



TRUENORTH PRE-SPRING CONCERT OF LIGHT



Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 pm
Avon Lake Presbyterian Church
32340 Electric Blvd Avon Lake, OH 44012

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RICK FORTNEY

TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra
~ Vivaldi ~

Concerto in DO Maggiore
featuring oboist Meredith Bradley and Kim Weaver

Concerto in D Major
featuring violinists Kathryn Bates and Jim Parry
and cellists Jordan Alegant and Joan Wojcicki Fortney

TrueNorth Chorale and Chamber Orchestra

~ Lauridsen ~

Lux Aeterna Morten Lauridsen
Choral cycle referencing to "Light," assembled from various sacred Latin texts

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Thank you for joining us this evening ...

Tonight's program features our chamber orchestra performing two concertos of Vivaldi featuring Kathryn Bates, Jim Parry, Jordan Alegant, and Joan Wojcicki Fortney, in a String Concerto in D Major; and Kim Weaver and Meredith Bradley in an Oboe Concerto in Do Maggiore. We are so pleased to welcome Andy Peng this evening who will be sharing Bach's Partita No. 2 in D minor, Allemande.

The Chorale will be singing two Lauridsen's pieces ... two of my personal favorites ... enjoy! Each of the five connected movements in Lux Aeterna contains references to "Light," assembled from various sacred Latin texts; ***what better time to sing this than as we transition into spring!***

I would like to thank Bay United Methodist Church for serving as our home for rehearsals each week, truly a service to our community ... thank you.

I would also like to thank Avon Lake Presbyterian Church in hosting tonight's Concert.

We hope you will join us for the remainder of our 2024 - 2025 season, mark your calendars!

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Holy Week 2025

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TrueNorth 2025 Pre-Spring Concert *Concert of Light!*

Rick Fortney, Artistic Director / Conductor

Marci Alegant, Assistant Director

Maryann Nagel Violand and Greg Violand, Narrators

Kathryn Bates, Concert Master

Sure on This Shining Night
from **Nocturnes**

Morten Lauridsen

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade shadows round
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground
The late year lies down the north
All is healed, all is health
High summer holds the earth
Hearts all whole

Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
Wandering far alone
Of shadows on the stars

James Agee

**Concerto in D Major RV 564
for 2 Violins/2 Cellos**

Antonio Vivaldi

featuring violinists Kathryn Bates & James Parry
and Cellists Jordan Alegant & Joan Wojcicki Fortney

Concerto in DO Maggiore F. VII no 3

Antonio Vivaldi

featuring Meredith Bradley and Kim Weaver, Oboe

**Partita No. 2 in D Minor
for Unaccompanied Violin
first movement, Allemande**

J.S. Bach

featuring violinist, Andy Peng

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support which enables us to present this concert season with free admission.

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We thank you for your continued support which enables our Chorale and Chamber Orchestra to continue serving Northeast Ohio through the Arts.

*(Checks please make out to TrueNorth Cultural Arts
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Lux Aeterna

Morten Lauridsen

Introitus

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them.
You are praised, God, in Zion,
And homage will be paid to you
in Jerusalem:
Hear my prayer,
To you all flesh will come.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them.

In Te, Domine, Speravi

Thou, having delivered mankind,
did not disdain the Virgin's womb.
Thou overcame the sting of death
and opened to believers the kingdom of heaven.
A light has risen in the darkness for the upright.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
have mercy on us.
Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord,
for we have hoped in thee.
In thee, O Lord, I have trusted:
let me never be confounded.

O Nata Lux

O born light of light,
Jesus redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worthy and accept
praises and prayers from your supplicants.
Who once was clothed in the flesh
for those who are lost.
Allow us to become members of
your holy body.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit,
And send from heaven
Your ray of light.
Come, Father of the poor,
Come, giver of gifts,
Come, light of hearts.
The best of Consolers,
Sweet guest of the soul,
Sweet refreshment.
In labor, thou art rest,
In heat, thou art the tempering,
In grief, thou art the consolation.
O light most blessed,
Fill the inmost heart
Of all thy faithful.
Without your grace,
There is nothing in us,
Nothing that is not harmful.
Cleanse what is dirty,
Moisten what is dry,
Heal what is hurt.
Flex what is rigid,
Heat what is frigid,
Correct what goes astray.
Grant to thy faithful,
Those that trust in thee,

Thy sacred seven-fold gifts.
Grant the reward of virtue,
Grant the deliverance of salvation,
Grant joy everlasting.

Agnus Dei – Lux Aeterna

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest forever.

May eternal light shine on them, Lord,
as with your saints in eternity,
because you are merciful.

Grant them eternal rest, Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them,
Alleluia. Amen.



The TrueNorth Chorale
Rick Fortney, Director
Marci Alegant, Assistant Director
Brian Alegant, accompanist

Soprano

Marci Alegant
Jean Collins
Caron Collister
Holly Herrick
Janine Porter
Dallas Stark
Susan Wertenberger

Bass

Brian Alegant
Rob Grant
Ted Kuhnen
George Parry
Dave Weaver

Alto

Marilyn Decker
Michele Gehring
Sandi Gerhan
Sybil Mundy
Diane Seith
Nancy Spencer
Adrienne Terleck
Ruth Williams
Barb Ziegler

Tenor

Dave Brunner
Stephanie Grant
Lynn Rhoades

**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
Andy Peng

Violin II

Ingrid Askenbeck
Cameron Chan
*James Parry
Diane Spence

Viola

*Jacob Campbell
Marilyn Eble
Kaitlyn King

Cello

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

Bass

*Drew Postel

Flute

Susan Wrbanek

Oboe

*Meredith Bradley
Kim Weaver

Clarinet

*Lily Vandenberg

Bassoon

*Jacob Campbell

French Horn

*Melinda Kellerstrass
Lisa Kaye Muth

Trombone

*Doug Day

Harpsichord

*Brian Alegant

*** Principal**

Chamber Orchestra Manager

Joan Wojcicki Fortney

Chamber Orchestra Music Librarian

Diane Spence

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.

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Meredith Bradley, oboe



Meredith is very busy with oboe and English horn these days, especially in northeast Ohio. She especially enjoys playing in the Cleveland Repertory the Video Game Symphony, the Cinematic Symphony, and of course TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra. Tonight's duo with Kim is a great collaboration for two great friends!

Kim Weaver, oboe



Kim attended LCCC and Cleveland State University. She began performing at the age of 13 in a wedding band in which she sang and played sax, clarinet, guitar, and bass. She left this band in 1995. She is a retired surgical nurse, and the mother of 3 grown children and has 6 grandchildren. She started playing oboe and English horn in 2001. She currently studies with Danna Sundet. In addition to the LCCC Orchestra, she currently performs with the LCCC Wind Ensemble, the Patriot Symphonic Winds, True North Orchestra, and various small ensembles. She has also performed in the past with Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, Parma Symphony, Oberlin College Symphonic Winds (under Dr. John Knight), and the Hermit Club Orchestra.



Kathryn Bates, violin

Kathryn Bates (Kate) grew up in a musical family, playing piano, violin, guitar, and singing from a young age. In 2009, Kate graduated magna cum laude from Bowling Green State University with a degree in Music Education, where she studied violin with Vasile Beluska on music and academic scholarship.

Since then, Kate has become involved in the music therapy community through post-baccalaureate course work at Baldwin Wallace University and was a founding member of the board of directors for In Harmony Therapeutic Services, a non-profit music therapy organization which she currently serves as board president.

Kate has been teaching violin and piano lessons for over 20 years. She is an active violinist, playing professionally and in community orchestras across the area. Ever on a path of growth, she is currently studying violin with Dr. Julian Ross. She lives and teaches in Elyria(Lorain) with her husband, Aaron, and their four children.



James Parry, violin

James Parry is a private strings teacher in the greater Cleveland area, as well as a sometime freelance editor and writer. He has been involved in the True North orchestra since its founding.



Jordan Alegant, cello

Jordan Alegant is a multi-instrumentalist and songwriter currently based in the northeast Ohio area.

Jordan began taking cello lessons at an early age and rapidly fell in love with the instrument; playing in the Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra and even attending Interlochen for a few summers! However, his interests shifted to electric bass in high school, so he set the cello down, moved to Boston, and earned degrees in Electric Bass Performance and Electronic Production and Design from Berklee College of Music.

After graduation, Jordan worked for a decade as a recording and gigging musician all around New England before heading back to Ohio, all the while adding songwriting, vocals, and guitar to his arsenal before rediscovering cello once again! Jordan currently resides in Sheffield Lake with his wife Brittney and their children Faye, Mia, and Milo.

Recently, Jordan has performed as a soloist and section leader with the LCCC Civic Orchestra, True North Cultural Arts, and various other groups in the Northeast-Ohio area. He also teaches bass, cello, guitar, and audio production through Rock Town Music Academy in Lorain, Ohio.



Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello

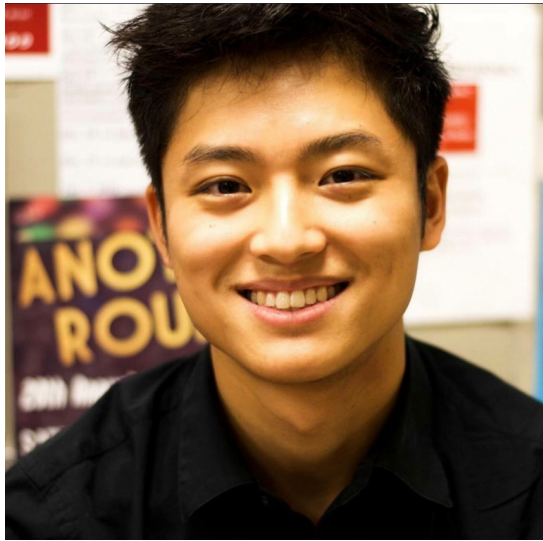
Joan began her musical journey first on clarinet and flute, until finally deciding on the oboe in high school. She earned her Bachelor degree in Music Performance from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her Master degree in Music Performance from Kent State University, where she held a graduate assistantship and taught a methods class for undergraduate education majors.

After a pause in her music career, she returned to learn the cello in 2011 and found a new love! Studying with esteemed professionals in the area, she embraced solo, chamber, and orchestral music from a fresh perspective.

Joan has been an active member of several community orchestras in the area including the TrueNorth Chamber Orchestra, LCCC Community Orchestra, Heights Chamber Orchestra and Symphony West

Orchestra. Joan also performed with the Ohio City Cello Choir, as well as various recitals in the area. Joan loves chamber music and holds a deep appreciation for Romantic-era repertoire.

When not participating in music, Joan works as a Full Stack Software Developer at the Cleveland Guardians Baseball team. She and her husband Rick enjoy spending time at their campground in Marblehead, OH.



Andy Peng, violin

Praised by The Daily Campus for his “incredibly deep feeling and resonance”, violinist Andy Peng is building a promising career as recitalist, chamber musician, and music educator. A native of Cleveland, Andy received his Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Master of Music degree from the Yale School of Music, and is currently pursuing his Doctorate at the University of Connecticut under the tutelage of Dr. Solomiya Ivakhiv. An experienced chamber and orchestral musician, Andy has performed across North America and Europe under acclaimed conductors including Peter Oundjian, Carl Topilow, and James Feddeck. With a passion for new music, Andy frequently programs recently written

works, and has worked closely with composer Alishan Gezgin - a collaboration with whom led to the premiere of a new piano trio, performed in March 2018. Andy currently serves on faculty for violin and viola at Eastern Connecticut State University and as teaching artist for The Orchestra Program at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland School of the Arts, and The Crescendo Orchestra Program.



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

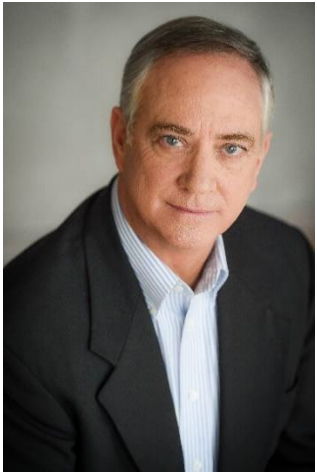
Soloist within the Calvary Baptist Chamber Concert Series. Theatrically he was Spirit McCoy in the Hatfield's and McCoy's in Beckley, West Virginia outdoor theatre; worked with American Entertainment, singing at Convention Shows, State Fairs and Cruise Ships for a number of years; and was in the opera 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.

Narrators



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.

The TrueNorth 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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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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