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PRESENTS

Illuminati
This
Mortal Coil



May 3, 2026
KING AVENUE CHURCH



Jordan Saul (she/her)

Illuminati Artistic Director

Conductor, educator, and mezzo-soprano Jordan Saul brings compassionate rigor and social relevance to teaching and performance. As a conductor, she prioritizes voices of the global majority and champions new music, with particular focus on works by Womxn and Womxn of Color. Her collaborations span diverse artists and media, including the Spelman Glee Club, composers Craig Courtney and Tina Tallon, former papal organist Sandor Kadar, the band Delta Rae, and *Project Runway All-Stars* alumna Valerie Mayen. She teaches clinics, master classes, and honor choirs throughout the United States, and has presented at the Ohio Music Educators Association conference in 2019, 2024, and 2026.

Saul serves as Assistant Conductor of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus and as Artistic Director of *Illuminati*, extending her commitment to inclusive, community-centered artistry beyond the academy. Her work reflects her belief that choral music is a powerful vehicle for affirming identity, building community, and amplifying underrepresented voices. In 2026, she was honored to present at the GALA Choruses Symposium, a premier gathering celebrating LGBTQ+ choral artistry.

As a mezzo-soprano, Saul has been privileged to sing under the batons of Alan Gilbert, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Daniel Barenboim, Gustavo Dudamel, Esa-Pekka Salonen and Simon Rattle.

At The Ohio State University, she serves as professor of teaching for Choral Music Education, conducts both the Women's Glee Club and 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.



Tyler Shahan (he/him)



ASL Interpreter

Tyler (Ty) Shahan is thrilled to be back with CGMC, blending voices and hands as both a singer in the large chorus and an ASL interpreter for Vox, Illuminati, and Queerscendos. An Ohio University alum, he's also a proud partner, cat and dog dad, and unapologetic garden gay who believes deeply in the community CGMC creates. When he's not rehearsing or tending plants, you can usually find him marathon-training, preparing for his next performance, volunteering with a local org, or dreaming up a new creative project.

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Illuminati would be honored to perform at your place of worship. If your church would like to have Illuminati perform as guests, please contact CGMC via the website for details. Any donations offered are greatly appreciated to defray expenses and continue CGMC's outreach efforts.

To schedule Illuminati at your event or place of worship, please send an email to: cgmc@cgmc.com.

This Mortal Coil

Jordan Saul
Artistic Director

Matthew Downing
Collaborative Piano

Susan Powell
Marimba

Liz Fisher
violin

Nathan Jeoung
violin

I.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.....by Gustav Holst
arr. for Illuminati by
Adelaide Kawakami
Matthew Downing, organ

Remarks by Brayton Bollenbacher, *Managing Artistic Director
of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus*

II.

Requiem Aeternamby David York *
from the *AIDS Requiem*

Lacrimosa Menuetby Christi Jones
adapted from J.S. Bach's
Suite No. 3 in B minor *

Dies Iraeby Ruth Morris Gray *

Remarks by Grayson Feeman, *CGMC Membership Director*

III.

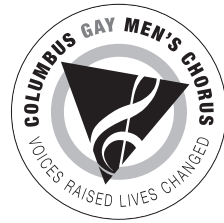
The Offeringby Michael Burritt

Here I Am, Lordby Dan Schutte
arr. for marimba by Susan Powell
arr. for Illuminati by Jordan Saul

Be Still My Soulby Jean Sibelius
arr. for Susan Powell by
Linda Maxey
arr. for Illuminati by Jordan Saul

Illuminati

The Sacred Music Ensemble
of Columbus Gay Men's Chorus



The Gift of Loveby Hal Hopson

arr. for marimba by
Susan Powell

Elegyby Christopher Norton

Remarks by Jordan Saul, *Artistic Director of Illuminati*

IV.

The Embraceby Craig Courtney

PREMIER PERFORMANCE

Craig Courtney, piano
Commissioned for Illuminati
with a gift from Allen Proctor

V.

Hail, Holy QueenTraditional arr. Mac Huff
from *Sister Act*

God Help the Outcastsby Alan Menken and
from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* Stephen Schwartz
arr. Chad Weirick *

Make Them Hear Youmusic by Stephen Flaherty
from *Ragtime* lyrics by Linda Ahrens
arr. Zac DalMonte *

*violin parts arranged by Liz Fisher

ILLUMINATI

TENOR 1

Kristi Blasczyk (he/him)
Ric Brandel (he/him)
Meagan Christie (she/her)
Joey Lyons (they/them)
Tim Prince (he/him)
Eligio (Tito) Ramirez III
(he/him)
Shelly Riggs (he/him)
Julie Woodruff (she/her)

TENOR 2

Chriss Ferguson (he/him)
Howard Fradkin (he/him)
Mark Holtzapple (he/him)
Chad Long (he/him)
Mindy Mafurt (she/her)
Mitch Mathias (he/him)
Terry Talbott (he/him)

BARITONE

Lee Balsler (he/him)
Dariel Bustos (he/him)

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Martin Dean (he/him)
Christos A. Fouras (he/him)
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Bill Wright (he/him)

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Craig Clay (he/him)
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Jay Mantle (he/they)
Robert Pickard (he/him)
Tyree Sanders (he/they)
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MARIMBA

Susan Powell (she/her)

VIOLIN

Liz Fisher (she/her)

VIOLIN

Nathan Jeoung (he/him)

ASL

Ty Shahan (he/him)

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Brava Jordan!

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