



ORLANDO SINGS *presents*

SOLARIA SOLSTICE

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Andrew Minear, Conductor

DECEMBER 21 | 7:00 PM

Orlando Museum of Art

TAPESTRY

A LETTER FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



“In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.”

—Albert Camus

Welcome to A Solaria Solstice.

On the longest night of the year, we gather not to escape the darkness, but to honor it—to pause, to listen, and to notice the light that has always found its way back. Across cultures and centuries, the solstice has marked a turning point: a moment when ancient wisdom reminds us that even in stillness, something is stirring.

This evening’s music reflects that arc. Drawing from Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and secular reflections, the Solaria Singers offer a tapestry of voices and traditions that speak to our shared humanity. Each piece is an opportunity for delight, remembrance, and the honoring of our differences—an acknowledgment that while our stories may differ, our longing for meaning, connection, and renewal is profoundly the same.

Solaria exists to make space for this kind of deep listening. As Orlando’s own professional choir, these local artists bring heart and expression to every phrase, but what moves me most is their generosity of spirit: pouring themselves into the music for you and for one another—not for their own sake, but to create beauty meant to be shared. In a world that often urges us to rush past reflection, choral music asks something different—it asks us to breathe together, to listen deeply, and to be present.

Thank you for choosing to spend this evening with us. May this music offer you warmth, wonder, and a quiet reminder that light—however distant—always returns.

With Hope and Gratitude,

Andrew Minear, D.M.A.

Artistic & Executive Director, Orlando Sings

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Jack Brunk	Candice Holtz	Natalie Sannes
William and Mary Buelow	Madison Hubbart	Solangi Santiago
Gayle Burton	Kathy Hudson	Patti Saunders
Rick Campins	Heidi Inder	M Schenck
Sandy and Judy Canetti	Debora Jakubcin	Virginia Schenck
Enna Carlisle	Marcie Katzen	John and Becky Schlott
Toni and John Cardsmone	Hallie Kendrick	Kim Schlueter
Brittany Carroll	Judith Knapp	J Mark and Brenda Scott
Cyril Cerbas	Brian Knollman	Judi Scott
Jessica Chen	Sherry Koger	Kate Seely
Shannon Cho	Brooke Kloss	Thomas Shaffer
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Holly Cooper	Donna Lindner	Brown Voice Studio
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Jerry Fagundo	Laura Messinger	Michelle Toro
Kathleen Flammia	Melody Morgan	Susan Townsend
Kerry Fradley	Claire Olinik	Donica Van Voorhees
Melinda Fradley	Connie Ivette Pabon	Joey Veaser
Rebecca Frakes	Jamielee Page	George Villa
Emily and Jeremy Fratti	Charles Patton	Wyatt Walker
Ashley Josleyn French	Crystal Pernici	Taylor Walsh
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Barbara and James Gifford	Evan and Nick Powers	Judith Weinstein
Char and Jeff Gifford	Evan and Nick Powers	Megan Wenrich
Alex Glover	Sadie Revier	Samantha Westley
Carole Gordon	Edna Reyes	Sarah Wildeman
Theresa Gray	Bradley Roberts	Myia Williams
Marci Growcock	Graham Robertson	Dave and Dona Yegge
Mariuxi Gutierrez	Jenifer and Peter Rodrigues	Amanda Yon
Jude Hagan	Adaline Rooney	Warren Yon
Kristi Hawthorne	Jackie Rosebrock	

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PROGRAM

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O Virtus Sapientiae	Hildegard von Bingen
O Come Medley	arr. Dragomir Page
Kuumba from Kwanza Songs	Zanaida Robles
Angels We Have Heard On High	arr. Matthew Culloton
In Dulci Jubilo	arr. Matthew Culloton
Dum medium silentium	Vytautas Miškinis
Here's a Pretty Little Baby	André Thomas
<i>Samantha Barnes Daniel, soloist</i>	
They Are Mother	Jennifer Lucy Cook
Imani from Kwanza Songs	Zanaida Robles
S'Vivon	Steve Barnett
Mi Zeh Y'maleil	Joshua Jacobson
<i>Zach Pecore, soloist</i>	
The Chanukah Song We Are Lights	Steve Schwartz
How Long?	Troy Robertson
Nia from Kwanza Songs	Zanaida Robles
Northern Winter Songs (commissioned by Orlando Sings)	Moirá Smiley
1. Will You Slow as I Slow	
2. Under the Winter Sun	
We Are	Ysaye M. Barnwell
<i>Cristina Jimenez, soloist</i>	
Thixo Onothando	arr. Michael Barrett
<i>Lex Goity, Zach Pecore, Maggie Gifford, soloists</i>	
Jingle Bells	arr. Dragomir Page
Ujamaa from Kwanza Songs	Zanaida Robles
Rise, Shine	Marques Garrett
True Colors	arr. Matthew Brown
<i>Alex Pollard, soloist</i>	

Angie Monahan, collaborative pianist

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Matthew Astone
Samantha Barnes Daniel
Hillary Brown
Samuel Carlton
John Cavazos
Francesca Coverini
Billy Daniel
Maggie Gifford
Alex Glover
Lex Goity
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