**Dr. Andrew Kreckmann** completed his DMA in Choral Conducting at Texas Tech University with Richard Bjella in 2013. He also taught several courses and choirs at Texas Tech and served as Director of Music Ministries to St. John's United Methodist Church in Lubbock, Texas. Dr. Kreckmann's earlier studies include a Master's degree in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University (with David Rayl, Jonathan Reed, and Sandra Snow) as well as a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Delaware (with Paul Head). Prior to attending graduate school, Dr. Kreckmann served as Director of Choirs to over 250 students and five choirs at Morris Knolls High School in Rockaway, NJ. During this time, he also served as president or member to several county, regional and all-state boards in New Jersey. He was also named Teacher of the Year in his final year at Morris Knolls.

**Brett Judson** graduated from Yale School of Music, Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Eastman School of Music, and Crystal Cathedral High School. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at the Hartt School, studying conducting with Edward Bolkovac. Brett is the director of the Hartt Camerata, which was recently featured in a festival of Women's Voices with composer Gwyneth Walker. He also teaches English Diction at Hartt. He is Assistant Director of the New Haven Chorale, preparing works, such as J.C. Bach's *Magnificat*, Charpentier's *Te Deum*, and Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus*. Brett studied choral conducting privately with Pamela Perry and Donald Neuen, a past Assistant Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra under Robert Shaw. Brett commissioned five sacred choral anthems from the Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) award-winning composer Scott Perkins.

# **Sacramento State Choirs**

Dr. Andrew Kreckmann, conductor Dr. Brett Judson, conductor

with

Dr. Ryan Enright, piano/organ Ryan Murray, guest conductor

Sunday, 4:00 p.m. May 8, 2022 St. John's Lutheran Church PROGRAM

Mass in C Major, Op. 86

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Kyrie Gloria Credo Sanctus Benedictus

Agnus Dei

Robin Fisher, soprano Julie Miller, mezzo-soprano Matt Hidalgo, tenor Daniel Yoder, bass

"O welche Lust" from Fidelio

Ludwig van Beethoven

Jonathan Saatman, tenor Dillon Nelson, bass Ryan Murray, guest conductor "O welche Lust"

Chor der Gefangenen. Prisoners' Chorus.

Nr. 10 - Act 1 Finale No. 10 - Act 1 Finale

CHOR DER GEFANGENEN

O welche Lust, in freier Luft

Den Atem leicht zu heben!

Nur hier, nur hier ist Leben!

Der Kerker eine Gruft.

PRISONERS' CHORUS

Oh what joy, in the open air

Freely to breathe again!

Up here alone is life!

The dungeon is a grave.

ERSTER GEFANGENER
Wir wollen mit Vertrauen
Auf Gottes Hilfe bauen!
Die Hoffnung flüstert sanft mir zu:
Wir werden frei, wir finden Ruh
FIRST PRISONER
We shall with all our faith
Trust in the help of God!
Hope whispers softly in my ears!
We shall be free, we shall find
peace.

ALLE ANDEREN
O Himmel! Rettung! Welch ein Glück!
O Freiheit! Kehrst du zurück?

ALL THE OTHERS
Oh Heaven! Salvation! Happiness!
Oh Freedom! Will you be given us?

ZWEITER GEFANGENER SECOND PRISONER
Sprecht leise! Haltet euch zurück! Speak softly! Be on your guard!
Wir sind belauscht mit Ohr und Blick. We are watched with eye and ear.

ALLE ALL Sprecht leise! Haltet euch zurück! Speak softly! Be on your guard! Wir sind belauscht mit Ohr und Blick. We are watched with eye and ear. O welche Lust, in freier Luft Oh what joy, in the open air Den Atem leicht zu heben! Freely to breathe again! Nur hier, nur hier ist Leben. Up here alone is life. Speak softly! Be on your quard! Sprecht leise! Haltet euch zurück! Wir sind belauscht mit Ohr und Blick. We are watched with eye and ear. PERSONNEL

## **University Singers**

Dr. Andrew Kreckmann, director Dr. Ryan Enright, accompanist

SopranoAltoNicki BeaudetDanielle BlankenshipJosephine DuarteSofia Roca CastroEmma KolodrivskiyMelissa Isaac CifuentesSophia RuggianoRochelle MalanKhanh ThaiAshley Mikita

#### **Choral Union**

Dr. Brett Judson, director Dr. Ryan Enright, accompanist

SopranosAltosAnnie CharleboixAbigail De OcampoMidori BracyTyra DomalaogAlexa IrvinKatryn LopezJoan LopezLeah PishtoyKaitlyn RobertsTatiana SolizAnastasia Sullivan

Julie Torres

<u>Tenors</u>

Gerard De Jesus

Benjamin Gravlee
Andrew Little
Arend Aldama
Ford Paterson
Doshua Tarver
Scott Wulf
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Michael Dunkle Sean Fegan

Antonio Garcia Hernandez

Brady Hegland Bailey Pierce Sam Rozell

Kyle Stack

Stephen Whelan

**Robin Fisher**, soprano, is Professor of Voice at Sacramento State. A graduate of the University of Vienna as a recipient of a Rotary Foundation grant, she also attended the Hamburg State University as a Fulbright Scholar and received her D.M.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Under professional contract in Germany, Fisher performed over 15 leading operatic roles. Recordings include works for flute and soprano (*The Nightingale Sings*), and sacred American art songs with pianist Dalton Baldwin (*God be in my Heart*). Her publications include a second edition of *American Art Song & American Poetry*, a collaboration with scholar/performer Ruth Friedberg, and *The Selected Writings of John Duke* (2007). Fisher's students are active performers and teachers in major metropolitan centers in the USA and abroad.

Julie Miller, mezzo-soprano, hailed for the "arresting color" (Cincinnati Enquirer) of her voice, Ms. Miller has appeared as a soloist with orchestras and opera companies throughout the U.S.A. As a member of the Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center at Lyric Opera of Chicago she appeared on the stage of the Lyric Opera of Chicago as Emilia in Otello, Annina (La Traviata), Ida (Die Fledermaus) and Krysna (The Passenger). Other notable assignments with the company include Baroness Nica in Charlie Parker's Yardbird plus understudies of Octavian in Der Rosenkavalier and Waltraute in Die Walküre. She recently performed the title role in Handel's Ariodante which Chicago Classical Review described as an "admirable and professional performance" and the Chicago Tribune called "deeply musical."

Ms. Miller is the recipient of the Jerome and Elaine Nerenberg Foundation Scholarship and the Rose McGilvray Grundman Award (American Opera Society of Chicago), the Richard F. Gold Career Grant (Shoshana Foundation) the Edith Newfield Scholarship Award (Musicians Club of Women). She earned her Master's Degree as a member of the inaugural class of Dawn Upshaw Graduate Program in Vocal Arts at the Bard College Conservatory of Music. She also participated in the Georg Sol Accademia Bel Canto in Castiglione della Pescaia, Tuscany.

**Matt Hidalgo**, leggiero tenor, is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento and holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. Matt performs regularly throughout the Sacramento region as a tenor soloist and is a familiar face with many of the top performing groups in the

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Sacramento and the Bay Area. Matt is a versed performer; with over 100+ performances, including over 10 leading roles in operas throughout the state, and performing the tenor solos in over 30 different oratorios. Matt Hidalgo has performed back up vocals for celebrities such as Andrea Bocelli, Susan Boyle, and Barry Manilow. Matt enjoys singing and teaching many different genres/styles of music, although his area of expertise is classical voice. Find out more at www.MattHidalgotenor.com

Ryan Murray is currently the Artistic Director and Conductor of Music in the Mountains and the Associate Conductor of the Modesto Symphony Orchestra. He is also the Director of Symphony Orchestra & Opera at California State University, Sacramento, and the Conductor for the Sacramento Youth Symphony's Premier Orchestra. An award-winning opera conductor, Ryan spent his early career working as an assistant conductor and répétiteur, and is currently the Music Director of Opera Modesto. He has served as assistant conductor for opera productions at the Sacramento Philharmonic and is the past Music Director of Fresno Grand Opera, and previously worked as a staff conductor for the Bay Area Summer Opera Theater Institute (BASOTI) and The Opera Academy of California in San Francisco.

A native of Montreal, Quebec, **Dr. Ryan Enright** received both his bachelor's and master's degrees—and Artist Diploma—in organ performance from McGill University. His teacher for the first two degrees was John Grew and the third was William Porter. Enright received his DMA in organ performance from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied repertoire and improvisation with William Porter. His first organ teacher in Montreal, Marc-André Doran, an excellent musician and organist, instilled in him a passion for organ playing and the great works of the literature. Additional teachers in Montreal were Gaston Arel and Jean LeBuis. Enright has studied the art of improvisation with William Porter and Julian Wachner, and has taken workshops with Gerre Hancock, Thierry Escaich, Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, and Christophe Mantoux on various styles and techniques of improvisation.

#### **Orchestra Personnel**

<u>Flute</u>	<u>Horn</u>	<u>Violin 2</u>
Tyler MacKinion	Natasha Buckman	Ryan Datar
Kelly Bacon	Cesar Zarate	Rei Luu

Clarinet Trumpet Viola

Noah Blevins Colin Matthewson Wayland Whitney
Kevin Le lan Colin Dora Scott

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Oboe <u>Timpani</u> <u>Cello</u>

Erik Moberg Jenna Boone Julian Sommer Hector Morales

Bassoon Violin 1

Owen Polkinghorn Brittany Thorne Bass

Jolan Freidhoff Bryce Holmes

**Ingrid Peters** 

### **University Chorale**

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<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	
Isabelle Ceballos	Rosalinda Anguiano	
Destiny Fines	Layla Dean	
Cammie Harris	Kenna Guy	
Hannah Miller	Janet Matranga	
Sophia Silvers	Jania Neverov	
Nicole Young	Leah Woods	
	Kelly Zurita	

Tenor

Michael Carey
Michael Carey
Kenneth Dulay
Sven Joseph
Brent Montalbo
Jake Michael
Jonathan Saatman
Morgan Resendes
Nick Spiess