

Illuminati

Celestial Springs



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Jordan Saul (she/her)

Illuminati Artistic Director

Conductor, educator and mezzo-soprano Jordan Saul demonstrates compassionate rigor and social relevance in teaching and engaged programming in performance. As a conductor, Saul emphasizes musical and personal skill building through programming by prioritizing historically underrepresented voices. An advocate of new music, Saul develops performance opportunities for student composers, and magnifies works by women and women of color. Collaborating with artists of diverse media and experience provides rich opportunity for meaningful, lasting impact. Saul has produced programs with the Spelman Glee club, composer B. E. Boykin, former papal organist Sandor Kadar, the band Delta Rae, Project Runway All-Stars alumna Valerie Mayen, and many community and business partners. She teaches clinics, master classes and honor choirs throughout the United States.

As a mezzo-soprano, Saul has been privileged to sing under the batons of Alan Gilbert, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Daniel Barenboim, Gustavo Dudamel, Ese-Pekka Solonen and Simon Rattle. Such musical perspectives honed in Saul the unwavering belief that pathways to mountaintop musical experiences ought not be reserved for a few, but made accessible to larger communities of people.

At The Ohio State University, she serves as professor of practice for Choral Music Education, conducts the Women's Glee Club, Lab Choir, and advises student organizations and student teachers. Prior to joining the Ohio State School of Music faculty, she was associate director of choral activities and professor of music education at the Conservatory of Music at Baldwin Wallace University. Saul holds degrees from the University of Arizona and Westminster Choir College.



Matthew P. Downing (he/him)

Illuminati Accompanist

Matthew P. Downing has enthusiastically enjoyed accompanying soloists, chamber groups, and ensembles since his teens. He is a 2014 graduate of The Ohio State University School of Music, having completed dual degrees in Voice Performance (BM) and Choral Music Education (BME) in only three years. Since 2008, he has served as a staff section leader and accompanist for The Cardinal Chorale, a state-wide honor choir of Ohio high school and collegiate singers. He has trained young musicians in grades K-12 in teaching positions in Newark, Marion, Coshocton, and Gahanna, currently in his ninth year. He is grateful to his esteemed teachers and colleagues Loretta Robinson, Dr. Robert J. Ward, Dr. Andrea Ramsey, Dr. Richard Schnipke, Dr. Kristina Caswell MacMullen, Casey Cook, Susan Van Dop, Jami Rawlins, Shannon Folkert, Karla Cherwinski, and Lilla Gábor.



Alli Kisker (she, they, them)



ASL Interpreter

Alli Kisker is an American Sign Language Interpreter originally from Lancaster, Ohio. She serves as the ASL interpreter for Deaf Faculty at Ohio University. In her free time, Alli enjoys traveling, attending and interpreting music festivals, spending time with family, and being outdoors.

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I.

Look at the World by John Rutter

Arranged for Illuminati by
Adelaide Kawakami

Arranged for Strings by Jordan Saul

Remarks by Jordan Saul and Joseph Olson

II.

The River by Susan LaBarr

Mark Pohlman, guitar

First Name Last Name, percussion

Al Shlosha D'varim by Allen E. Naplan

Arranged for Strings by Jordan Saul

Text: Al shlosha d'varim haolam kayam,
al haemet v'al hadin v'al hashalom

Translation: The world is sustained by three things,
by truth, by justice, and by peace

Amazing Grace by Craig Courtney

III.

Om Namaha Shivaya arr. Andrew Emmett

Arranged for Strings by Jordan Saul

Na sound represents earth

Ma sound represents water

Śi sound represents fire

Vā sound represents air

Ya sound represents sky or ether

Its total meaning is that "universal consciousness is one"

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The Sacred Music Ensemble of Columbus Gay Men's Chorus

Sweet Rivers by Reginald Unterseher

Ehara..... arr. Brian Tate

Text: Ehara i te mea, no naiane i te aroha
no nga tupuna tuku iho

Te whenua, te oranga, or te iwi
no nga tupuna tuku iho

Whakapono, tumanako, te aroha
no nga tupuna tuku iho

Translation: Love is not the thing of recent times,
but it has been passed down by the ancestors

From the land comes the well-being of the people
which has been passed down by the ancestors

Faith, hope, and love have been passed down
by the ancestors

IV.

Instrumental Interlude

(Chamber Brews)

V.

O Gladsome Light by Nancy Takis

Brightest and Best arr. Shawn Kirschner

Let There Be Peace on Earth..... arr. Craig Courtney

ILLUMINATI

TENOR 1

Ric Brandel (he/him)
Meagan Christie (she/her)
Joey Lyons (they/them)
Tim Prince (he/him)
Eligio Ramirez III (he/him)
Greg Schafer (he/him)
Julie Woodruff (she/her)

TENOR 2

Chriss Ferguson (he/him)
Howard Fradkin (he/him)
Mark Holtzapple (he/him)
Aaron Horton (he/him)
Chad Long (he/him)
Mitchell Mathias (he/him)
Mark Mitchell (he/him)
Terry Talbott (he/him)

BARITONE

Lee Balser (he/him)
Neal K. Coryell (he/him)

Martin Dean (he/him)
Christos A. Fouras (he/him)
Matthew Fox (he/him)
Robert Horvat (he/him)
Ryan Kemper (he/him)
Brandon Weltz (he/him)
Allen J. Proctor (he/him)
Mel Verhoff (he/him)
Richard Wheeler (he/him)
Bill Wright (he/him)
Dr. Mark Yerman (he/him)

BASS

Kris Boyd (he/him)
Gary Brose (he/him)
Steve Clary (he/him)
Craig Clay (he/him)
Bob Feiertag (he/him)
Robert Pickard (he/him)
Mark Pohlman (he/him)
Tyree Sanders (he/him)
Matt Vant (he/him)

INSTRUMENTALISTS

PIANO Matthew P. Downing (he/him)
VIOLIN Devin Copfer (she/her)
VIOLA Daniel Jacobs (he/him)
CELLO Sam Johnson (he/they)
BASS Aidan Terry (he/him)
PERCUSSION Seth Alexander (he/him)

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Jordan Saul (she/her/hers)

**The Columbus Queerscendos
Assistant Director:**

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Principal Accompanist:

Nathan Hamm (he/him/his)

Illuminati Accompanist:

Matthew P. Downing (he/him/his)

**The Columbus Queerscendos
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