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# A Message from our Executive Director

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Welcome to the fifth concert of our 2023-24 season, Glorious! We are delighted to be back performing in the beautiful Founders Hall auditorium and know you'll enjoy hearing the music of the Hershey Symphony, The Harrisburg Singers, Voices of the Valley, and soloist Julie Knott in this amazing venue.

For those of you who weren't at our last concert, the Hershey Symphony played at Founders Hall in 1971, 1975 and in 1993. We are pleased to return after three decades and provide a unique experience for our audience members and musicians. We are also happy to serve as Artists in Residency at Milton

Hershey School and look forward to partnering with the staff to enrich the lives of their students. You'll notice some amazing artwork on display in the rotunda to tie into our performance of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Please join us for the final concert of our season, *Treasured and Timeless*, on Friday, April 26, 2024 back at the Hershey Theatre. You can pick up tickets on our website or at the Symphony ticket table during intermission.

We also hope you'll join us for our Emerald Gala to end our season. The emerald is the symbol of the 55th anniversary. The event will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the Hershey Country Club from 4 to 7 p.m. The fundraiser will feature music from the Hershey Symphony Youth Orchestra, Festival Strings, plus a group of talented musicians from our symphony, and a special musical surprise. The event will include a silent auction with unique local experiences, jewelry, wine baskets, and other must-have items and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and a complimentary drink. A cash bar will also be available. Cocktail attire is suggested and guests are invited to wear something green to celebrate the symphony's emerald anniversary.

Thank you for your support and enjoy tonight's concert.

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# A Message from our Board President

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On behalf of the Hershey Symphony Orchestra, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome as we eagerly anticipate the extraordinary “Glorious.” This evening promises to be a musical celebration, as our symphony joins forces with two outstanding local choirs, The Harrisburg Singers and Voices of the Valley.

For tonight’s performance, the Symphony is honored to be back in the iconic Founders Hall, and express our heartfelt gratitude to Milton Hershey School for the continued partnership that allows us to bring such enriching experiences to our community.

Under the direction of our esteemed conductor, Maestro Greg Woodbridge, we invite you to immerse yourselves in the rich musical tapestry of Poulenc’s *Gloria* and the evocative landscapes of Mussorgsky’s *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Maestro Woodbridge’s guidance promises to bring these masterpieces to life, creating an unforgettable experience for each and every one of you.

Finally, we wish to extend our deepest appreciation to our dedicated sponsors and audience. Your unwavering support and enthusiastic presence add immeasurable value to our musical endeavors, enabling us to continue bringing the joy of symphonic music to the hearts of our community. Thank you for sharing what promises to be a memorable evening with us.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Yeagley'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

Jordan Yeagley, Esq.  
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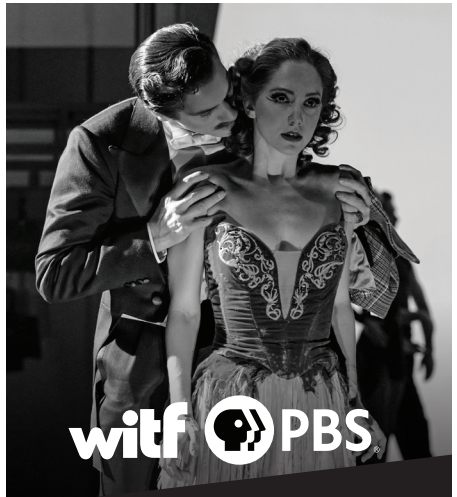
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# Maestro Gregory Woodbridge

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Gregory Woodbridge assumed the role of Music Director and Conductor for the Hershey Symphony in the spring of 2023 after captivating audiences as the principal guest conductor in previous seasons.

Currently celebrating his 11th season as the Associate Conductor of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, Maestro Woodbridge wears multiple musical hats. He not only guides the artistic endeavors of the orchestra but also leads the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra (HSYO) and serves as Director of Education for the Harrisburg Symphony.

A proud alumnus of Penn State University, Maestro Woodbridge honed his conducting skills under the tutelage of renowned mentors such as Michael Jinbo at the Pierre Monteux Conducting Institute, Leonid Korchmar at the Kirov Opera and St. Petersburg Conservatory, Ennio Nicotra (founder of the Ilya Musin Society), and received invaluable insights from Gustav Meier and JoAnn Falletta at the Conductor's Institute Richmond Symphony Masterclass.

Prior to his current roles, he served as a music educator for over 25 years. Maestro Woodbridge served as the Music Director and Conductor of Central Pennsylvania Symphony and various youth orchestras, including the Wednesday Club Youth Orchestra and the York Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Playing piano since age 7 and violin since age 9, Maestro Woodbridge has also conducted the York Symphony, PMEA Region IV-V State Orchestra Festival, Lebanon Valley College Community Orchestra, and the Messiah College Orchestra. His ability to evoke impassioned performances has garnered acclaim from orchestras spanning the spectrum, from student ensembles to seasoned professionals.

Maestro Woodbridge resides in Mechanicsburg, PA, with his wife Heather and their two children, Delaney and Liam. He is honored to serve the Hershey Symphony and help grow the orchestra after an exceptional first 55 years.

# Personnel for Today's Concert

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## ***Violin I***

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(*Principal*)  
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Priscilla Howard  
Erika Jafari  
Angela Lansinger  
Beth McLean  
Laurie Williamson  
Tiffany Young-Yanelli

## ***Violin II***

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(*Principal*)  
Chris Bradley  
Elizabeth Colpo  
Deanna Geiter  
Arlene Gibble  
Hannah Gorrell  
Emily Kiefer  
Jaci Verghese  
Sarah Wagner

## ***Viola***

Susan Hoffman  
(*Principal*)  
Kathy Becker  
Dolores Dillon  
Kim Elicker  
Christina Lacey  
Kate Lynagh  
Jonathan Rehrer  
Phillip Smith

## ***Cello***

Scott Kuntz  
(*Principal*)  
Allison Conrad  
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Susan Kenderdine  
Shirley Nolt  
Jennifer Reese  
Todd Rubey  
Michael Rusli  
Mara Thompson  
Wade Walburn  
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## ***Bass***

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(*Principal*)  
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## ***Flute***

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Jessica Kistler

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## ***English Horn***

Ann Kirby

## ***Clarinet***

Kelli Patko  
Mary Farris

## ***Bass Clarinet***

Andy Herring

## ***Tenor Saxophone***

Andy Herring

## ***Bassoon***

Ruth Barley  
Cynthia Reinecker

## ***Contrabassoon***

Reid Buffenmeyer

## ***Horn***

Don Daugherty  
Mindy Ross  
Al Stokes  
Theresa Swenson

## ***Trumpet***

Bill Black  
Gary Hoffman  
Ken Smeltz

## ***Trombone***

Paul Brettschneider  
Bruce Schaeffer  
Robert Warfield

## ***Tuba***

Nate Miscannon

## ***Timpani***

David Knott

## ***Percussion***

Krissy Badalucco  
Zach Deah  
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Galen Work

## ***Harp***

Alison Whipple

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- III. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis
- IV. Domine Fili unigenite
- V. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei
- VI. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris

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The Great Gate of Kiev



# The Harrisburg Singers

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## **Susan Solomon Beckley, Artistic Director**

Leading the group since 1995 as Artistic Director for The Harrisburg Singers, Susan Solomon Beckley plays an active role in Harrisburg's musical community. Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gettysburg College and a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from The Catholic University of America. She has studied voice extensively with Kermit Finstad of Gettysburg College, Raymond McGuire of Catholic University, Marlena Malas of The Metropolitan Opera, Fredric Popper of The Metropolitan Opera and The New York

City Opera, and with Michael Cordovana of The Washington Opera and The Dallas Opera.

Susan has won The Eastern Regional Competition of The National Association of Teachers of Singing, both in the Advanced Division and the Young Professional levels. She has also received the Young Alumni Achievement Award for Professional Development from Gettysburg College. A frequent recitalist and concert artist throughout the area, Susan has served as a soloist for many sacred works, sung leading roles with the Harrisburg Opera Association, Theatre Harrisburg and Music Gettysburg, and has performed as a soloist with the Harrisburg Choral Society. With her unique approach to vocal pedagogy, Susan is also in great demand as a teacher at her private studio in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

### *Soprano*

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Barbara Lewis  
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Marianne Moran  
Cal Savage  
Jennifer Sciacca  
Sheryl Simmons  
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# Voices of the Valley

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## **Gregg Mauroni, Artistic Director**

Gregg Mauroni has most recently served as adjunct professor at Penn State's University Park campus, honored to be the conductor of Essence of Joy, one of five choral ensembles in the Penn State School of Music. Mr. Mauroni's studies in Music Education have explored how participation in a choral ensemble has been shown to increase wellness, including physical, mental, and emotional wellnesses. Further areas of focus are maximizing expressivity in choral performance through conductor gesture and ensemble communication.

Mr. Mauroni is enjoying his 15th season as Artistic Director of the Harrisburg regional choir Voices of the Valley. As Music Director for musical theatre, he has conducted for Theatre Harrisburg, Open Stage of Harrisburg, and The Playhouse at Allenberry. He has held tenures at Central Dauphin East High School in Harrisburg, PA and Roxbury High School in Succasunna, NJ. He has served as the Assistant Director of Music and Arts at Monumental AME Church in Steelton, PA, and Director of Music for First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, NJ. He remains an invited accompanist, clinician, vocal coach, and commissioned arranger for many individual musicians and ensembles.

Gregg Mauroni, *Artistic Director*

Ruth Sweigart, *Pianist*

Carol Anderson, *Assistant Director*

Anthony Barr

Jon Bernhard

Amy Boeshore

Sarah Bower

Grace Dietz

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Steven Flom

Brett Foltz

Deb Gargiulo

Deb Hartley

Janet Hitz

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# Julie Knott

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Julie is excited to make her debut with the Hershey Symphony. She is a senior vocal performance major at Messiah University studying with esteemed bass, Damian Savarino.

Julie was most recently seen with the West Shore Symphony earlier in March as the soprano soloist in Orff's *Carmina Burana* and debuted with WSSO in 2022 as the soloist in "A Real Slow Drag," from Scott Joplin's *Treemonisha*. Julie has been very active in the Messiah University Music Department, delivering numerous opera roles, 4 solo voice recitals, performing as an active member of the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, and was recently featured as the soprano soloist for Luigi Zaninelli's 3 American Hymns, with the Messiah University Wind Ensemble.

Julie serves as the resident soprano at St. Lawrence Latin Mass Parish in Harrisburg, directed by Paul Thomas May and is currently auditioning for graduate programs in pursuit of a master's degree in Voice Performance. Julie would like to thank her family, friends, and professors for their continued support.

## ***Young Artists Competition Winner Coming Soon!***

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### ***About the Cagnolis***

William and Ruth Cagnoli founded Cagnoli Music, offering instrument sales, repairs and more to musicians of all ages in Central Pennsylvania. The Cagnolis also owned and operated Marty's Music in Lebanon for many years. A professional woodwind player in the region, William Cagnoli was also one of the early founders of The Hershey Symphony Orchestra and conducted the musicians on several occasions. Allan Cagnoli, their son, is honored to provide the one-thousand dollar award for the Hershey Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition winner, in memory of his parents, who deeply loved music, education, and their community.





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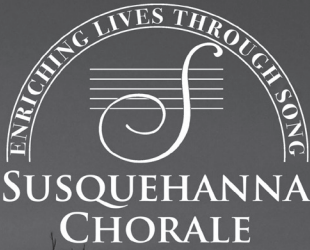
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