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September 26 & 27, 2025
COSI PLANETARIUM



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A Note from Our Director

For so many Queer youth, the idea of exploring space and other worlds was an escape from the bullying and uncertainty of our world. *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, *Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century*, and countless other shows gave us the opportunity to think outside the binary heteronormative world that we occupy. We could envision a place where Queer people were not only accepted, but appreciated. To dream of a happier world by looking up at the stars and the moon at night. Who knows what a Queer existence looks like in other worlds, but I do wonder if some beautiful soul on a livable planet in a far away galaxy looks at the stars and dreams like we do.

As CGMC enters our 36th season, we might not be exploring space, but we are exploring our new and challenging world. And although we aren't encountering alien species and their world's terrains, we are navigating how to live and love in a country where legislatures are going after our rights and freedoms. CGMC is dedicated to continuing to provide a safe and affirming space for LGBTQ and allied individuals. With your support and generosity, we are able to continue making music and creating unique performances for Columbus and the central Ohio area. If you are so moved by our mission and organization, please consider making a donation to our amazing community.

As we start our concert, it's good to remind ourselves of how fortunate we are to be able to have Queer and Allied individuals singing songs about space in the beautiful COSI planetarium! What an absolutely amazing experience to be able to see what is out in the Universe while listening to choral music. In our stressful lives, we often forget to sit back, relax, and be grateful for our place in space. Tonight, I encourage you to look at the stars, listen to beautiful Queer choral sounds, and just enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jared Brayton Bollenbacher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jared" being the most prominent.

Jared Brayton Bollenbacher, MM, MSW, LICSW

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DJ Barks (*he/him/his*)

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Instrumentalists

Drums Seth Alexander (*he, him, his*)

Bass Marissa Moore (*she, her, hers*)

Violin Liz Fisher (*she, her, hers*)

Baritones

Deon Alexander (*he/him/his*)

Mike Bierschenk (*he/him/his*)

Justin Blaylock (*he/him/his*)

Jesse Cunningham (*he/him/his*)

Briand Reynolds (*he/him/his*)

Jered Shaffer (*he/him/his*)

Basses

Craig Brandenburg (*he/him/his*)

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Lucas Hess (*he/him/his*)

Jack Hughes (*he/him/his*)

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Geoff Smith (*he/him/his*)

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Arranged by Pax Ressler

Fly Me to the Moon Music and Lyrics by Bart Howard
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Man on the Moon Music and Lyrics by Michael Stipe, Peter Buck,
Mike Mills, and Bill Berry
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Sing to the Moon Music and Lyrics by Laura Mvula, Steven James Brown
Arranged by Mike Bierschenk

Dancing in the Moonlight Music and Lyrics by Kelly Sherman
Arranged by Kohl Kitzmiller

Stars I Shall Find Music by Victor C. Johnson, Lyrics by Sara Teasdale

Black Hole Sun Music and Lyrics by Chris Cornell
Arranged by Mike Bierschenk

Jericho Music and Lyrics by Adam Ripp
Arranged by Conor Day

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Ute Sundance..... Music and Lyrics by Valerie Naranjo
Arranged by Ethan Sperry

Soloist: DJ Barks

Ray of Light..... Music and Lyrics by William Orbit, Dave Curtiss,
Madonna L. Ciccone, Clive Maldoon, Christine Leach
Arranged by Stefan Flügel

Soloists: Geoff Smith, Hayley Perrault, Justin Blaylock

Space Oddity..... Music and Lyrics by David Bowie
Arranged by Michelle Horsely

Soloist: Craig Brandenburg

Rocket Man..... Music and Lyrics by Elton John and Bernie Taupin
Arranged by Tim Sarsany

Soloist: Casey Wood

Interplanet Janet..... Music and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens
Arranged by Sharon Udoh

Defying Gravity..... Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
Arranged by Eric Knechtges

Space Cowboy..... Music and Lyrics by Lisa “Left Eye” Lopes, Alex Greggs,
J.C. Chasez, Brad Daymond, and Inga Willis

CGMC Artistic Team



Jared Brayton Bollenbacher, MM, MSW, LICSW

(he, him, his)

Artistic Director

After leaving his dairy farm upbringing in his home state of Indiana, Brayton received a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from The Ohio State University in 2006 and a Bachelor of Arts in sexualities studies in 2007, completing a thesis on How Gay Male Bias Influences the Gender Performance of Drag Queens in and out of Drag. After spending six amazing years in Columbus, Brayton completed his Master of Social Work at the University of Washington in Seattle in 2010, and received his Licensed Independent Clinical Social Work credentials in 2014.

After graduating in 2010, Brayton spent six years as the artistic director of Diverse Harmony, the nation's first queer straight alliance youth chorus, and Diverse Harmony's small a cappella ensemble Spectrum. He left Seattle in 2017 to become the artistic director of Reveille Men's Chorus and Desert Voices Chorus in Tucson, AZ. Brayton completed his Master of Choral Conducting in 2020 from the University of Arizona. In 2022, following COVID, he spent six months as interim with NYCGMC. Brayton is focused on developing community choral organizations. He is currently serving his sixth year on the board for GALA Choruses and is the committee chair for the Membership and Education committee. Brayton is adjunct professor in the School of Social Work at The Ohio State University. He is honored and thankful to be in Columbus with CGMC as their artistic director. Being able to lead the innovative, resilient gem of GALA Choruses in the heart of the Midwest is a dream come true.



Nathan Hamm *(he, him, his)*

Principal Accompanist

Nathan Hamm enjoys being the principal accompanist for CGMC for over 20 years. He received the Bachelor of Music for Piano Performance at The Ohio State University in 1995. Since then the main practice of his trade has been as a choir accompanist. He has worked with The Dublin Singers, The Delaware Chorus, and high school choral programs of Westland, Westerville, Olentangy and Central Crossing high schools. He's been enjoying positions as church pianist for the North Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and currently at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, where along with services, he has performed several chamber music and solo recitals.



Bruce Reedy *(he/him/his)*

Production Manager

Bruce Reedy is a sound design technician. He has produced sound and video for the Short North Stage, MadLab Theater, and for CGMC for many years. Other credits include set design, lighting design, videography, video editing and productions for The 48 Hour Film Project. Bruce served on the production team and as the technical director for the GCMC performance of the locally written musical essay *FINDING OZ* performed at the Gala international Music Festival in Denver.



Jason Bokis (he/him/his)
Videographer

Jason joined CGMC in 1998 after moving to Columbus searching for place to continue performing choral music and find a community. Graduated from Ohio Northern University, Jason is a pharmacist and started a local videography and editing business, JB Media Design. He has produced projects for Nina West, Local Drama Clubs, GALA Choruses, and of course CGMC. Jason loves the mission and artistry of CGMC and loves capturing the magic of our performances to share with the world.



Tyler Shahan (he/him/his)
ASL Interpreter



Hi, I'm Ty (Tyler) Shahan a staff interpreter at Heritage Interpreting! Currently, I live in Canal Winchester, Ohio with my boyfriend, our three dogs, (Grizzly, Ursa, and Shiloh) our six cats, (Salem, Skylar, Bobbo, Doggo, Pickles, and Bojangles) and our flock of chickens and ducks (I could give you a list of names but we'd be here all day). When I am not working you can normally find me out in the gardens harvesting tomatoes and zinnias with the dogs, or doing volunteer work for local nonprofits, DWAVE and Columbus Deaf Theatre.

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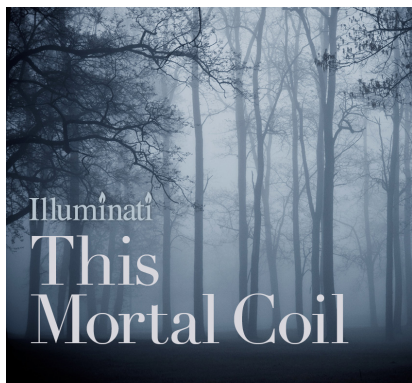
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