21-22 Season





Imagine a World Transformed





WELCOME to True Concord's SEASON

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We Can't Wait to Perform for You

GRAMMY-nominated **True Concord Voices & Orchestra** returns for its 18th season with an innovative combination of great masterpieces and thought-provoking newer works all relevant to life today.

True Concord often reflects on transition and aspirations. As we emerge from this extraordinary past year, it is more timely than ever to acknowledge what we've collectively experienced and to look to the future.

In the light of this **NEW DAY**, **True Concord Voices & Orchestra's 2021-22** season expresses hope and renewal, a transition from uncertainty to strength and joy, and explores our collective dreams for where – and who – we aspire to be.

HIGHLIGHTS of the Coming Year INCLUDE:

- A celebration! Thanks to the perfect alchemy of audiences and live music
- Haydn Mass in Time of War
- Vaughan Williams Dona Nobis Pacem
- The ever-popular Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
- Back by popular demand: composer Jocelyn Hagen in a world premiere celebrating women's voices
- Powerful composer Jake Runestad creates a True Concord world premiere, inspiring change for the sake of our future
- The 5th annual Stephen Paulus Emerging Composers Competition winner
- The "Close-Up" series featuring intimate performances by some of True Concord's most accomplished soloists, including Metropolitan Opera star, Susanna Phillips
- And finally the Bach B-Minor Mass



DARKNESS **OCTOBER 22-24, 2021**

True Concord Choir, Soloists & Chamber Players

The sound of light!

A concert of music reflecting this moment - stepping out of the darkness of adversity into the light of a new day.

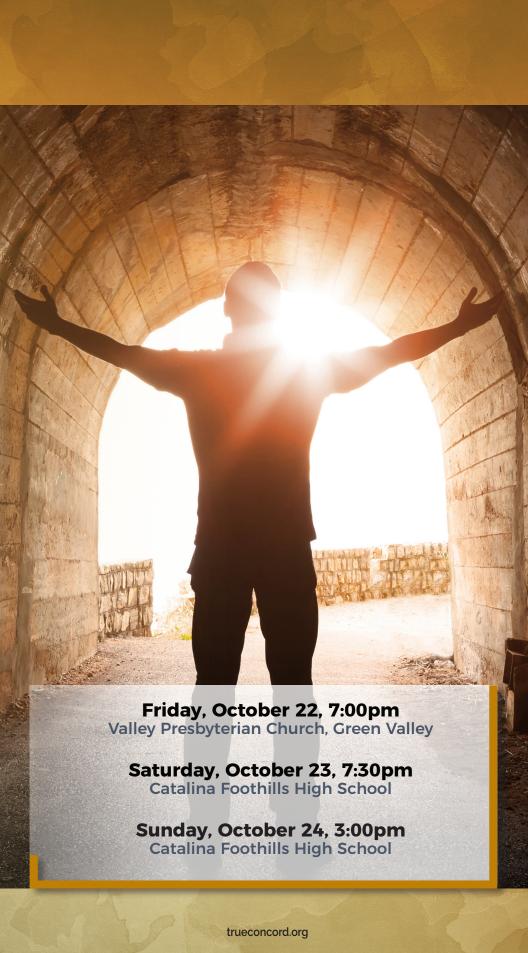
The past year was one of unprecedented change, uncertainty and loss. In ways the world seemed to just stop. This period of isolation and silence prompted many of us to take stock of what is most important in our lives.

Family, Friends, Freedom, Purpose, Music.

We invite you to join us as we and the world celebrate life - newly valued and seen through fresh eyes with a concert of joyous music including works by Whitacre and Copland, Randall Thompson's Alleluia, beloved folk songs, spirituals and more.

"Witness firsthand those very special moments when the energy of the audience flows into the performers...where all is hushed in the hall, and every soul waits eagerly for the next note."

Scott Barker, Tucson Lifestyle



FROM CONFLICT

to

NOVEMBER 19-21, 2021

True Concord Choir, Soloists & Orchestra

Haydn *Mass in Time of War* Vaughan Williams *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Emerging from a state of war, this music takes us on a journey through conflict to the ultimate goal of peace.

Josef Haydn composed the *Mass in Time of War* in August 1796, at the time of Austria's general mobilization into war. At places, you will hear a very unsettled nature to the music.

Most of the *Mass*, however, is of a lyrically joyful nature – perhaps expressing the desire all of mankind ultimately has – peace and happiness.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, best known for *The Lark Ascending*, believed music should be a part of everyday life. He worked all his life for democratic and egalitarian ideals.

Vaughan Williams served as a medic in the first world war, which by its end saw more than 8.5 million people perish. Having witnessed and experienced the ravages of war, he found himself reflecting on the past and fearing war's return.

How does anyone recover from this? The composer held to his belief that music is a means to preserve civilization and composed *Dona Nobis Pacem* (Grant Us Peace) as his response to war and plea for peace.

"...a stunning performance, full of depth, power and emotion." Cliff Cunningham, Sun News Tucson



FROM ANTICIPATION

DECEMBER 9-12, 2021

True Concord Choir, Christine Vivona, harp & Guy Whatley, organ

Lessons & Carols by Candlelight The sound of joy!

True Concord continues its tradition of new works and traditional carols performed in some of the area's most beautiful churches.

Emerging from a year of challenge and separation, gift yourself with the glow of community and envelop yourself in the warmth and beauty of the voices of True Concord.

Experience the premiere of a new setting of **Christina Rossetti's** *In the Bleak Midwinter*, written for True Concord by **Gerald Near**.

This concert also features pieces from our acclaimed recording *Christmas with True Concord* and the opportunity, once again, to join your voice with True Concord in beloved carols.

"True Concord knows how to do Christmas!"

Cathy Burch, Arizona Daily Star



M SILENCED **JANUARY 28-30, 2022**

True Concord Choir. Orchestra, Tucson Girls Chorus (Marcela Molina, director) & Susanna Phillips, soprano In partnership with **Tucson Desert Song Festival**

There is power and beauty in giving voice to those who have been silenced.

The program includes the rescheduled and highly anticipated world premiere of Jocelyn Hagen's work celebrating women's voices and written in commemoration of the centenary of women's suffrage.

Featuring illuminated portraits and the words of 47 different women from around the world and across time, this work tells the story of the importance of finding - and using - your voice.

The concert includes music by and inspired by African Americans and Native Americans, reflecting the diverse voices that make up the cultural mosaic that is the United States. This program also premieres the winning work of the 5th annual Stephen Paulus Emerging Composers Competition.

"They sure named the choir right. If you've never heard of them, treat yourself....choral singing about as exquisite as you could imagine." Brian Newhouse, Minnesota Public Radio



FROM THE EDGE

FEBRUARY 25-27, 2022

True Concord Choir, Soloists & Orchestra

Imagine a world without the hanging threat of climate crisis.

The past year and a half have exposed many issues that humans are dealing with, but composer Jake Runestad asks, "What is the most pressing, most urgent issue of our time? Climate change."

To tackle this, **Runestad** and poet **Todd Boss** approach the issue of climate change through the voice of Mother Earth. We are her children; of her but hurting her. The work takes us into her thoughts as she expresses pride in her children's accomplishments, growth and creation of art. But the smoke-filled heavens, melting ice, rising seas and flooded cities are showing us what we are doing to her.

She and the music ask the question... What are we going to do now?

The program also includes music from around the globe that speaks to the need for our care of the world, and the hope for renewal through the universal language of music.

"True Concord Voices & Orchestra has created something truly spectacular..."

Arizona Daily Star



FROM MOURNING MARCH 25-27, 2022 True Concord Choir, Soloists & Orchestra Rescheduled from 2020 due to pandemic

Bach *B-Minor Mass*Profound - The sound of love

Widely regarded as one of the supreme achievements of classical music, this large work for choir, soloists and orchestra is another of Bach's "cathedrals in sound."

In February 1733, after the death of Augustus II the Strong, King of Poland, Grand Duke of Lithuania, five months of mourning followed during which all public music-making was suspended. It was in this time of silence that Bach started composing his *Mass in B Minor*.

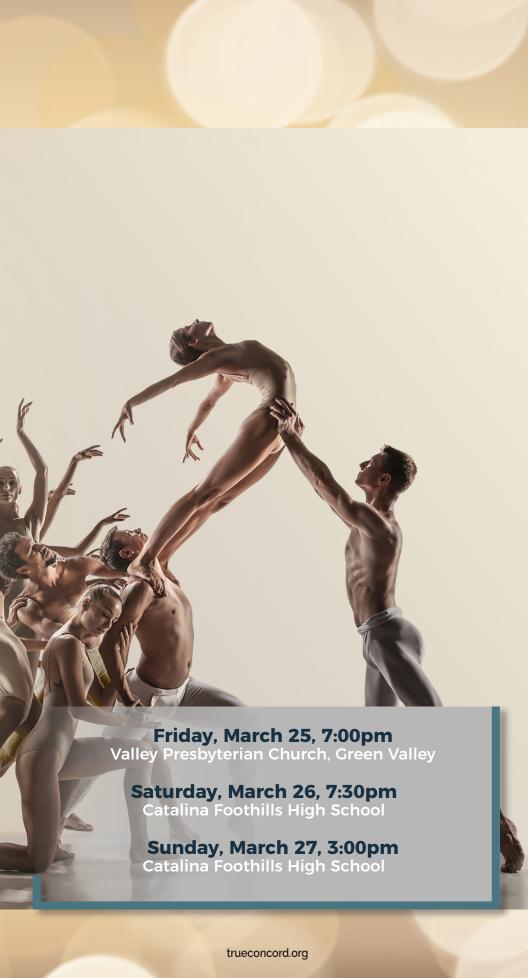
The Mass is filled with the presence of dance idioms as Bach used the secular to portray the sacred, lifting each to the highest plane.

Close your eyes - listen - and see the emotions shift from mourning to dancing.

"The most stupendous miracle in all music!"
Richard Wagner

"Congratulations to the True Concord Voices & Orchestra for living up to the ideals of their name and for the wonderful performance."

New York Concert Review, Inc.



CLOSE-UP Deries

True Concord is rich with talent, and we don't want to keep it to ourselves!

Each year, the Close-Up series highlights several artists – guests and members of the **True Concord** ensemble - providing a "front row" experience with their spectacular voices in the intimate space at UA's Holsclaw Hall. Once you get a sense of who they are and the excellence of their talent, large scale **True Concord** concerts will take on a new, insider's feel.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

7:00pm - UA Holsclaw Hall

Susanna Phillips & Christopher Canopiano

Metropolitan Opera Star Sings Favorite Arias and Art Songs

Soprano Susanna Phillips has established herself as one of today's most sought-after



singing actors and recitalists. Ms. Phillips is a recipient of The Metropolitan Opera's 2010 Beverly Sills Artist Award. Known for her sparkling portrayal of Musetta in *La Bohème*, Ms. Phillips has sung at the Met for 12 consecutive seasons.

"Her voice can lift phrases with penetrating sound and deep richness." Anthony Tommasini, The New York Times

"Susanna Phillips...demonstrates rare stylistic fluency, canny pathos, and dynamic finesse. Susanna Phillips. Remember the name."

Financial Times

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

7:00pm - UA Holsclaw Hall

Paul Max Tipton

In a program entitled Heart Awakening

Songs by **Beach** and **Britten**, **Brahms's** *Neun Lieder und Gesänge*, plus hits from the *Great American Songbook*.

"A dignified and beautiful singer"
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022

7:00pm - UA Holsclaw Hall

Kim Leeds

Mezzo-Soprano



English and Spanish language songs that explore the experience of America's immigrants.





"Her rich, smooth mezzo soprano was one that anybody could relax into and enjoy."

St. Louis Post

"Gene Stenger...an impressive tenor..."
"with sweet vibrancy..."

The New York Times/The Cleveland Plain Dealer

TOGETHER, WE MAKE BEAUTIFUL

For 17 years, True Concord has been a leader in the arts and cultural life of Southern Arizona while gaining regional and national recognition for its musical excellence.

We are grateful to the many audience members who have recognized the quality of True Concord's performances and have chosen to provide financial support each season.

True Concord chooses to keep ticket prices as affordable as possible. As a result, just 31% of annual expenses are covered by ticket revenue. The remainder comes from the generosity of those individuals, foundations and businesses that provide additional support in the way of contributions!

Those giving \$500 or more become members of the True Concord Circles of Support. Will you please consider joining them?

- Maestoso Circle: "Maestoso," music that is played or sung in a majestic manner, also represents individuals, foundations and companies who support True Concord with annual gifts of \$5,000 or more.
- Accelerando Circle: Meaning "to grow faster," members of this Circle support True Concord with annual gifts of \$1,000 or more.
- Sostenuto Circle: "Sostenuto" means sustained, and members of this circle provide annual gifts of \$500 or more.

Donations of any amount are welcomed and appreciated!

Gifts can be made in several easy ways:
On our secure website: www.trueconcord.org
By telephone: (520) 401-2651
By mail: P.O. Box 64912, Tucson, AZ 85728

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- YOU won't miss a concert despite the increasing frequency of sellouts or potential capacity limits from COVID restrictions. Subscribe now so you don't miss a single note!
- Only subscribers save on tickets AND on the new Close-Up series.
- Share the beauty of True Concord with your friends!
 Subscribers to all six concerts receive TWO
 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS (per household) to the concert of your choice.*
- Enjoy the liberal ticket exchange policy and the ability to get free ticket replacement.



Thank you For your Support!

PLEASE NOTE:
PROGRAMS & VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

*Subscribers will be contacted to select concerts for their complimentary tickets.

TRUE CONCORD SAFETY PROTOCOLS

True Concord presented our entire 2020-21 season safely and successfully because of our comprehensive health & safety plan (including requiring masks for outdoor audiences). In that same spirit, our Reopening Task Force, led by Dr. Eve Shapiro, plans to continue with an abundance of caution and concern for everyone's safety.

WHAT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT CONCERTS?

- All audience members as well as artists, hosts and volunteers will be required to show proof of full vaccination. The only acceptable alternative for audience members is proof of a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours before the concert. Verification procedures can be found at trueconcord.org.
- All concert attendees, including staff and volunteers, are required to wear masks (regardless of vaccination status), at least for the fall portion of our season.
- We continue to monitor the need for social distancing and will communicate such for each concert and venue.
- In the instance of limited capacity for the purpose of social distancing, priority will be given to subscribers, by date of purchase.

WHAT IF I DECIDE I'M NOT COMFORTABLE ATTENDING A CONCERT FOR HEALTH-RELATED REASONS?

 We are happy to provide a no-questions-asked refund or credit on your account if you decide not to attend.

IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT CONCERTS COULD BE CANCELED?

 Since the onset of the pandemic, True Concord has remained committed to presenting season concerts. Rather than canceling, we will strive to reschedule concerts if necessary.

I HAVE CREDIT ON MY ACCOUNT, OR TICKETS TO THE BACH B-MINOR MASS FROM LAST SEASON.

- You are welcome to use your credit toward tickets or donate it in support of True Concord's mission. Call our office at (520) 401-2651.
- Your 2020-21 tickets to the B-Minor Mass are still valid. We will resend all pre-purchased B-Minor Mass tickets.

Your support, through subscription purchases and donations, helps keep True Concord strong and gives us confidence in our planning. We urge you to get vaccinated and encourage your loved ones to do so as well.

As conditions evolve, please check our website (trueconcord.org) for the most current COVID policies. If you have additional inquiries, feel free to contact our office at (520) 401-2651 or info@trueconcord.org.

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Reserved Seat patrons to select your choice of seats. Student Tickets are \$5 at the door, pending availability, with active student ID.

INDICATE NUMBER OF TICKETS NEXT TO EACH CONCERT

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

- FRIDAY, OCT 22, 7:00pm
 Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley
- ____ SATURDAY, OCT 23, 7:30pm Catalina Foothills High School
- SUNDAY, OCT 24, 3:00pm Catalina Foothills High School

FROM SILENCED TO SINGING

- FRIDAY, JAN 28, 7:00pm Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley
- ____ SATURDAY, JAN 29, 7:30pm Catalina Foothills High School
- SUNDAY, JAN 30, 3:00pm Catalina Foothills High School

FROM CONFLICT TO PEACE

- ___ FRIDAY, NOV 19, 7:00pm Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley
- SATURDAY, NOV 20, 7:30pm St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
- SUNDAY, NOV 21, 3:00pm St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

FROM THE EDGE TO HOPE

- FRIDAY, FEB 25, 7:00pm
 Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley
- ___ SATURDAY, FEB 26, 7:30pm Catalina Foothills High School
- ___ SUNDAY, FEB 27, 3:00pm Catalina Foothills High School

FROM ANTICIPATION TO JOY

- THURSDAY, DEC 9, 7:30pm
 St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church
- FRIDAY, DEC 10, 7:00pm
 St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church,
 Green Valley
- ____ SATURDAY, DEC 11, 7:30pm Catalina United Methodist Church
- ____ SUNDAY, DEC 12, 3:00pm Catalina United Methodist Church
- SUNDAY, DEC 12, 7:30pm St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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FROM MOURNING TO DANCING

- ___ FRIDAY, MAR 25, 7:00pm Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley
- ____ SATURDAY, MAR 26, 7:30pm Catalina Foothills High School
- SUNDAY, MAR 27, 3:00pm
 Catalina Foothills High School

CLOSE-UP SERIES

- SUSANNA PHILLIPS
 TUESDAY, FEB 1, 7:00pm
 UA Holsclaw Hall
- PAUL MAX TIPTON TUESDAY, MAR 1, 7:00pm UA Holsclaw Hall
- ____ KIM LEEDS & GENE STENGER TUESDAY, MAR 29, 7:00pm UA Holsclaw Hall

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Catalina United Methodist Church

2700 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

3738 N Old Sabino Canyon Road, Tucson, AZ 85750

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

7650 N Paseo Del Norte, Tucson, AZ 85704

St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church

4440 N Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85718

UA Holsclaw Hall - Fred Fox School of Music Campus

1017 N Olive Road, Tucson, AZ 85719

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St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

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