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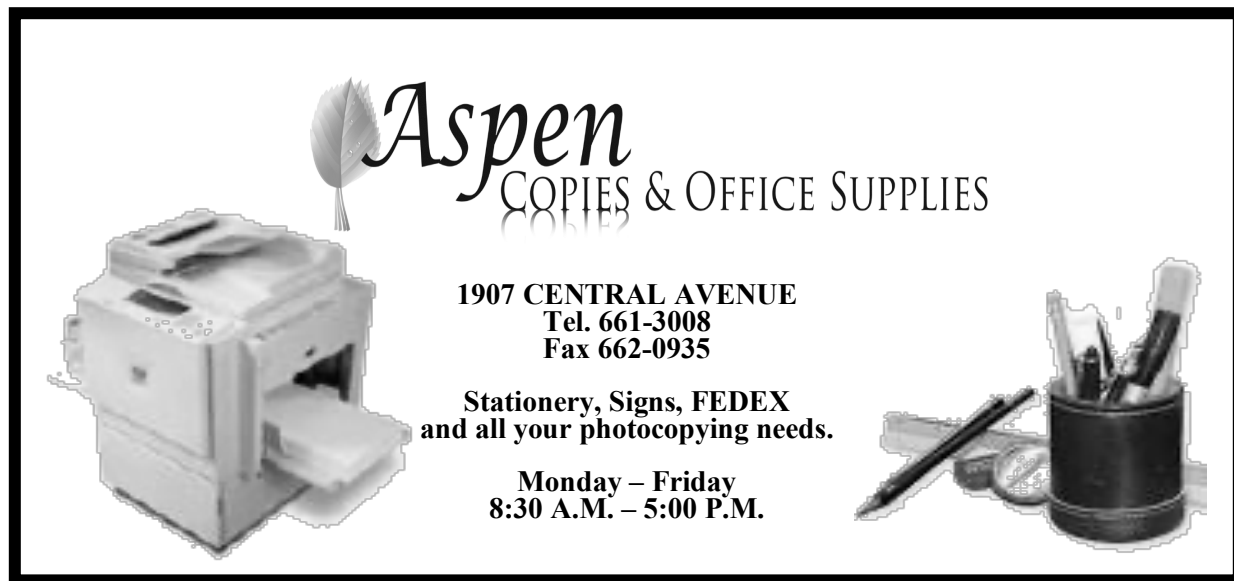
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THE LOS ALAMOS COMMUNITY WINDS
TED VIVES, MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
AND
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PRESENT

VOCAL CELEBRATION

Alexander Borodin's
POLOVTSIAN DANCES

ALSO FEATURING
Special Guest Soloist
Louise Mendius, Soprano
in a performance of Samuel Barber's
“Knoxville: Summer of 1915”

ALSO MUSIC BY
Alan Hovhaness – PRAYER OF ST. GREGORY
with soloist Alex Vives, trumpet
SERGEI RACHMANINOFF – VOCALISE
John Philip Sousa – THE TRITON

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PROGRAM

The Triton (1892).....John Philip Sousa (1854 – 1932)

Prayer of St. Gregory (1946).....Alan Hovhaness (1911 – 2000)

Alex Vives, trumpet

Knoxville: Summer of 1915 (1949).....Samuel Barber (1910 – 1981)

transcribed by Kenneth Singleton

Guest Soloist

Louise Mendius, soprano

INTERMISSION

Vocalise Op. 34, No. 14 (1909).....Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 – 1943)

arranged by Patrick Roszell

Polovtsian Dances from *Prince Igor* (1879).....Alexander Borodin (1833 – 1887)

transcribed by Mark Hindsley

with the Los Alamos Choral Society



Cover image: Costume design by Ivan Bililbin for the opera *Prince Igor* (1929)

ABOUT OUR DIRECTOR



Ted Vives is now in his 24th season as musical and artistic director for the Award-Winning Los Alamos Community Winds. He began music studies at the age of 4, taking piano and theory lessons from Edgar and Dorothy Glyde. His musical interests changed to trombone performance and composition upon entering the public school system. Vives holds bachelor's degrees in both composition and music education from Florida State University where he studied with John Boda, Roy Johnson, and Charles Carter and conducting with James Croft. He also holds a Master of Music in Composition and a Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Florida where he studied composition with Budd Udell and John D. White and conducting with David Waybright.

Dr. Vives holds memberships in Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Phi Kappa Phi, Music Educators National Conference, Music Teachers National Association, National Band Association, the Conductor's Guild, and WASBE (World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles.)



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featuring

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Amanda Barry

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Katie Maerzke

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Wendy Keffeler

Baritone Saxophone

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Dave Korzekwa
Bruce Letellier†
Allen Morinec
Seth Sanchez
Alex Vives

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Larry Bronisz
Angela Herring

Trombone

Philip Jones†
Bryant Letellier
Andrew Richards

Euphonium

Rex Hjelm
Boris Maiorov

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Deniece Korzekwa
Steve Ross

String Bass

Deniece Korzekwa

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PROGRAM NOTES

John Philip Sousa (1854 –1932)

The Triton (1892)

The musical revisions and the abundance of titles given to this composition have resulted in music confusion. Despite all efforts to make it popular, it was a multiple flop.

Included in *Evening Pastime*, the 1879 collection of solos arranged by Sousa for violin and piano, was a short march by J. Molloy called “The Triton.” This was published by J. F. Shaw of Philadelphia.

The composition grew from a simple arrangement to a march in 1892 when a second Philadelphia publisher, J. W. Pepper, entered the scene. Sousa added two more melodies to his original arrangement, and the new version was published for band as “The Triton Medley March.” Whether or not these two additional melodies are Sousa’s is not known.

Pepper published an edition for piano as “Triton March” in 1896 and then confused the public by publishing the same composition under a different title, “Souvenir.” “Souvenir” was distributed free at a music exposition, hence its new title.

The confusion was compounded in 1900 when still another version was published as “Paris Exposition.” It was in the first issue of Pepper’s new periodical, the *Piano Music Magazine*.

This version had been altered by an arranger who changed the last two sections from 6/8 to 2/4 rhythm and omitted a da capo repeat.

By this time, Sousa was publishing with a third Philadelphia firm, John Church, who apparently avoided the march. The persistent Pepper was not yet finished, however, for he republished the march for piano as “The Triton Two-Step” in 1906. After this failed, he capitulated.

Alan Hovhaness (1911 - 2000)

Prayer of St. Gregory (1946)

The Prayer of St. Gregory, a five-minute work for trumpet and strings, began life as an intermezzo in Hovhaness’s opera *Etchmiadzin*, composed in mid-1946, and premiered in New York in October of that year.

The present excerpt, described by Hovhaness as “a prayer in darkness,” was soon extracted as a separate work, and is one of his most popular short pieces.

This calm work, in a moderate tempo, begins with gentle chords, chorale-like, in Hovhaness’s unmistakable modal melodic and harmonic vein, over which a slow trumpet melody gradually unfolds itself.

Alan Hovhaness was an important 20th Century American composer whose music anticipated many future musical trends and aesthetic values. Rejecting the vogues of Americana, serialism and atonality, he pioneered contemporary development of archaic models and was amongst the earliest to integrate Western musical idioms with Eastern ones, making him a pioneer of East-West 'fusion' decades before the term 'World Music' had been coined. The visionary and mystical nature of his work, often intoxicating in its directness and simplicity, rank him as the musical progenitor to the later, so-called "New Age-ists" and "Spiritual Minimalists."

Samuel Barber (1910 - 1981)
Knoxville: Summer of 1915 (1949)

The title of Barber's "lyric rhapsody" *Knoxville, Summer of 1915* was taken from a short prose piece of the same name written by American novelist, poet, screenwriter, and Pulitzer Prize winner James Agee in 1935. Barber uses roughly one-third of Agee's text. "*It has become that time of evening when people sit on their porches, rocking gently and talking gently and watching the street...*" begins Barber's adaptation, hewing closely to Agee's richly descriptive, deeply nostalgic reverie of his growing up in the American South just after the turn of the twentieth century.

Barber was drawn to Agee's words, which struck a chord in him regarding his own childhood, which unfolded several states to the north, but not without significant similarities. Barber told a CBS radio interviewer in 1949:

"I had always admired Mr. Agee's writing, and this prose poem particularly struck me because the summer evening he describes in his native southern town reminded me so much of similar evenings when I was a child at home [in West Chester, Pennsylvania], I found out after setting this that Mr. Agee and I are the same age. And the year he described was 1915, when we were both five. You see, it expresses a child's feeling of loneliness, wonder and lack of identity in that marginal world between twilight and sleep."

Knoxville, Summer of 1915 begins with a gently rocking melody -- nearly a lullaby -- accompanying lyrics describing the warm summer evening in vivid word paintings rich in alliteration. The middle section, with the brief chaotic passage of a streetcar -- "raising into iron moan, stopping, belling and starting, stertorous" -- interrupts the reverie, but it, too, fades, melting into the coming night, described as "one blue dew." The narrator pictures himself and his family, lying on quilts over the "rough wet grass" and quietly talking of "nothing in particular or nothing at all." He recounts his family members, one by one, and stares up at the vastness of space.

As the piece draws to a close, the narrator turns serious, asking God to bless his people and "remember them in their time of trouble; and in the hour of their taking away" -- hinting here not only of the personal travails of any normal family, but of the hard challenges of the years to come that would be faced by all Americans. But such dreadful contemplations too eventually cease, and the narrator is carried to bed, and Barber with a repetition for the opening theme and then notes rising to the heavens above, brings the piece to an appropriately dreamlike end.

Los Alamos Choral Society

Soprano

Margene Clarke
 Carolyn Connor
 Kimberly Hinrichs
 Frances MacRoberts
 Jen Moss
 Celeste Raffin
 Jacqueline Reardon
 Claire Singleton
 Barbara Smith

Alto

Mary Badarak
 Heidi Bjorklund
 Isabel Brackbill
 Diane Chan
 Kathryn Davis
 Jean Inglis
 Heather Jones
 Claudine Kasunic
 Kristen Klasky
 Kylee Melton
 Kelsie Poe
 Kathy Rush
 Tamson Smith

Tenor

Stuart Brown
 Marilyn Doolen
 Rene LeClaire

Baritone Bass

Duane Barber
 Wes Bradford
 Jerry Cowan
 Dave Dombrowski
 Charles Ferenbaugh
 Gwen Lewis
 Joseph Santi-Unger
 Chuck Tallman

Mary Badarak, director



In the summer of 2003, Mary Badarak moved to the high desert of New Mexico near Santa Fe to compose. Badarak received her bachelor's and master's degrees in composition at the University of California, Riverside where she studied with Donald Johns and John Crawford. She holds a doctorate in music theory from Northwestern University and has worked with noted composer Alice Parker at the Melodious Accord Institute.

Dr. Badarak was the founding director of the Santa Cruz Chorale and has taught music theory and composition at the University of Northern Iowa, the University of California Santa Cruz, Georgia State University, Clayton College, and at Spelman College in Atlanta Georgia. She was Composer-in-

Residence at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Atlanta from 1999 to 2003 and is the founding music director of the professional chamber choir, Impromptu and of the local chamber choir Cantat. Currently, Dr. Badarak is Artistic Director for Santa Fe Music Works.

About the Los Alamos Choral Society

The Los Alamos Choral Society was founded informally in 1943 by Manhattan Project scientists. Donald Flanders advertised in the wartime Los Alamos Times for people to join "The Singing Group", which was at that time participating in madrigal singing at his home. Enough singers responded that neighbors started to complain about the subsequent noise level of the enthusiastic group. This necessitated a move to the old nursery school where preparations began for a performance of Händel's *Messiah* during the coming Christmas season. The group's name was changed to "The Los Alamos Choral Society," and it proceeded with first performance of Mozart's *Requiem*.

The Los Alamos Choral Society invites all singers in the community to join them. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the United Church Sanctuary. No audition required. For questions, contact Wendy Swanson at w_swanson@mac.com or Helen Boorman at hboorman@hotmail.com.

About our Soloists

Louise Mendijs

Louise Mendijs has been praised for her exceptional ability to bring life to her roles while singing with a warm, colorful, “plush soprano voice.” She has delighted audiences with her unique combination of vocal and dramatic skills in performances ranging from art song to opera.

Ms. Mendijs’ portrayals include the roles of Mimi in *La Boheme*, Cio Cio San in *Madama Butterfly*, Liu in *Turandot*, Georgetta in *Il Tabarro*, Rosalinda in *Die Fledermaus*, and Donna Anna in *Don Giovanni* with Opera Southwest in New Mexico, Santuzza in *Cavalleria Rusticana* with the Scottsdale Symphony Orchestra and the University of New Mexico Opera Studio, where she was a guest artist, Najade in *Ariadne auf Naxos* with the Santa Fe Opera as an apprentice artist, and the Countess in *Le Nozze di Figaro* with the Batiquitos Festival in San Diego. Other roles include Alice Ford in *Falstaff*, Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte*, Estelle in *A Closed Case* (world premier), and Frasquita in *Carmen*. She has appeared with Tacoma Opera, the Lyric Opera of Dallas, the Minnesota Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, Pensacola Opera, Opera Southwest, and several European houses, among others.



In addition to her operatic appearances, Ms. Mendijs has performed Handel’s *Messiah*, Bach’s *Mass in B Minor* and *Magnificat in D*, Beethoven’s *Missa Solemnis* and *9th Symphony*, Brahms’ *Deutsches Requiem*, Mozart’s *Grand Mass in C Minor* and *Requiem*, Vaughan Williams’ *Hodie*, Rossini’s *Stabat Mater*, and Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*. She is also a frequent concert artist.

Ms. Mendijs is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, where she earned her masters in the musical arts. She also spent two years at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia.

The Los Alamos Community Winds are pleased to have Ms. Mendijs joining us in her 4th appearance with the ensemble.

Alex Vives

Alex Vives is a 2020 graduate of Los Alamos High School. He began playing trumpet at Piñon Elementary in 2012. He has played with the Los Alamos Community Winds since 2021 and currently works at Aspen Copies. He enjoys many activities such as scale modeling and has a keen interest in all things having to do with the aerospace industry. He intends to pursue this interest as a mechanical engineering student this fall at UNM-LA



Samuel Barber was an American composer of orchestral, opera, choral, and piano music. Barber was born into a comfortable, educated, social, and distinguished Irish-American family.

His father was a doctor, and his mother was a pianist. His aunt, Louise Homer, was a leading contralto at the Metropolitan Opera and his uncle, Sidney Homer, was a composer of American art songs. Louise Homer is noted to have influenced Barber's interest in voice. Through his aunt, Barber had access to many great singers and songs. This background is further reflected in that Barber decided to study voice at the Curtis Conservatory.

Barber was the recipient of numerous awards and prizes including the American Prix de Rome, two Pulitzers, and election to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. His intensely lyrical *Adagio for Strings* has become one of the most recognizable and beloved compositions, both in concerts and films.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 – 1943) Vocalise (1909)

Vocalise, composed and published in 1915 is the last of Rachmaninoff’s *14 Songs or 14 Romances*, Op. 34. Written for high voice (soprano or tenor) with piano accompaniment, it contains no words, but is sung using only one vowel of the singer's choosing. It was dedicated to soprano singer Antonina Nezhdanova.

Sergei Rachmaninoff was a Russian composer, pianist, and conductor. He is widely considered one of the finest pianists of his day and, as a composer, one of the last great representatives of Romanticism in Russian classical music. Early influences of Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, and other Russian composers gave way to a thoroughly personal idiom that included a pronounced lyricism, expressive breadth, structural ingenuity, and a tonal palette of rich, distinctive orchestral colors. The piano is featured prominently in Rachmaninoff's compositional output. He made a point of using his own skills as a performer to explore fully the expressive possibilities of the instrument. Even in his earliest works he revealed a sure grasp of idiomatic piano writing and a striking gift for melody.

Following the Russian Revolution of 1917, Rachmaninoff emigrated to the West, first to Scandinavia, then to the United States. Most of the last 25 years of his life were dedicated to concertizing and recording, with the prominent support of Vladimir Horowitz. Rachmaninoff completed only six compositions during this period, mainly at his summer home in Lucerne, Switzerland, of which *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* is the best known.

The version of *Vocalise* performed this evening in an outstanding arrangement by Patrick Roszell. He takes the original vocal melody and tosses it around throughout the ensemble in both solo and tutti settings giving great depth of feeling and color to this beautiful work.

Alexander Borodin (1833 – 1887)
Polovtsian Dances from “Prince Igor” (1879)

Central Asian exoticism and a sense of wild, barbaric abandon are combined in the most famous excerpt from Alexander Borodin's operatic masterpiece, *Prince Igor*. The choral dances that bring the second act to a rousing conclusion, present a scene of revelry at the army camp of the marauding 12th-century nomad, Khan Kontchak. He has captured the Russian leader, Prince Igor, who set out to battle him against the advice of his wife, Yaroslavna. Seeing that the depressed prince misses his wife, Kontchak orders his slaves and entertainers to dance and sing for him.

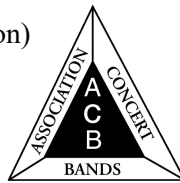
The *Polovtsian Dances* are most often heard in Rimsky-Korsakov's brilliant orchestral version. Tonight's performance, however, brings the world of band and opera together combining the Mark Hindsley band transcription with the original choral parts from the opera itself. These wild Tartar dances are preceded by an exotic introduction, as the entertainers come into the Khan's tent to the tune of quiet woodwinds and triangle. Oboe and harp are featured in the first dance, as is the opera's celebrated women's chorus, "Fly on the Wings of the Wind." Next comes a *Men's Dance*, highlighting a nimble clarinet. A massive *General Dance* for the full ensemble and chorus, constituting the centerpiece of the work, follows it. The galloping rhythms of the swiftly moving *Boys' Dance* alternate with repetitions of preceding dances as the work approaches its spirited coda.

The Los Alamos Community Winds are thrilled to partner with the Los Alamos Choral Society for this performance!

The Los Alamos Community Winds



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