at the First United Methodist Church of Winter Park where he conducts the Chancel Choir and Impact Singers Youth Choir. Mr. Glover is proud to be an inaugural member of the Orlando Sings Symphonic Chorus and Solaria

Singers in Orlando. Mr. Glover holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Westminster Choir College of Rider University and a Masters of Music in Music Education from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

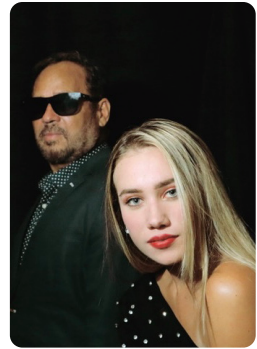
## Instrumentalists Provided by ALTERITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The Alterity Chamber Orchestra (Alterity.co) is the Orlando-based chamber orchestra building a more thoughtful, open, and diverse society through contemporary classical music. The seventeen-member ensemble focuses on performing the music of living composers. Praised in The New York Times, The Orlando Sentinel, and The Orlando Weekly, Alterity.co strives to make new music accessible to anyone, anywhere. Alterity.co is the ensemble in residence of the Timucua Arts Foundation.

## FEATURED GUEST ARTISTS

**Ella & The Bossa Beat** is a father-daughter duo founded by Ella and Magrus Borges. They present a Brazilian Jazz/Pop style of music combining Bossa Nova grooves with a soulful jazz influence. In 2020, they released their first album together named “My Remedy”, capturing the attention of jazz and pop fans worldwide. Their second album titled “In the Moment” will be released November 5. They play at many jazz venues, private events, and festivals, and have a residency at Universal Studios in Orlando. Following the release of their new album, they will tour Europe, Brazil and abroad.

**Magrus Borges** is a drummer, percussionist, composer, and producer from Belem do Para, Brazil. He has played and recorded with many international artists such as: Shakira, Grace Jones, Astrud Gilberto, Tania Maria, Larry Coryell, Caetano Veloso, Luis Melodia, Johnny Alf (one of the fathers of Bossa Nova), among many others. He is currently touring and recording with Bebel Gilberto (daughter of legendary father of Bossa Nova, Joao Gilberto). In 2021, Magrus was nominated for a Grammy together with Bebel Gilberto, for her CD “Agora”. He has recorded six original albums, produced for various artists and is a member of the Recording Academy.



**Ella Borges** was born in Miami and raised in Brazil. She sings in English, Portuguese, Spanish, and French. In addition to singing, she plays piano, guitar, writes lyrics, composes, arranges, and co-produces with her father Magrus Borges. At age twenty-two, she presents a sophisticated and unique style, given her roots from Brazil, and her jazzy soulful voice. In 2020, Ella was awarded ‘The Focus Brazil’ award for Best Female Singer in Orlando. She is also a graduate from Stetson University with a degree in International Business and Music.

Ella is a member of the Recording Academy, and is under the mentorship, taking private classes with jazz pianist Garry Dial.

## TEXT, TRANSLATIONS, AND PROGRAM NOTES

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- Lunch, coffee, or Zoom with one of our conductors or star professional singers each year
- Invitations to exclusive donor events
- Dr. Minear's sincere and never-ending gratitude!
- And more as opportunities become available

## THE ASHLEY MINEAR ORLANDO SINGS ENDOWMENT FUND

Help us create a sustainable future by giving today to the Ashley Minear Orlando Sings Endowment Fund. Your donations will support the programming and people of Orlando Sings for years to come. So far, we are \$65,950 of the way to our initial goal of \$120,000! For more information or to donate, go to [orlandosings.org/endowment](https://orlandosings.org/endowment). Thank you for your support.

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## SPECIAL THANKS

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### UPCOMING CONCERTS

**The Planets**

Steinmetz Hall  
October 1 & 2 (evening / matinee)

**Orli Shaham Plays Mozart**

Steinmetz Hall  
October 15 & 16 (evening / matinee)

**Spooky Serenades**

The Plaza Live  
October 22 & 23

**Celebrating Puerto Rican Heritage**

The Plaza Live  
October 24

**Majestic Bruckner /  
Dvořák Grandeur**

Steinmetz Hall  
November 12 & 13 (evening / matinee)

**Home For The Holidays**

Steinmetz Hall  
November 26 (evening / matinee)

**Holiday Brass & Percussion**

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December 5

**Holly Jolly Sounds of the Season**

The Plaza Live  
December 10 & 11

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A festive Mardi Gras-themed background featuring a large, ornate mask in the upper left corner, surrounded by numerous colorful beads in shades of purple, green, and gold. The entire scene is set against a bright yellow background with scattered confetti and small decorative elements.

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# Mardi Gras Gala

February 4, 2023 | 7:00 PM  
Winter Park Farmers' Market

Join us for an evening of live entertainment,  
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**Orlando Sings'** community engagement and  
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Cocktails | Hors d'Oeuvres | Live Music  
Silent Auction | Dancing  
Black Tie & Masks Optional

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