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“OF THEE I SING”

Songs of American Heritage

**Concert Chorale and Patriot Singers
Cantori Choral Artists of East Texas**

Dr. Cameron Rose, Director of Choral Activities
Elena Daughtery, Collaborative Pianist
Paul L. Gleiser, Guest Remarks

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 7:00 pm
United States Semiquincentennial Year
Chapel of Saints Peter and Paul, Tyler

Opening Remarks

Paul L. Gleiser

PATRIOT SINGERS

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Hymn tune
Samuel Francis Smith

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King.

Deep River

African American spiritual

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast?
That promised land, where all is peace?

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

George N. Allen (1812–1877)

Joyce Merman
arr. Roy Wingwald

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.
I have been to the mount,
I have seen the Promised Land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring Thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain all are past:
I have dreamed a great dream
That Thy love shall rule our land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Take Thy child unto Thee,
With my dream of a world that is free
For that day when all flesh
Joins the glory Thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Gamilah Andrews, soloist

The Pasture

Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

Robert Frost
ed. Cameron Rose

I'm going out to clean the pasture spring;
I'll only stop to rake the leaves away
(And wait to watch the water clear, I may):
I sha'n't be gone long.—You come too.

I'm going out to fetch the little calf
That's standing by the mother. It's so young,
It totters when she licks it with her tongue.
I sha'n't be gone long.—You come too.

Homeward Bound

Marta Keen (b. 1953)
arr. Jay Althouse
ed. Cameron Rose

In the quiet misty morning
When the moon has gone to bed,
When the sparrows stop their singing
And the sky is clear and red,

When the summer's ceased its gleaming,
When the corn is past its prime,
When adventure's lost its meaning,
I'll be homeward bound in time

Bind me not to the pasture; chain me not to the plow,
Set me free to find my calling, and I'll return to you somehow.

If you find it's me you're missing,
If you're hoping I'll return,
To your thoughts, I'll soon be listening,
In the road, I'll stop and turn.

Then the wind will set me racing
As my journey nears its end,
And the path I'll be retracing
When I'm homeward bound again.

William Cornell, cello

Cindy

American folksong
arr. Carol Barnett

You ought to see my Cindy,
She lives way down south,
She is so sweet the honeybees
Swarm around her mouth.

I wish I was an apple
A-hangin' from a tree,
And ev'ry time my Cindy passed
She'd take a bite of me.

Get along home, Cindy, Cindy, get along home, Cindy, Cindy,
Get along home, Cindy, Cindy, I'll marry you some day.

She told me that she loved me,
She called me sugar plum,
She threwed her arms around me
And I thought my time had come.

Cindy went to preachin',
She shouted all a-round,
She got so full o' glory,
She knocked the preacher down.

She took me to her parlor,
She cooled me with her fan,
She told me I'z the purtiest thing
In the shape of mortal man.

Cindy got religion,
She had it once before,
But when she hear the banjo,
She'uz the first one on the floor.

Oh! Susanna

Stephen Foster (1826–1864)
arr. Mark Hayes

I came from Alabama
With a banjo on my knee;
I'm going to Lou'siana,
My true love for to see.
It rained all night the day I left,
The weather it was dry;
The sun so hot I froze to death,
Susanna, don't you cry.

Oh! Susanna, Oh! don't you cry for me
I've come from Alabama with my banjo on my knee.

I had a dream the other night
When everything was still.
I thought I saw Susanna,
A-comin' down the hill.
A buck wheat cake was in her mouth,
A tear was in her eye.
I says I'm coming from the South,
Susanna don't you cry.

I soon will be in New Orleans
And then I'll look around;
And when I find my Susanna,
I'll fall upon the ground.
But if I do not find her,
This man will surely die,
And when I'm dead and buried,
Susanna, don't you cry.

CONCERT CHORALE
CANTORI CHORAL ARTISTS

From *Old American Songs*

Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

The Dodger

American folksong
arr. David Brunner

Yes, the candidate's a dodger,
Yes a well-known dodger.
Yes the candidate's a dodger,
Yes and I'm a dodger too.
He'll meet you and treat you,
And ask you for your vote.
But look out boys,
He's a-dodgin' for your note.

Yes we're all dodgin',
A-dodgin', dodgin', dodgin'.
Yes we're all dodgin'
Out away through the world.

Yes the preacher he's a dodger,
Yes a well-known dodger.
Yes the preacher he's a dodger,
Yes and I'm a dodger too.
He'll preach you a gospel,
And tell you of your crimes.
But look out boys,
He's a-dodgin' for your dimes.

Yes the lover he's a dodger,
Yes a well-known dodger.
Yes the lover he's a dodger,
Yes and I'm a dodger too.
He'll hug you and kiss you,
And call you his bride,
But look out girls,
He's a-tellin' you a lie.

Long Time Ago

American folksong
arr. Irving Fine

On the lake where droop'd the willow
Long time ago,
Where the rock threw back the billow
Brighter than snow.
Dwelt a maid beloved and cherish'd
By high and low,
But with autumn leaf she perished
Long time ago.

Rock and tree and flowing water
Long time ago,
Bird and bee and blossom taught her
Love's spell to know.
While to my fond words she listen'd
Murmuring low,
Tenderly her blue eyes glisten'd
Long time ago.

Zion's Walls

Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined to
Meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

John G. McCurry
arr. Glenn Koponen

At the River

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Robert Lowry
arr. Ray Wilding-White

Ere we reach the shining river
Lay we every burden down,
Praise our spirits will deliver
And provide our robe and crown.
Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Choral Variations on Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Joseph Brackett
adap. David Conte

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Lowry
arr. Cameron Rose

My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

Abigail Vives, soloist

America, the Beautiful

Samuel Ward
Katherine Lee Bates
arr. Mark Hayes/Cameron Rose

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!



*Thank you for joining us this
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CONCERT CHORALE PATRIOT SINGERS *

Soprano

Gamillah Andrews, *Biochemistry* *
Anna Bertino, *Music* *
Isabelle Harding, *Nursing* *
Victoria Hodges
Lucy Holden, *Music*
Abigail Vives, *Choral Music Education* *

Alto

Megan Bonner, *Communications* *
Caroline Cornell, *Music* *
Riley Forrester, *Communications*
Adreanne Fulgham, *Management* *
Erin Key, *Communications*
Michaela McDowell, *Choral Music Education* *
Claudia Quiroz, *Art* *
Piper Reid, *History* *
Taylor Stroud, *English* *
Allison Williams, *Biochemistry*

Tenor

Ethan McGlaun, *Management* *
Alex Sinette, *Choral Music Education* *

Bass

Joel Carnero, *Instrumental Music Performance* *
Cameron Furr, *Music Composition* *
Jayrin Johnson, *Psychology*
Joel Martin, *Information Technology*
Evan Moreau, *Biochemistry*
Jackson Shull, *Mass Communications* *

CANTORI CHORAL ARTISTS OF EAST TEXAS

Soprano

Rosie Davis
Sydney Moseley Darnell **
Susie Fergus
Lauren Fletcher **
Judy Googins
Holly Marsh
Taylor Martin **
Perla Santana **

Alto

Meghan Brems
Mary Claire Cornell **
Karen Ford
Valerie Huggler
Paula Kincaid **
Amber Wright **

Tenor

Douglas Brown
Nathan de Paz

Bass

Brian Brems
Dr. Gerald Bieritz
Alan Davis
Kensey Moseley Darnell **
Patrick Martin **
Shaune Martinez
Richard York

** UT Tyler Choral Alumni

Paul Gleiser owns and operates KTBB-FM (97.5 FM) and KTBB (600 AM) commercial radio stations serving the Tyler-Longview area. His 'Constitution Minute' and 'You Tell Me Texas' segments are heard throughout the region, and he frequently guest hosts on FOX Across America, a nationally syndicated show heard in 200 markets across the country. A member of the Executive Committee and past Chairman of the Texas Association of Broadcasters, he was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame in 2024.

Dr. Cameron Rose has served as the Director of Choral Activities at UT Tyler since 2008. In 2019 he founded Cantori for auditioned singers from the region at large. Previously he was founder and Music Director of the Utah Master Chorale, Assistant Conductor of the University of Utah Singers, and Assistant Conductor of the American West Symphony and Chorus. He also served in music administration with the Los Angeles Philharmonic / Hollywood Bowl.

REPERTOIRE 2025-2026

Concert Choral

Afton Water (Rutter)
At the River (Copland/Wilding-White)
America, the Beautiful (Hayes/Rose)
Ballade to the Moon (Elder)
Dormi Jesu (Burrows)
Down by the Sally Gardens (Rutter)
God So Loved the World (Chilcott)
Have You Seen the Newborn King (Johnson)
Here We Come A-Caroling (Adams)
How Can I Keep from Singing (Rose)
Hush (Dennard)
Hymn of Praise (Clausen)
I'm Gonna Sing! (Miller)
Jerusalem (Parry)
Let There Be Light (Courtney)
Long Time Ago (Copland/Fine)
O Can Ye Sew Cushions (Rutter)
Shenandoah (Erb)
Silent Night (Rose)
The Bold Grenadier (Rutter)
The Cuckoo (Rutter)
The Dodger (Copland/Brunner)
The Keel Row (Rutter)
The Miller of Dee (Rutter)
The Star Carol (Burt)
The Willow Tree (Rutter)
Variations on Simple Gifts (Copland/Conte)
Veni, veni Emmanuel (Chant)
What Child is This (Riese)
Willow Song (Rutter)
Zion's Walls (Copland/Koponen)

Patriot Singers

Bethlehem Down (Warlock)
Christ lag in Todesbanden chorale (Bach)
Cindy (Barnett)
Deep River (Spiritual)
Fight the Good Fight (Gardner)
God So Loved the World (Stainer)
Hallelu! (Paulus)
Homeward Bound (Althouse)
Jubilate Deo (Anglea)
Love Came Down at Christmas (Rutter)
Magnificat (Wood)
Miserere mei, Deus (Lotti)
My Country, 'Tis of Thee (Traditional)
Nelly Bly (Halloran)
Nunc dimittis (Wood)
Oh! Susanna (Hayes)
O Tannenbaum (Rutter/Rose)
Preces and Responses (Nearby)
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Allen)
Psalm 103 (Pye)
Sing Joyfully (Byrd)
Something Told the Wild Geese (Clatterbuck)
The Christmas Song (Shaw)
The Morning Trumpet (Richardson)
The Pasture (Stroope)
The Star-Spangled Banner (Rose)
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day (Gardner)
Treasures in Heaven (Clokey)
Were You There? (Trant)



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