

Kennesaw State University
Upcoming Music Events

Sunday, December 2, 2007
Kennesaw State University
Gospel Choir

5:00 pm • Bailey Performance Center Concert Hall



Department of Music

presents

Kennesaw State University

Choral Ensembles Holiday Program

Dr. Leslie J. Blackwell, conductor
Sherri Barrett, accompanist

Thursday, November 29, 2007
8:00 pm

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Twenty-third concert of the 2007-2008 season

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PROGRAM

KSU Combined Choirs and Brass

Choral Fanfare
Personent Hodie

Gustav Holst

KSU Chorale

Masters In This Hall

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Carol of The Bells

arr. Peter Wilhousky

Gloria
from *Missa Kenya*

Paul Basler

Andrew Burgess and Kevin O. White*, soloists*

Sherri Barrett
Accompanist

Sherri N. Barrett received her bachelor's degree in piano performance from the University of Michigan and her master's degree in piano performance from the University of Tennessee. She studied with Eugene Mancini of the Cleveland Institute of Music and Arthur Rivituso from the Juilliard School of Music. Mrs. Barrett is an active soloist, accompanist, and teacher in the Atlanta area.

* KSU Alumni

Leslie J. Blackwell

Director of Choral Activities

Dr. Blackwell is the director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music and Music Education at Kennesaw State University where she has taught since 1998. Dr. Blackwell's duties include conducting the choral ensembles; KSU Chorale, KSU Women's Ensemble, KSU Men's Ensemble, and KSU Chamber Singers; teaching choral conducting, choral literature, and supervising student teachers. Under Dr. Blackwell's baton, her choirs have performed master works including the requiems of Fauré, Duruflé and Mozart, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Rome Symphony Orchestra, Brahms's Requiem, Rutter's Gloria, and Handel's Messiah with the Cobb Symphony Orchestra. The Kennesaw State University Chamber Singers performed at the 2002 and 2006 Georgia Music Educators Association State Convention. Also, Dr. Blackwell lectured at the annual GMEA In-Service in Savannah, Georgia in January 2007 along with the KSU Men's Ensemble. The lecture was entitled "Men: Can't live with them, Can't sing without them!" The Kennesaw State University Chamber Singers are scheduled to perform at the closing concert of GMEA in January 2008.

Dr. Blackwell received a Chancellor's Award in May 2007 to study Latin American Choral music in Salta, Argentina. Dr. Blackwell studied with Luis Benavidez and Julio Cesar Reynaga, director of *del Coro Gaudium* and renowned arranger of Latin American Choral music in Argentina. She returns to Argentina in May 2008 as conductor of *del Coro Festival Internacional*. April 1, 2008 the KSU Chamber Singers with guitarist, Mary Akerman and percussionist, John Lawless will perform a lecture recital featuring the music of South America.

As Artistic Director of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, the chorus was selected to perform for the American Choral Directors Association State Convention at Spivey Hall, which preceded their appearance at the International GALA Festival in Montreal, Canada. The AGMC was featured on "The Atlanta Music Scene" broadcast for WABE 90.1 public radio and released recordings "A Real Family Holiday" and "Live at the Cathedral".

Dr. Blackwell earned her A.D. from Gordon College and her B.M. in music education from West Georgia College. She also holds a M.M. from Georgia State University and a D.M.A. from the University of Kentucky. Influential musicians with whom she has worked are Robert Shaw, Ann Howard Jones, Yoel Levi, David Maslanka, Rodney Eichenberger, and Jefferson Johnson.

During her twenty years as a music educator in Georgia, Dr. Blackwell taught seven years at McIntosh High School in Peachtree City, where her Chamber and Women's choirs performed, respectively, at the 1992 and 1994 Georgia Music Educators Association State Conventions. McIntosh Chamber Choir was selected to sing at the American Choral Director's Association Southern Division Convention in 1996.

In 2007 Dr Blackwell, the founding director of the newly formed Kennesaw State University Community Alumni Choir, began its inaugural season with membership reaching nearly 100 voices. In addition to her commitments at Kennesaw State University, Dr. Blackwell is currently Minister of Music at Haygood Memorial United Methodist Church. She is also active as a conductor, clinician and adjudicator in the southeast, and holds memberships in MENC, GMEA, and ACDA.

KSU Chamber Men

Goin' to Bethlehem

Jay Althouse

KSU Chamber Singers

Gloria

from *Christmas Cantata*

Daniel Pinkham

The First Noel

arr. Rhonda Polay

Glory Hallelujah To The New Born King

arr. Mark Butler

Clay Mooney, soloist

KSU Combined Choirs

Hallelujah

from *Messiah*

George Handel

Kennesaw State University Chorale

Soprano

Karen Chumat
Barbara Cramer-Reed
Maggie Crossett
Andrea Ducas
Christen Engels
Erin Gallagher
Katie Good
Helen Hernandez
Judy Jascomb
Rosalie Masoero
Hayley McCloud
Katie McCollum
Maria McDonald
Marina Orbidan
Kristen Pacitti
Rabeya Rahmatullah
Tsuey Wei Seah
Stephanie Slaughter
Julie Turner
Alison Webster
Sarah Wellman
Emily Wysocki

Alto

Erin Bell
Flavia Bitussi
Amanda Bocchi
Julie Cross
Brittany Cupp
Emily Helf
Greta Henry
Cristina Hernandez
Aliya Hutcheson
Yuiko Ishida
Deborah Kellett
Jennifer Richards
Gabrielle Robinson
Kylee Rutledge
Michelle Slifcak
Jasmine Thompson
Jackie Tudor
Kim Vandenberg
Jessica Washington
Sarah Winograd

Tenor

Vincent Brooks
David Carlisle
Jay Caudle
Gerald Ducas
Chris Ellis
Steven Hickerson
Steve McCullough
Jay Moss
Cody Nichols

Bass

Reid Atcheson
Neil Calvin
Brett Carson
Alex Carstens
Stephen Chamblee
Nick Davidow
Jeremy Hay
Ben Heller
Brett Kelly
Paul McCarthy
Christopher Mills
David Newman
Jim Sadler
Preston Shinall
Otto Stoy III
Jared Strawn
John Wesely

Kennesaw State University Chamber Singers

Soprano

Kristen Brent
Melody Hauschild
Laura Hettinger
Amy Hoelscher
Lauren Larson
Jenn Mack
Amanda Newton

Alto

Rachael Alexander
Stephanie Daniels
Rachel Espenshied
Sarah Heagy
Dileesa Hunter
Whitney Mawer
Leanne Smith
Leigh Sumruld

Tenor

Michael Alcorn
Joshua Lawson Reiff
Michael Sperr
Zachary Strickland
Jonathon Warthman
John White

Bass

Shawn Keswani
William Massie
Mark Miller
Clay Mooney
Gregory Poirier
Jason Royal
William Scott Walters
Christopher Weaver

Kennesaw State University Brass Choir

Danny Evans, Lee Rutledge, Mark Walther, Graham Watt, trumpets;
Robert Hays, Mike Ishmael, Ryan Payne, Crystal Penland, trombones;
Vince Jackson, tuba

Brass transcription on the Personent Hodie, Gustav Holst by Andrea Ducas.