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JENNIFER LAHASKY, Music Director

Jennifer Lahasky was appointed Music Director of the Summer Singers of Lee's Summit in 2022, and debuts in the position today. From 2017-2021, she served as Associate Music Director. She holds the Bachelor of Music Education (Voice) from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and the Master of Music Education in Choral Pedagogy from the University of Kansas. She served with distinction as Student Intern for the William Baker Choral Foundation in the Kansas City area during her candidacy for the Master of Music Education. During that time she conducted the William Baker Festival Singers, the Summer Singers of Kansas City, and the Summer Singers of Lee's Summit in numerous rehearsals and performances. After serving for five years as Music Teacher for the St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School in Overland Park, Kansas, she was appointed Music Educator for the Leawood Middle School in the Blue Valley, Kansas District, beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year. She has served as Associate Music Director of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lee's Summit from 2020-2021. Ms. Lahasky makes her home in Olathe, Kansas, with her husband Alex and daughter Maggie.



EMILY FISH, Choral Intern



Emily Fish has been a member of the William Baker Festival Singers since 2018. She graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Music Education from Kansas State University. During her time at KSU she participated in Women's Choir, Collegiate Choral, Grand Chorus, and a jazz ensemble. Mrs. Fish was the treasurer and secretary for the KSU chapter of the American Choral Directors' Association, and she conducted University Chorus and the Manhattan Community Choir her senior year. She is currently enrolled at Baker University working on her Orff-Schulwerk certification, and is also a candidate for the Master of Music Education in Choral Pedagogy at the University of Kansas.

Emily teaches general music at Leawood Elementary school in the Blue Valley School district. She also leads the school's 4th and 5th grade chorus and teaches guitar lessons. She is hoping this experience as the 2021-2023 choral intern will strengthen her conducting and leadership skills for choruses of all ages.

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The Summer Singers of Lee's Summit



The Summer Singers of Lee's Summit was created in June 2014 as an ensemble of the Kansas City-based William Baker Choral Foundation. Their 2014 performance of Mozart's *Missa Brevis in D* was heard by a capacity audience and hailed as "…a significant contribution to Kansas City's growing family of choirs." Today's concert marks their eighth annual performance. Highlights of previous performances have included Haydn's *The Creation*, Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, & *Requiem*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and Handel's *Coronation Anthems* and selections from *Messiah*.

The Summer Singers of Lee's Summit continues the tradition that was called "the very best of amateur music-making..." by Pierre

Ruhe of *The Atlanta Constitution*. Beginning with the original Summer Singers of Atlanta in 1990, the Choral Foundation has created numerous summer choruses that now involve hundreds of participants from three states. Today's concert marks the debut of Jennifer Lahasky as Music Director. Ms. Lahasky served Associate Music Director from 2017 to 2021.

No audition is required for membership in the Summer Singers. All adults and mature youth from the age of 16 are invited to participate. Weekly rehearsals begin each June and culminate in performances with distinguished soloists and professional orchestras at the end of the summer. Registration opens March 1, 2023. For information, please call the Choral Foundation at 913-488-7524, or email Mail@FestivalSingers.org. Please follow us on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: William Baker Choral Foundation.

The William Baker Choral Foundation

The William Baker Choral Foundation, headquartered in Roeland Park, Kansas, supports choral ensembles based in Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, North Carolina and Missouri. These include the William Baker Festival Singers and the New South Festival Singers, semi-professional ensembles that have distinguished themselves in concerts, recordings, broadcasts and tours across the South, Midwest and Northeast.

The Choral Foundation's continuing education program includes opportunities for Choral Interns in Masters and Doctoral level study. Over 35 alumni of the program now serve in significant church, school and professional choral leadership positions across the nation. The Choral Foundation is the sponsor for Amber Waves Music Publishing, (<u>www.AmberWavesPublishing.com</u>) a creative house with over 50 titles by up and coming writers.

Recent initiatives of the organization are the **Institute for Healthy Singing**, the **Institute for Choral Creativity**, the **Choral Conversations Podcast** and **The Jane Sullivan Choral Resource Library**. The Institute for Healthy Singing (www.HealthySinging.org) is under the leadership of director Jamea Sale, PhD. The Institute for Choral Creativity (www.ChoralCreativity.org) is under the direction of Ed Frazier Davis, MM. Faculty members have presented clinics and seminars in high school, church and community arenas. Choral Conversations is a monthly podcast hosted by Dr. William Baker and Dr. Jamea Sale. The program features musical excerpts and lively conversation. **www.FestivalSingers.org/choralconversations**

The Jane Sullivan Choral Music Library in Roeland Park, Kansas, opened in October 2017. Having acquired the entire choral libraries of a former large choral society and a major research university, the WBCF's Sullivan Library represents one of the largest and most diverse collections of choral scores in the Midwest. In addition to supplying music for our growing family of choral ensembles, the Sullivan Library is now a national music lending and rental resource for choral ensembles, churches and schools across America. Please learn more at www.SullivanChoralLibrary.org.

MEGAN MOORE, Soprano



Megan Moore is an up-and coming singer and conductor in the Kansas City community. Originally from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, she graduated summa cum laude from William Jewell College in May 2017, with B.A. degrees in Music, Psychology, and Applied Critical Thought and Inquiry. During her time at Jewell, she studied voice under Dr. Ronald Witzke; served as student conductor for the award-winning Concert Choir and William Jewell Handbells; and was involved in the Chapel Choir, Choral Scholars, and Schola Cantorum. Additionally, she offered her voice and conducting skills as a Choral Scholar for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral under the direction of Canon John Schaefer, then Dr. Paul Meier. Recently, Megan has sung in Carnegie Hall with Mid-America Productions and Winthrop University under the direction of Dr. Jeremy Mims, as well as in Texas-based Voci d'Amici, conducted by Dr.

Loyd Hawthorne. Locally, Ms. Moore sings soprano in the many renowned vocal ensembles, including Musica Vocale (led by Dr. Arnold Epley), Cardinalis (led by Dr. Anthony Maglione), The William Baker Festival Singers (led by Dr. William Baker), and Songflower Chorale (led by Dr. Geoffrey Wilcken). Additionally, Ms. Moore serves as the Choral Assistant at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in downtown Kansas City. During the work week, she serves as an Account Administrator for a travel insurance company and spends lots of time preparing for her many musical endeavors. She served as Choral Intern for the Kansas City ensembles of the Choral Foundationfrom 2020-2021.

JOSH MARKLEY, Baritone



Josh Markley, baritone, has been an active oratorio performer since 2008. Some of his concert repertoire includes Mahler's Symphony No. 8: Symphony of a Thousand, Vaughn Williams' A Sea Symphony, Orff's Carmina Burana, Haydn's Creation, Bach's B-minor Mass and St. Matthew Passion, Handel's Messiah, Elijah in Mendelssohn's Elijah, and Lucifero in Handel's La Resurrezione. On the opera stage, Markley has sung roles such as Il Conte in Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro, Marcello in Puccini's La Boheme, Tarquinius in Britten's Lucretia, Don Alfonso in Mozart's Così fan tutte, Angelotti in Puccini's Tosca among others. On top of his experiences as a solo performer, Markley has also sung as a professional chorister with the Kansas City Lyric Opera as well as several professional choirs in the Kansas City area such as Te Deum, KC Vitas and others. Perhaps most importantly, Markley is an ardent educator. He has taught students from grade school through the

collegiate level in public and private institutions, and he is currently the Director of Music at the Barstow School. He completed his Doctorate of Musical Arts in voice with honors at the University of Kansas in 2016. His dissertation on the baritone voice and its development during the Baroque era, focusing on its use in Handel oratorios, has been referenced as an "excellent source of information regarding the baritone voice in early music" by the New York Metropolitan Opera Guild. Today marks his first appearance with the ensembles of the Choral Foundation.

GEOFFREY WILCKEN, Organist



Geoffrey Wilcken is a prolific composer, conductor, organist, and pianist. Recent commissions include *One Out Of Many* (2015) for the 40th anniversary of the Lawrence Civic Choir, *Everyone's Brother* (2019) for the Musica Vocale in Kansas City, *Rosette* (2014) for the dedication of the new organ at Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS, and *Music of the Spheres* (2014) for the combined bands and choirs of Johnson County Community College, Overland Park KS. He has also created numerous works for sacred and liturgical use, including *Anthems for the Cross* (2017) for St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and arrangements such as *Angel Noels* (2009) for the Kansas City Fine Arts Chorale. He has twice won the Music Teachers National Association composition contest, and has been awarded the Anthony J. Cius outstanding composer

prize. In 2015 he received the first ever Kansas Choral Composition award for his work, *Life's Symphony*, and was named runner-up in the 2017 ACDA Brock composition competition. He has titles currently available from Alliance Music Publications, Colla Voce Press, and Alfred Publishing House.

Dr. Wilcken is Organist for the historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kansas City and is an adjunct faculty member of Kansas City Kansas Community College and Mid-America Nazarene University. He is Music Director of the Songflower Chorale. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts and the Master of Music in choral conducting, both from the University of Kansas, and a Bachelor of Music in composition from Iowa State University. **www.gwcomposer.me**

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CANTIQUE DE JEAN RACINE

Sung in French

O Redeemer Divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, We kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye.

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming Whose wondrous might disperse the powers of Hell, And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance, That they may waken Thy mercy to tell.

O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us we implore Thee, Who here are gathered on penitent knee, Accept the hymns we chant to Thine everlasting glory, And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.

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The appearance in today's concert by Harpist Tabitha Reist Steiner is made possible by a gift from Dr. William & Mrs. Laura Baker in honor of the debut performance of Jennifer Lahasky as Music Director of the Summer Singers of Lee's Summit

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Introit et Kyrie

Grant them rest eternal, O Lord, And may perpetual light shine upon them. Thou, O God, art praised in Zion, And unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, unto Thee all flesh shall come. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Offertory

Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, Deliver the souls of the Faithful departed from the pains of Hell And from the bottomless pit. Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, Neither shall they fall to obscurity. We offer unto Thee this sacrifice of prayer and praise. Receive it for the souls we commemorate this day. Bring them, O Lord, to cross from death to the life Thou didst promise to Abraham and to his posterity. Amen.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Pie Jesu

Blessed Jesus, Lord I pray in Thy mercy Grant them eternal rest.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. Grant them rest, everlasting rest. May eternal light shine on them, O Lord, With Thy saints forever, because of Thy mercy. Grant them rest, O Lord, And may perpetual Light shine on them.

Libera me

Deliver me, O Lord, from everlasting death On that dreadful day when the heavens and the earth Shall be moved and Thou shalt judge the earth with fire. I quake with fear and trembling awaiting the day of Judgement and the wrath to come. That day, the day of anger, of calamity, of misery, That day, that great day most bitter. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, And may perpetual light shine on them.

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In Paradisum

May the angels receive them in Paradise, At Thy coming may the martyrs receive Thee, And enter the Holy City Jerusalem. There may the chorus of angels receive Thee, And with Lazarus, who was once a beggar, Find eternal rest.

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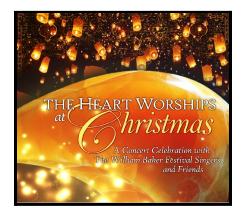
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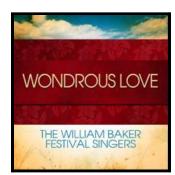
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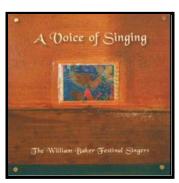
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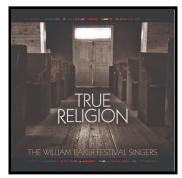
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