

TRUENORTH CULTURAL ARTS
CHORALE AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

present

Let the Stable Still Astonish

Christmas Concert 2024

★ *featuring* ★

Christmas Concerto

(Concerto grosso in G minor, Op. 6, No 8 Arcangelo Corelli)

Randol-Alan-Bass' Gloria

Dan Forrest and Mack Wilberg Carols

Saturday, December 21 at 7:30 PM

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

32340 Electric Blvd.

Open admission - Free will offering

Good evening and welcome!

Christmas ... my favorite time of the year! Thank you for joining us as we present glorious Christmas music in celebrating the season.

There are numerous thanks I need to cover ...

First, I have been Director of Music and Arts Ministries at **Avon Lake Presbyterian Church** (ALPC) for the past 4 ½ years, a partnership I value. It is an honor to welcome all of you into our home and for ALPC to host this evening's concert. ALPC's new pastor, **Kristian Bendoraitis**, began in November. I am excited for you to meet him this evening and I thank him for the support in this concert and in ministry. I would like to thank **Bay Presbyterian Church** for the use of our harpsichord this evening as well as **Bay United Methodist Church** who serves as our rehearsal home throughout the year on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

ALPC's Media Team has been my right hand throughout the past week, truly going the extra mile day in and day out ... thank you to each ... Mike Ciarrone, Jay Knox (designer), Elizabeth Shoemaker (projection), and Gary Uhl. It is a joy to serve in ministry with each of you ... thank you.

Equity actors and personal friends, **Maryann Nagel Violand and Greg Violand**, are serving once again as our narrators. Always a pleasure ... thank you!

Kathryn Bates is serving tonight as our Concert Master, this is her first time in serving in this role for TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra. Thank you. I am excited tonight for you to hear our string section performing Arcangelo Corelli's ***Christmas Concerto - Concerto grosso in G minor, Op. 6, No. 8***, with solo violinists **Kathryn Bates and Jim Parry**, and cellist **Jordan Alegant!**

Tonight we will experience beautiful Christmas Carols arranged by Dan Forrest and Mack Wilberg; in addition we have included a Kevin Oldham arrangement of ***Silent Night*** featuring Soprano Janine Porter, flutist Cathy Graves and harpist Susan Wrbanek, a sensitive, almost restrained ethereal rendering with simplicity poignant clarity ... enjoy! My personal favorite and highlight of the evening is Dan Forrest's ***Let the Stable Still Astonish***, which is also the title of this year's concert, featuring soprano **Misty Sinclair**, cellist **Joan Wojcicki Fortney**, and actress **Maryann Nagel Violand**. **Calligrapher artist Timothy Botts** has been TrueNorth's guest in the past being featured as a performing visual artist as we performed one year Handel's

Messiah and another year as we performed Haydn's **Creation**. I called Tim to see if he could be our guest tonight, unfortunately, being the Christmas season and living in Chicago, he was not able to make it ... however, when I shared with him my vision for this evening he was inspired by the text and music and thus I commissioned him to create artwork for tonight's performance of **Let the Stable Still Astonish**. The art will be projected on the wall / screen during the performance and the original is framed and presented on an easel on tonight's stage. Full disclosure ... I personally commissioned this and using it as one of my Christmas gifts to my wife ... so ... guess she gets to open one of her gifts a few days early ... Merry Christmas Joan!

I am so blessed to be able to do what I love to do with such a great community through the people you see tonight on this stage and those supporting us behind the scenes ... my thanks to each. Thank you also to all of you ... we cannot do what we do without your support and participation by attending our concerts ... thank you for your patronage. Have a wonderful Holiday season ... Merry Christmas!

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Rick Fortney

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TrueNorth 2024 Christmas Concert ***Let the Stable Still Astonish***

Rick Fortney, Artistic Director / Conductor

Maryann Nagel Violand and Greg Violand, Narrators

Kathryn Bates, Concert Master

Welcome

Pastor Kristian Bendoraitis
Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

- There is Faint Music*** Dan Forrest
- Let the Stable Still Astonish*** Dan Forrest
Maryann Nagel Violand, Narrator / Misty Sinclair, soprano /
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello
- In the Bleak Midwinter (CRANHAM)*** Gustav Holst
Arr. Dan Forrest
- Silent Night (STILLE NACHT)*** Franz Gruber
Arr. Dan Forrest
- The Work of Christmas*** Dan Forrest
- Silent Night*** Franz Gruber
Taken from **Three Carols, Opus 20** Arr. Kevin Oldham
Janine Porter, soprano / Cathy Graves, flute / Susan Wrbanek, harp
- Concerto Grosso in G minor*** Arcangelo Corelli
Op. 6, No. 8 (Christmas Concerto)
Kathryn Bates, violin / James Parry, violin / Jordan Alegant, cello

I. Vivace - Grave

II. Allegro

III. Adagio - Allegro - Adagio

IV. Vivace

V. Allegro

VI. Pastorale ad libitum: Largo

Gloria!

Randol Alan Bass

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae
voluntatis.

Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace to all those of
of good will.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.

We praise Thee. We bless Thee.
We worship Thee. We glorify Thee.
We give thanks to Thee
according to Thy great glory.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis.
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.

Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten
Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Jesu, Filius Patris.
Christe, Filius Patris.

Lord God, Lamb of God,
Jesus, Son of the Father.
Christ, Son of the Father.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
Miserere nobis, Jesu.

Who takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us.
Who takest away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer.
Who sittest at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy upon us, Jesus.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus,
Jesu Christe
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
In gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

For Thou alone art holy.
Thou alone art the Lord.
Thou alone art the most high,
Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Night Before Christmas

Randol Alan Bass

Greg Violand, storyteller

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Love Offering to help defray the costs of tonight's concert. TrueNorth Cultural Arts relies on your support which enables us to present this concert season with free admission.

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***Checks please make out to TrueNorth Cultural Arts
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Sleigh Ride!

Leroy Anderson

Away in a Manger

William J. Kirkpatrick
Arranged by Mack Wilberg

What Shall We Give?

Catalonian Carol
Arranged by Mack Wilberg

***O Come, All Ye Faithful
(ADESTE FIDELES)***

John Francis Wade
Arranged by Mack Wilberg

***The First Nowell
(THE FIRST NOEL)***

Traditional English Carol
Arranged by Mack Wilberg

***Joy to the World!
(ANTIOCH)***

George Frederick Handel /
Lowell Mason
Arranged by Mack Wilberg

**The TrueNorth Chorale
Rick Fortney, Director
Doug Day and Ruth Williams, accompanists**

Soprano I

Cathy Harvey

Janine Porter,

Section Leader

Misty Sinclair

Soprano II

Jean Collins

Caron Collister

Susan Wertenberger

Tenor

Dave Brunner

Lynn Rhoades

Bass

Doug Day

Samuel Hylton

George Parry

Dave Weaver

Alto I

Marilyn Decker

Sandi Gerhan

Diane Seith

Julie Spencer

Adrienne Terleck

Alto II

Michele Gehring

Barb Graves

Nancy Spencer

Ruth Williams

Barb Ziegler

TrueNorth Music

Librarian

Nancy Spencer

The TrueNorth Chorale sings a wide range of literature ranging from the masters to the contemporary, sacred and secular, musical theatre and patriotic.

The TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra

Rick Fortney, Conductor

Kathryn Bates, Concert Master

Violin I

*Kathryn Bates,
Concert Master
Diane Spence

Violin II

Ingrid Askenbeck
Sanjana Chiravuri
*James Parry
Jan Schrag

Viola

*Jacob Campbell
Marilyn Eble
Bob Krivos

Cello

Jordan Alegant
*Joan Wojcicki Fortney
(Bob and Mary Lou Fortney Chair)
Kim Taylor

Flute

Cathy Graves
*Susan Richardson

Oboe

Jamil Halabi
Van Hocevar (English Horn)
*Kim Weaver

Clarinet

*Fermin Quiñones-
Villanueva

Bassoon

Jacob Campbell
*Kate Vormelker

French Horn

*Melinda Kellerstrass
Lisa Kaye Muth

String Bass

*Don Day

Harp

*Susan Wrbanek

Percussion

*Jill Cornell

Sharon Dixon

Anna Sawyer

Chamber Orchestra Manager

Joan Wojcicki Fortney

Chamber Orchestra Music

Librarian - Diane Spence

Trumpet

*Ty Hansen

John Wrbanek

Trombone

Doug Day

*John Olsson

Piano

Doug Day

Ruth Williams

Organ

Ruth Williams

***Principal**

The TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra collaborates with the TrueNorth Chorale and other soloists with multiple concerts throughout the year. The Chamber Orchestra presents a wide array of programs primarily focused on classical music, but many performances each year offer very unique programming. The Chorale and Chamber Orchestra have produced and hosted concerts to raise awareness and funds for various causes throughout the

years, such as cancer awareness, hunger, and various national crisis events honoring our fallen heroes and supporting those who suffer.

Special Thanks to:

Usher/Greeters

Bill and Cathy Hamilton
Teresa Hoenig
Sybil Mundy
Janet Parker
Anita Cheriyan

Media Team / AV Tech

Mike Ciarrone
Jay Knox (designer)
Elizabeth Shoemaker (projection)
Gary Uhl

Parking Lot Greeters

Mike Ciarrone
Craig Shoemaker
Gary Uhl

Setup

Kristian Bendoraitis
Mike Ciarrone
Jay Knox
Connor Meek
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RICK FORTNEY, Artistic Director / Conductor, is the Founder and



Executive Director of TrueNorth Cultural Arts and is also the Director of Music and Arts Ministries at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. He previously served as the Founder and the Artistic Director to the French Creek Theatre and Cultural Arts Manager for the Lorain County Metro Parks; Director of Choral

Activities at Cleveland's John Marshall High School, 2000 – 2008, and Director of Worship Ministries / Minister of Music at Bay Presbyterian Church in Bay Village (1990 – 1999). His professional singing resume includes performances with New York Choral Artists, Musica Sacra, Trevor Pinnock's Classical Band Chorus, The New York Concert Singers, The Juilliard Singers, The National Chorale, The David Dussing Singers, and featured Soloist within the Calvary Baptist Chamber Concert Series. Theatrically he was Spirit McCoy in the Hatfield's and McCoy's in Beckley, West Virginia outdoor theatre; worked with American Entertainment, singing at Convention Shows, State Fairs and Cruise Ships for a number of years; and was in the opera chorus for three seasons with Director Peter Sellers while living in New York City. Rick is an active chorister with The Canterbury Singers, USA having sung several choral residencies at Cathedrals throughout England. Mr. Fortney received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts Degrees from Bowling Green State University.

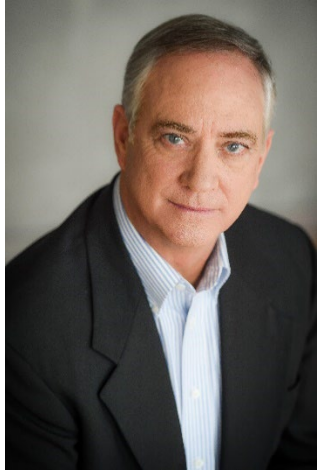
Maryann Nagel Violand is a full-time professional actor



working across the country on stage, in film, radio and TV. Currently she can be seen in the films THE BEACH HOUSE, FALSE GODS, THE RUSSIAN BRIDE, THE ASSASIN'S CODE, MY FRIEND DAHMER, MY BLIND BROTHER, FINDING LOVE IN VALENTINE, OLD

FASHIONED, INTO THE STORM, TAKE SHELTER, THE YANK, THE UMBRELLA MAN, CLOWN TOWN, WELCOME TO COLLINWOOD, DINNER IN AMERICA and more. Ms. Nagel has worked alongside, HAL HOLBROOK, GEORGE CLOONEY, MICHAEL SHANNON, JESSICA CHASTAIN, ADAM SCOTT, JENNIE SLATE, NICK KROL, ROBIN THOMAS, SAM ROCKWELL, FRED WILLARD, CORBIN BERNSEN, ROSS LYNCH and others. While living in Los Angeles Maryann worked in episodic series. Ms. Nagel is a voice actor for Fortune 500 companies such as GALLO WINES, GENERAL TIRE, GOODYEAR, BP OIL, YOUR STORY HOUR – BOOKS ON TAPE, CHICAGO SYMPHONY, CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA, PITTSBURGH OPERA, EATON CORPORATION, SHERWIN WILLIAMS, AMERICAN GREETINGS and more. CURRENTLY SHE IS WORKING FOR DISNEY MUSICALS IN SCHOOLS, TEACHES/COACHES ACTING, PRODUCES EVENTS AND DIRECTS THEATRICAL SHOWS.

Gregory M. Violand carries an MFA from Kent State



University, and a BS Ed. from Bowling Green State University. He has been a professional stage actor (AEA member) for over 40 years, most of those in Northeast Ohio. He has appeared either onstage or directed at The Cleveland Play House, Great Lakes Theatre,

Playhouse Square, Cain Park, Dobama, Beck Center, Actor's Summit, Ensemble, Cleveland Opera, Cleveland Lyric Opera, JCC Halle, CSU Summer Stages, TrueNorth Cultural Arts, Porthouse Theatre, Lakeland Civic Theater, The Eldrid Theater, French Creek Theater and other venues including the Virginia Musical Theater and Metro Stage in Washington DC. He also makes his living as a professional actor (SAG-AFTRA member) performing in radio and television commercials, industrial films and the occasional movie and has worked alongside such notables as Hal Holbrook, Delroy Lindo, Kelly McGillis, Katherine Heigl, Kyle Chandler, Cate Blanchett, Tim Robbins and Mark Ruffalo to name a few. To view his list of film & tv credits see (Greg Violand, IMDB) He is semi-retired but still manages to teach adjunct at Lakeland Community College.

TrueNorth Cultural Arts is located at 33467 Lake Road, Suite 208 in Avon Lake. We offer **private music lessons** on piano, voice, strings, brass, and woodwind instruments.

Our large Ensembles rehearse at Bay United Methodist Church. Membership in both ensembles is open to all high school students and above. The Chorale rehearses on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Chamber Orchestra rehearses on Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m.



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*Transforming lives through engagement in the arts
Where art meets community*

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arts; and to envision and encourage communities where creative arts and art appreciation flourish.

TrueNorth accomplishes its mission and vision, while fostering these shared values-inclusiveness, community-responsiveness, integrity in operations, and advocacy of the creative arts.

TrueNorth Cultural Arts Purpose Statement:

To transform lives through engagement in the arts by:

- Encouraging multi-disciplinary art forms and their integration
- Educating, equipping, and empowering artists and audiences
- Celebrating the gifts of the novice through the professional
- Fostering mentoring relationships
- Developing new works, artists, and expressions
- Collaborating with other arts organizations
- Being a safe, respectful, faith-encouraging arts community
- Expecting excellence in all things

As a result: We enrich and strengthen our communities with our presence.



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Joy
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✧ Avon Lake
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Christmas Eve Worship

4:30 PM **Noisy Christmas Family Service**
PJ's encouraged at this fun, shortened service!

9:00 PM **Candlelight Service** ✧ ✧ ✧

Everyone Welcome! ✧

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