

# American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania (ACDA-PA)

presents the 30th annual

## Summer Conference for Choral Musicians



# Choral Keystones FOR **SUCCESS**

Building Voices, Gestures, Programs, & Community

**August 4-6, 2024**  
West Chester University

### Room Names:

Adler Theater	141 Instrumental Rehearsal Room	200i Chamber Music Room
Adler Lobby	200 Music Education Classroom	252 Classroom
100 Ware Recital Hall	225 Music Education Classroom	320 Choral Rehearsal Room

## ACDA-PA Summer Conference 2024 Master Schedule

### Sunday, August 4

2:00-6:00	Registration Open - Adler Lobby
3:00-4:30	Conducting Masterclasses with "Conference Attendee Choir" - 141 and 100
4:45-6:00	Keynote Session I with Deanna Joseph - 100 Conducting Gesture: Back to the Basics, and how the basics open the door to Artistry and Precision
6:00-7:30	Break for Dinner
7:30-9:30	Concert: Glassbrook Vocal Ensemble concert & All-Conference Sing of R. Nathaniel Dett's <i>Chariot Jubilee</i> - Adler Theater

### Monday, August 5

#### Choir For All Honor Choir Schedule

8:00-8:30	Registration - Adler Lobby
8:30-9:30	Combined Rehearsal - Adler
9:30-10:30	Rehearsals by Age Group (Adler, 110, 141)
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	Rehearsal by Age Group (Adler, 100)
12:00-1:00	Lunch - EOBull Lobby/Outdoor Tent
1:00-1:45	Combined Rehearsal (Adler)
2:00-3:00	Conducting Masterclass (Adler, 141 for youngest singers)
3:00-4:00	Dress Rehearsal (Adler)
4:00-4:30	Snack Break and Line Up (Adler lobby, 141)



CHOIR FOR ALL  
HONOR CHOIR

### Conference Schedule

8:00-10:00	Registration - Adler Lobby
9:00-9:50	Interest Session 1 Creating Culture and Strengthening Belonging in Choral Ensembles: Insights from Industry Leaders Talia Sheehan - 320 Choral Rehearsal Room Benefits to Building Your Own Vocal Studio - Lachele Vaughan - 225 Classroom The Struggle is Real: Helping Yourself Help Others - Nate Zullinger - 220 Classroom
10:00-10:50	Reading Session 1 - 320 Choral Rehearsal Room Children and Community Youth Choirs – Frank Van Atta Middle School/Jr. High Choirs – Stephanie Magaro High School Choirs – Matt Klenk
11:00-11:50	Interest Session 2 Mindful Rehearsals: Building Habitual Musicianship - Caleb Hopkins - 220 Classroom (Re)Discovering The Mystery of Bulgarian Voices - Matt Caine - 225 Classroom Getting Out of Your Own Way: Simplifying and Clarify Conducting Gesture - David Edmonds - 320 Choral Rehearsal Room

- 12:00-1:00 Round Table Lunches (boxed lunches can be picked up in Adler lobby and taken to these locations)  
 Community Choirs, Children & Community Youth, Music in Worship - 225  
 Jr. High/Middle School Choirs, High School Choirs - 320  
 College & University Choirs, Youth & Student Activities - 220
- 1:00-1:50 Reading Session 2 - 320 Choral Rehearsal Room  
 Upper Voice Choirs – Katy Hylton  
 Lower Voice Choirs – Patrick Chiu  
 College & University Choirs – Nate Zullinger
- 2:00-3:00 Conducting Masterclass with Choir for All - Adler Theater
- 3:10-4:00 Interest Session 3  
 Eyes That Hear: Building the Habit of Audiation -  
 David Edmonds - 220 Classroom  
 Strengthening the Bond: Programming as the Link between Musicianship and Community -  
 Mitchell Sensenig-Wilshire and Dru Deitch - 225 Classroom  
 Tone Hacks – Choral Rehearsal Techniques to Achieve Healthy, Versatile Choral Timbres -  
 Kimberly Dunn Adams - 320 Choral Rehearsal Room
- 3:00-4:30 Individual Conducting Lessons - 220, 225, 252, 220i - classrooms
- 4:30-5:45 Choir for All Concert, ACDA-PA Awards presentation - Adler Theater
- 5:45-6:15 ACDA-PA 30th Anniversary Philly Soft Pretzels - Swope Courtyard
- 6:15-7:45 “Progressive Dine and Learn”  
 Station 1: Philly Composers and Cheesesteaks - 141  
 Station 2: Musicianship, Motets and Mocktails -100  
 Station 3: Holiday Rep and Healthy Snacks - 320
- 8:00 onward ACDA-PA After Hours at Barnaby’s West Chester



## Tuesday, August 6

- 8:00-9:00 Yoga for Conductors with Suzanne Jackson, founder of YogaSing™ – Adler Theater
- 8:00-9:00 Conference Registration open - Adler Lobby
- 9:00-10:15 Keynote Session 2 with Daniel Bara - Adler  
 Building the Ensemble Part 1: Warm-up exercises, Ensemble Techniques,  
 and Conversations to Have to Cultivate a Vibrant and Flexible Choral Sound
- 10:30-11:20 Reading Session 3 - 100  
 Community Choirs – Kyle Zeuch  
 Music in Worship – Kerri Williams  
 Self-Published Composers – Jen Wagner  
 Vocal Jazz, Contemporary & Commercial Music – Samantha Roberts
- 11:30-12:45 Keynote Session 3 with Deanna Joseph - Adler  
 Score Study and Rehearsal Techniques:  
 How our knowledge of the score helps inform our rehearsal approach
- 12:45-1:45 Round Table Lunches\*  
 Technology Table - 320  
 Composition Table - 200i  
 College students and Early Career - 225  
 Working with transgender voices- 220  
 Extra-curriculars – Jazz Choir/Chamber Choirs/Musicals - 141
- 2:00-3:15 Keynote Session 4 with Daniel Bara - Adler  
 Building the Ensemble Part 2: Warm-up exercises, Ensemble Techniques,  
 and Conversations to Have to Cultivate a Vibrant and Flexible Choral Sound

3:30-4:20

Interest Session 4

Don't Stop Now: Choral Literacy Skills for the Teacher -

Laura Petravage - 220

Breaking Out of the Mold: Creating a Vocabulary of Conducting Gestures That Work For You -

Nathan Reiff - 320

Program Planning with Pepper -

Kelsey Hendler and Jennifer Moorhatch - 225

The Adolescent Voice Change -

Frank Van Atta - 100

4:30-6:00

ACDA-PA Board Meeting\* - Room 320

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College & University Choirs - Nathan Zullinger

Student Activities - Derrick Thompson

Vocal Jazz, Contemporary & Commercial Music -

Samantha Roberts

Upper Voice Choirs - Kathryn Hylton

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**Scan the QR code below for full conference details, including headliner, presenter, and performer bios as well as interest session descriptions:**



**Interested in earning Act 48 credits for attending the conference? Scan the QR code below to complete the form:**

