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## **CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH THE CHOIR SCHOOL OF DELAWARE AT *SUN, MOON, AND STARS*, A CONCERT OF GLOBAL MUSIC**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (March 31, 2023) - The Choir School of Delaware presents ***Sun, Moon, and Stars***, a concert of global music in celebration of Earth Day, at Grace United Methodist Church (Wilmington, DE) on Saturday, April 29 at 4:00pm. The Choir School will perform music from countries around the world that explores our connection to Mother Earth and our responsibility to protect the planet.

The Choir School of Delaware is an intergenerational choir where professional musicians, adult volunteers, and talented youth sing side-by-side. This acclaimed ensemble has a long tradition of excellence, helping young people lift their voices for over 140 years. The Choir School has collaborated with internationally renowned ensembles such as The Swingles and VOCES8 and has been invited to perform around the country.

The musical selections of *Sun, Moon, and Stars* come from across the globe, reflecting our shared home on Earth and our shared responsibility to protect its beauty and resources. Selections include:

**“Estela a Lua Nova”** (The Star and the New Moon), an energetic Brazilian folk song arrangement by Hector Villa-Lobos, revels in the beauty of the night sky.

**“Yemaya,”** a meditative composition by Diana V. Sáez, adapts a chant melody from West Africa honoring Yemaya, goddess of all living things in the faith of the Yoruba people.

**“Ecco mormorar l’onde”** (Here the waves murmur), an Italian madrigal by Claudio Monteverdi, paints a musical portrait of a stunning sunrise.

Rollo Dilworth’s **“Take Me to the Water,”** rooted in the American gospel tradition, incorporates spirituals that celebrate the cleansing, healing power of water.

Venezuelan composer Alberto Grau’s **“Kasar mie la gaji”** (The earth is tired) offers a haunting, insistent reminder of the threats to this beauty and our responsibility to act.

*Sun, Moon, and Stars* is the fourth concert of the Choir School’s Jubilee Concert Season, marking the 25th anniversary of its award-winning after-school program and the 140th anniversary of its intergenerational choir. Ticket proceeds directly support the Choir School’s



life-changing programs, which connect Wilmington youth to professional music training, academic support, mentoring, and social services.

### **Tickets**

Tickets are \$35 with senior, military, and college student discounts available. Kids under 18 attend free of charge. Tickets can be purchased by calling 302-543-8657 x4 or online at [choirschoolofdelaware.org](http://choirschoolofdelaware.org).

### **Event Details**

#### ***Sun, Moon, and Stars: A Celebration of Mother Earth***

**When:** Saturday, April 29, 2023 | 4:00pm

**Where:** Grace United Methodist Church, 900 Washington St, Wilmington, DE

**Tickets:** \$35 | Kids FREE | Seniors & Military \$25 | College Students \$15

**Buy Tickets:** [choirschoolofdelaware.org/events](http://choirschoolofdelaware.org/events) or 302-543-8657 x4

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### **Event Sponsors**

The Jubilee Concert Season is sponsored by TD Charitable Foundation and supported, in part, by a grant from the [Delaware Division of the Arts](#), a state agency, in partnership with the [National Endowment for the Arts](#). The Division promotes Delaware arts events on [www.DelawareScene.com](http://www.DelawareScene.com).

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### **About the Choir School of Delaware**

The Choir School of Delaware, a “Community Center that Sings,” provides life-changing after-school and summer programs for Wilmington children ages 7-17. Programs combine professional-level choral training and performance opportunities with homework help, mentoring, and social services, creating a safe, inspiring environment where young people realize their full potential. An intergenerational choir anchors the after-school program and performs throughout the state.

The majority of Choir School students live at or below the poverty line. 100% of its students graduate from high school, and all graduate with a plan to continue their education, launch a career, or begin military service. The Choir School of Delaware is available to all, regardless of income.

### **Artistic Samples**

“Total Praise” arr. Richard Smallwood

[https://youtu.be/awC-cTC\\_24A](https://youtu.be/awC-cTC_24A)

“It’s a Grand Night for Singing” from *State Fair*

<https://youtu.be/b2Helb72xUw>

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