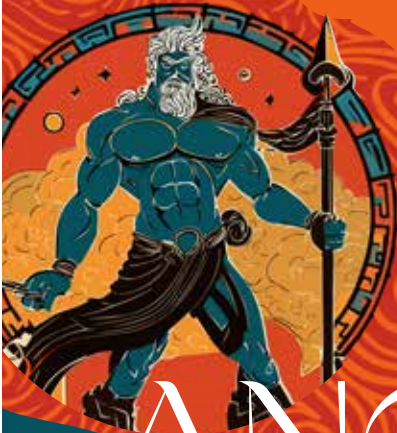


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A Note from Our Director

Welcome to CGMC's *Ancient GODS* concert! We are so excited to celebrate PRIDE Month with you.

As I began programming this concert, I found myself wondering what it might have been like to be queer in a world where Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Norse, and other ancient mythologies shaped how people understood love, power, identity, and the divine. Long before modern language existed for sexuality or gender, these stories were already full of devotion, transformation, and lives lived beyond convention.

We appreciate the companionship of Achilles and Patroclus, the love between Apollo and Hyacinthus, Tiresias living life as both man and woman, and the theatrical disruption and liberation of Dionysus. Through a modern lens, many of these stories resonate deeply with queer experience.

Beyond the myths themselves, there is something captivating in the imagery and lore of these ancient worlds: gods and mortals blurring expectations of masculinity and femininity, embracing adornment, spectacle, transformation, and power. Layered throughout are themes of chosen family, forbidden love, resilience, and the courage to exist authentically. It is no wonder so many of us feel drawn to these stories – we recognize parts of ourselves within them.

With *Ancient GODS*, we invite you into a world where mythology becomes music – where gods walk among us, where stories of love and power are reimagined through a queer lens, and where, for one evening, we remember that storytelling has always helped us understand who we are.



Thank you for joining us on this journey.
May you find yourself somewhere in these
ancient stories.

With gratitude,

Jared Brayton Bollenbacher, MM, MSW, LICSW
Managing Artistic Director
Columbus Gay Men's Chorus



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A Note from CGMC's Board President

Dear CGMC Friends and Family,

Welcome to Ancient Gods, and thank you for celebrating Pride with us through the power of music, storytelling, and community.

As this season comes to a close, so does my time serving on the Board of Directors for Columbus Gay Men's Chorus. After three years on the Board, including two as President, I leave with a heart full of gratitude. This journey has been deeply rewarding, filled with growth, joy, healing, and the privilege of working alongside extraordinary people.

I never imagined that an island boy from Southeast Asia, who graduated high school from a U.S. military post in Stuttgart, Germany, would one day serve as Board President for this iconic organization. My hope is that somewhere in our audiences over the past two years, a young queer kid of color saw someone they could relate to and realized they, too, can grow up to lead and serve their community. Leadership lives within all of us, and I am grateful to those - especially my Vice President, Chelsea Pratt-Smith – who believed in and encouraged me during our term serving together.

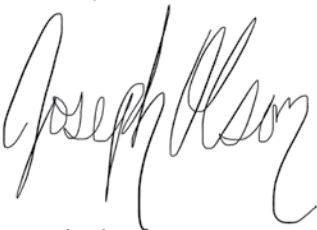
To our singers, staff, Board members, sponsors, donors, community partners, and loyal audiences: thank you. Your talent, generosity, and belief in our mission make CGMC the extraordinary organization it is today.

Serving CGMC has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together and excited for the future that lies ahead.

Thank you for being part of this journey, and enjoy *Ancient Gods*.

For one final time, my name is Joseph Olson, and I am the very proud Filipino and queer President of the Board of Directors for the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus.

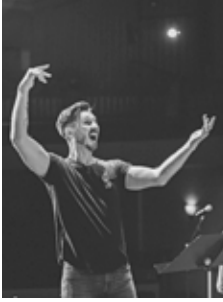
Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent than the last.

Joseph Olson

President - Board of Directors, Columbus Gay Men's Chorus
Inviting All with Voices Raised, Lives Changed

CGMC Artistic Staff



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. Brayton 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, Brayton spent six months as interim with NYCGMC in order to get the organization back on their feet during a difficult time. Brayton is very focused on community choral organizations. In 2019 he served on the board of the Arizona ACDA and is currently in his fourth year on the board for GALA Choruses and serves as the committee chair for the Member and Education and Networking committee. Brayton is also currently serving as an adjunct professor in the School of Social Work at The Ohio State University. Brayton 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 – especially as CGMC has been selected to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association conference in Columbus in 2024. Brayton loves that the chorus continues raising voices and changing lives and is excited for what the future holds!



Jordan Saul (she/her/hers) *Illuminati/Assistant Director*

Conductor, educator, and mezzo soprano Jordan Saul brings compassionate rigor and social relevance to teaching and to the creation of engaged and thoughtful performances. Her work as a conductor centers musical and personal growth through programming that lifts voices of the global majority. She champions new music, creates platforms for student composers, and amplifies the work of Womxn and Womxn of Color. Collaboration with artists across disciplines remains central to her approach, and her partnerships have included 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

a wide circle of community and business partners. She teaches clinics, master classes, and honor choirs throughout the United States and has guided ensembles in performances at Carnegie Hall, the Ohio Music Education Association Conference, and the GALA Choruses Festival.

As a mezzo soprano, Saul has sung under the batons of Alan Gilbert, Yannick Nézet Séguin, Daniel Barenboim, Gustavo Dudamel, Esa Pekka Salonen, and Simon Rattle. These experiences shaped her conviction that extraordinary musical encounters should be accessible to broad and varied communities.

At The Ohio State University, Saul serves as professor of teaching for Choral Music Education, conducts the Women's Glee Club and the Lab Choir, and mentors student organizations as well as student teachers. She conducts Illuminati, the sacred ensemble of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus, and supports the chorus through the robust internship program that integrates undergraduate musicians into community based artistic work. Before joining the Ohio State School of Music faculty, she served as 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.

CGMC Artistic Staff



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.



Gabriel Gonzales (he/they)

The Columbus Queerscendos/Assistant Director

Gabriel Gonzales serves as the Assistant Director for The Columbus Queerscendos – the youth ensemble of CGMC. Gabriel was born and raised in Xenia, Ohio. He moved to Columbus to attend The Ohio State University, where he pursued a degree in music education with a focus in voice. Additionally, he serves as an elementary school teacher in Hilliard Schools. His CGMC journey began as our Choral Intern in January 2021, where he also became a singing member, and this season also joined our auditioned ensemble, Vox.



Meghan K. Western (she/her/hers)

Choreographer

Meghan K. Western is a professional dancer and choreographer with 20 years of experience in Columbus. Meghan holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance from The Ohio State University, and has trained extensively throughout the country. She works in educational theater, professional and community theater, and also with vocal ensembles. Meghan loves the immersive world of the stage, and enjoys combining her classical dance training with social styles to create engaging movement that enhances connection. She believes in the power of movement to bring us closer to ourselves, and the transformative nature of performance to inform our hearts.



Shelly Riggs (she/her/hers)

Set and Lighting Designer

Shelly Riggs is a retired educator with 34 years of experience teaching high school and middle school theatre and science. She graduated twice from The Ohio State University, earning her Bachelor of Science in science education and her Master of Arts in theatre education. She currently teaches adjunct at Hocking College in their film department. Shelly has been with CGMC since March 2023, singing lower Tenor 1. In her free time, she loves kayaking, hiking, reading, Crossfit, and hanging out with her rescue pup, and continues to pursue theatrical and musical endeavors. Through her advocacy work, she fights for the lived and legal equality of all people. Love to Dan, Rae, and Soleil!



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.



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.



Brayden Williams (he/him/his)
CGMC Choral Conducting Intern


Brayden Williams is currently the Choral Conducting Intern for The Columbus Gay Men's Chorus. Brayden is from Westerville, Ohio, and currently attends The Ohio State University pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with a vocal focus. Brayden is very excited to be joining the chorus as the new intern and looks forward to learning, as well as having fun while singing with the chorus!



Alli Kisker (she, they, them) 
ASL Interpreter


Alli Kisker is an American Sign Language Interpreter originally from Lancaster, Ohio. She recently accepted a staff interpreting position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In her free time, Alli enjoys traveling, attending and interpreting music festivals, spending time with family, and being outdoors.



Athena Sandy (she, her, hers) 
ASL Interpreter

Athena Sandy is an American Sign Language Interpreter. She has been interpreting in the Central Ohio area for 2 years now. Athena is currently continuing her education at Columbus State Community College. She enjoys reading classic sci-fi novels, listening to podcasts in the car, and toffee-flavored ice cream.



Denny Stark (she, her, hers) 
ASL Interpreter

Denny Stark is an American Sign Language interpreter and community advocate serving Ohio. She is passionate about promoting accessibility, communication equity, and inclusion for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing communities.

CGMC STAFF



Alexis Hefley (she/her/hers)
CGMC Development and Operations Manager

Alexis initially joined CGMC in October 2025 as Operations Manager, and as of March 2026 she is now our Development and Operations Manager. She is a classically-trained musician building a professional career in a hybrid of nonprofit and performance-based work. She holds two degrees in flute performance from Otterbein University (B.M.) and the University of Akron (M.M.), and currently performs with the Westerville Symphony, Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra, and Ohio Capital Winds. She is also the flute instructor at Encore Music Studios in Westerville, OH.

When not at CGMC or making music, you may also find Alexis at the McConnell Arts Center in Worthington, OH, where she began and continues her work in nonprofit arts administration. She preceded her time with nonprofits as a Graduate Teaching Assistant during her Master's degree, and found enjoyment in helping students grow and find their inner artistic voices. In all her work, Alexis values the process of connecting people to the arts and giving the same joy back to the community that music has provided in her own life.

FROM THE CGMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Joseph Olson (he/him/his)
Higher Baritone; President, Board of Directors

Joseph is honored to serve as President of the Board of Directors for CGMC. He is proud to be a BIPOC leader as well as becoming the FIRST Asian Board Chair during CGMC's 35th season! Born in the Philippines, Joseph's journey has taken him to live in Spain at age 10 and Germany at age 12 - where he graduated high school. He attended Department of Defense Education Activity schools from 3rd through 12th grade. In 1999, he moved to the U.S. for the first time as he relocated to Boulder, CO. Two weeks later, he embarked on a 20-year career with Starbucks Coffee Company. He worked his way up from Barista to General

Store Manager (transferring from CO to CA, NY, & OH), developing leadership, management, & human resources savvy along the way. After a gap 'decade' Joseph moved to San Francisco, CA to attend Academy of Art University where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting. He moved to Columbus, OH in 2014 with Seth Olson, his best friend since 2007 (and now husband). In 2020 they founded SOJO Real Estate Group which they co-own to this day. Their family was completed in December 2021 when Alleigh and Abby, their two strong and smart daughters (then ages 5 and 2) became their forever daughters! Joseph joined CGMC in January 2022, receiving the Newcomer Award after his first season. The next year, he was presented the Golden Pump Award - acknowledged for his portrayal of "Dal," a sassy server during CGMC's TALES OF OUR AGE shows. His leadership grew as he stepped in as Board Vice President in July 2023. A year later, he was unanimously voted on as President by 130+ CGMC members! Joseph is passionate about community, championing diversity and inclusivity, while ensuring CGMC continues to thrive as a safe space for voices to be raised and lives to be changed.



Grayson Feeman (he/she/they)
Higher Second Tenor; Membership Director, Board of Directors

Grayson Feeman is the newly welcomed Membership Director for the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus. As a young theater fan, they had an affinity for musical expression and building strong coalitions of friends. After graduating from The Ohio State University at the height of the pandemic in 2020, Grayson transitioned into a career in the nonprofit sector. Serving their community has been a lifelong passion, and the recent induction into their new role has been enriching for them. Grayson believes in the radical power of being unapologetically authentic, unabashedly queer, and unwaveringly optimistic, and hopes to instill queer joy across all of CGMC and its supporters.



Jared Brayton Bollenbacher
Artistic Director

Illuminati/Assistant Artistic Director
Jordan Saul

Nathan Hamm
Principal Accompanist

Tenor 1

Tim Allemang (he/him/his)
Aubrey Anderson (she/her/hers)
Chuck Aubrey (he/him/his)
Jan Avende (they/them/theirs)
Steven Barros (he/him/his)
Kristi Blasczyk (she/they)
Hannah Blice (she/her/hers)
Amanda Bohman (she/her/hers)
Jean Broderick (she/her/hers)
Meagan Christie (she/her/hers)
Star Clum (they/them/theirs)
Sophia Corso (they/them/theirs)
David Donofrio (he/him/his)
Jordan Feliciano (he/him/his)
Molly Flanagan (she/they)
Connie Gadell-Newton (she/they)
Jiwon Han (she/her/hers)
Erica Harvey (she/her/hers)
Shanna Harvey (she/they)
Lyn Herron (she/her/hers)
Bethany Jordan-Squire
(she/her/hers)
Adelaide Kawakami^{SL}
(she/her/hers)
Kelly Koolhoven (she/her/hers)

John Luidhardt (he/him/his)
Rosemary Marston (she/her/hers)
Alex McFarland^V (she/her/hers)
Jenna Navaratnam (she/her/hers)
Kieve Nox (they/them/theirs)
Miranda O'Connor (she/her/hers)
Hayley Perrault^V (she/her/hers)
Chelsea Pratt^V (she/her/hers)
Kayleigh Radel "All pronouns"
Delaney / Rose Ramsey^V
(they/them/theirs)
Kevin Rapuano^{SL} (he/him/his)
Shelly Riggs (she/her/hers)
Marie Rineveld (she/her/hers)
Lee Russell (he/him/his)
Summer Shigley (she/her/hers)
Sarah Sizemore^V "All pronouns"
Alli Smith^V (she/her/hers)
Tess Smith (she/her/hers)
Sarah Spalding^V (she/her/hers)
Becky Turner (she/her/hers)
Jude Virostko (she/her/hers)
Jess Waizmann (she/her/hers)
Ollie Woodruff (they, them, theirs)
Alex Zawisa (they, them, theirs)
Elliott Zell (they/them/theirs)

Tenor 2

DJ Barks^V (he/him/his)
Sean Boley^{V,SL} (he/him/his)
Mars Corvidae (they/them/theirs)
Conor Day^V (he/him/his)
Skye Duong (they/them/theirs)
Matt Eisert (he/him/his)
Michael Faldet (he/him/his)
Grayson Feeman (he/they)/she
Chriss Ferguson (he/him/his)
Gabriel Gonzales^V (he/they)
Jess Grossheim (she/her/hers)
Chip Gue (he/him/his)

Terry Hennessy (he/him/his)
Hayden Hill (he/him/his)
Krystal Jackowiak-Mitchell
(she/her/hers)
David Jenkins (he/him/his)
Kyle Krygielski (he/him/his)
Michael Luy (he/him/his)
Mindy Marfurt (she/her/hers)
Mitch Mathias (he/him/his)
Josh Matos "All pronouns"
Linda McClintock (she/her/hers)
Joshua McKinney (he/him/his)
Alex McVay (he/him/his)
Mark Mitchell (he/him/his)
Ken Moon (he/him/his)
Nick Navaratnam^{V,SL} (he/him/his)
Rich Newcome (he/him/his)
Tyler Joseph Osborne (he/they)
JoJo Pantuso-Iwaskewycz
(xe/xem/xyr, they/he/she)
David Potts (he/him/they/them)
Evan Rye (he/him/his)
Brody Shoemaker (he/they)
Jacob Widman (he/him/his)
Casey Wood^V (he/him/his)
Jared Young^V (he/him/his)

Baritone

Deon Alexander^V (he/him/his)
Alex Almeida (he/him/his)
Andrew Bickert (he/they)
Mike Bierschenk^V (he/him/his)
Justin Blaylock^{SL} (he/him/his)
Mike Boggs (he/him/his)
River Boggs (he/him/his)
Adam Brenner^V (he/him/his)
Archie Brennick (he/him/his)
Jesse Burns (he/him/his)
Elizabeth Cannon (she/they)
Beckett Conboy (he/they)

Alexis Crim (she/her/any)
Jesse Cunningham (he/him/his)
Martin Dean^{SL} (he/him/his)
Amir Feinberg (they/them/theirs)
Christos Fouras (he/him/his)
Matthew Fox (he/him/his)
Rachel Guida (she/they)
AJ Harvey (she/they)
Simon Lemmon (he/they)
Kevin Lindstrom (he/they)
Holden McDonald (he/him/his)
Shane McFarland (he/him/his)
Caleb Metcalf (he/him/his)
Joseph Metcalf (they/them/theirs)
Brian Ngatunga^V (he/him/his)
Jackson Reppart (he/him/his)
Brian Reynolds (he/him/his)
Greg Schafer (he/him/his)
Michael Schecter (he/him/his)
Jered Shaffer^{SL} (he/him/his)
Ty Shahan (he/him/his)
James D. Smith (he/him/his)
Drew Sollenberger (he/him/his)

Aria Stenzel (she/her)
James Vergallito (he/him/his)
Nick Violet (he/him/his)
Brayden Williams (he/him/his)
Don Yarman (he/him/his)
Bass

Dean Allemang (he/him/his)
Michael Blaha (he/him/his)
Kris Boyd (he/him/his)
Craig Brandenburg^V (he/him/his)
Gary Brose (he/him/his)
Kai Caudill (they/them/theirs)
Cam Chambers (he/him/his)
Matt Connors (he/him/his)
Patrick Cordero^V (he/him/his)
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Robert Pickard (he/him/his)
Bayan Sabouri (he/him/his)
Ty Sanders (he/they)
Jason Shuffitt (he/him/his)
Sully Jr. Sullivan (he/him/his)
Jason Tatterson (he/him/his)
Clark Tieman^V (he/him/his)
Bob Turnure (he/him/his)
Zachary Vaughan (he/him/his)
Michael Vreeland (he/him/his)
Bill Wright (he/him/his)

V = Vox

SL = Section Leader



CGMC Choral Conducting Intern Program



At CGMC, we are dedicated to helping new musicians find experience in their choral careers. In 2022, we started our choral conducting intern program where we bring in a University student to sing with the chorus for a concert cycle and teach the singers a song. At the performance, the intern gets to conduct the song in front of our audience. During the time, the student gets an archival conducting video from the concert, weekly rehearsal video footage and feedback from our Artistic Director, and priceless time on the podium.

If you are a music student interested in this program, please contact brayton@cgmc.com

CGMC choral conducting interns Adelaide Kawakami and Brennan Harlow.

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Videographer	Jason Bockis (he/him/his)
Voiceover Writers	Jan Avende (they/them/theirs) Summer Shigley (she/her/hers)
ASL Interpreters	Alli Kisker (she/her/hers) Athena Sandy (she/her/hers) Denny Stark (she/her/hers)

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Drums	Seth Alexander (he, him, his)
Bass	Marisa Moore (she, her, hers)
Violins	Liz Fisher (she, her, hers) Devin Copfer (she, her, hers)

INSTRUMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS

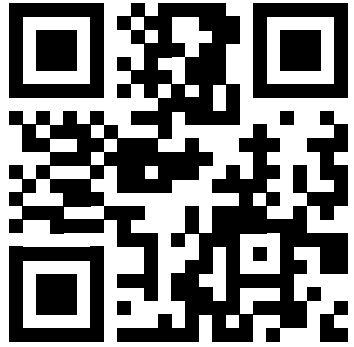
Alex Burgoyne
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Meredith Mendoza-Gillotte & Tom Gillotte	Craig Brandenburg
Neal Coryell	Morgan Stanley/Greg Zunkiewicz
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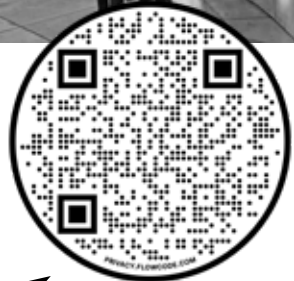
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Song lyrics for today's performance can be found at CGMC.com/lyrics



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Explore the history of CGMC through our online digital archive. In partnership with the Columbus Metropolitan Library, the archive includes programs, posters and photographs of the Chorus since its founding in 1990. *View the archive online by scanning the QR code.*



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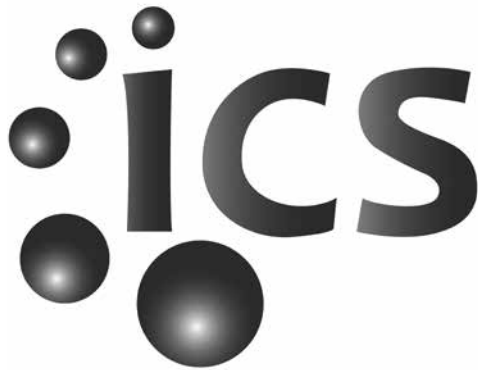
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Every Story/Fortune Favors Music by Elton John, Lyrics by Tim Rice
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The Cult of Dionysus Music and Lyrics by the Orion Experience
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Springtime Music and Lyrics by Allison Russell, JT Nero,
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Rhiannon Music and Lyrics by Stevie Nicks
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What the Water Gave Me..... Music and Lyrics by Francis Eg White and
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Fire..... Music and Lyrics by Katerina Gimon
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Torture..... Music and Lyrics by John D. Loudermilk
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Choreographed by Craig Brandenburg

Wait For Me..... Music and Lyrics by Anaïs Mitchell
SOLOISTS:
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Orpheus: Casey Wood
Fates: Steven Barros, John Luidhart, Nick Navaratnam

Time..... Music and Lyrics by Jennifer Lucy Cook
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Golden..... Music and Lyrics by EJAE, Mark Sonnenblick,
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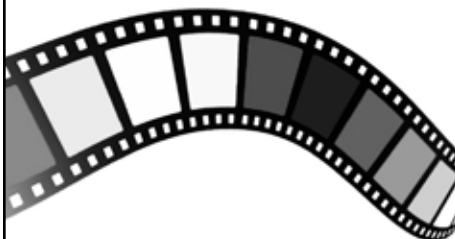
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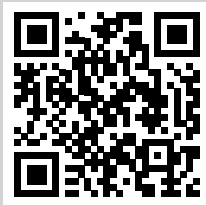
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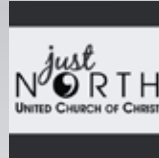
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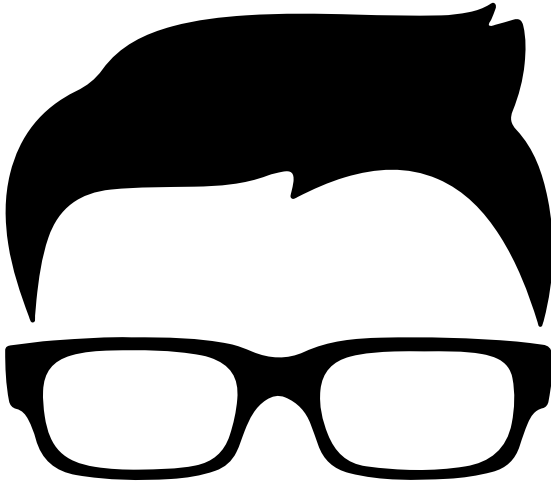


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