

The Philharmonic
L A S V E G A S
David Itkin, Music Director & Conductor

Saturday, December 8, 2007 ■ 8 PM

Sunday, December 9, 2007 ■ 2 PM

Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall ■ Las Vegas, Nevada

Holiday Pops

David Itkin, *Conductor*

Athena Mertes, *Soprano*

Leslie Harper, *Mezzo-Soprano*

Matthew Newman, *Tenor*

Richard McGee, *Associate Conductor*

The Las Vegas Master Singers, *prepared by Jocelyn K. Jensen, Ph.D.*

Pre-concert entertainment provided by

The University Children's Chorale,

David Weiller, Liz Goodman & Barbara Buer, *Directors*

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ATHENA MERTES

Soprano

Young American soprano, Athena Mertes, is quickly establishing herself as one of our generation's most promising classical singers with a stunning and warm Italianate sound. Having already performed in Graz, Austria, Las Vegas, Nev., Los Angeles, Calif., and Lexington, Ky., Mertes' opera credits include Morgana (*Alcina*), Musetta (*La Bohème*), Pamina (*Die Zauberflöte*), Abigail (*The Crucible*), Zerlina (*Don Giovanni*), Nella (*Gianni Schicchi*), Little Red (*Little Red's Most Unusual Day*) and soprano soloist in Vivaldi's Gloria.

In addition to her success as an opera and concert performer, Mertes has garnered several awards in a very short time. Among these are 1st place in the Dean Allen Scholarship Competition, 1st place (District Winner) for the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Award, the Metropolitan Opera National Council Encouragement Award, and the National Association of Teachers of Singing 1st place award. Her voice teacher is Alfonse Anderson, DMA, of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



LESLIE HARPER

Mezzo-Soprano

Leslie Harper resides in Little Rock, Ark. with her husband and two beautiful daughters. She holds a bachelor of music in vocal performance from Ouachita Baptist University and works as a freelance vocal coach, director and choreographer. A soloist for Murry's Dinner Playhouse, the Arkansas

Symphony and the Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Harper is also the music director for the Miss Arkansas Pageant and the Rep's young artist's productions. She wishes everyone a blessed holiday season!



MATT NEWMAN

Tenor

Matt Newman, a native of Missouri, has lived in Arkansas for the past 12 years. He moved to Arkansas to attend college, since then he has appeared as a featured soloist for many central Arkansas churches, and choral ensembles. Newman has been a regularly featured soloist with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and the Arkansas Chamber Singers. His repertoire includes: Bach's *Magnificat*, Handel's

Messiah, Mozart's *Requiem*, Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, and Puccini's *La Bohème*, and *Gianni Schicchi*.



THE UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S CHORALE

In its fifth season, the choir has expanded to more than 100 voices and has a schedule of 12 concerts throughout the Las Vegas Valley. This multilevel choir program consists of auditioned treble voices for musically talented boys and girls in Grades 3 through 12 as part of a partnership between the Clark County School District, area private schools and

UNLV. The chorale, under the direction of David Weiller, Liz Goodman and Barbara Buer, maintains high standards in the areas of musicianship, performance, and presentation. The choirs rehearse weekly on the UNLV campus. They have performed in New York City at the Statue of Liberty and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and before a national audience on the *Today Show*. Members of the choir participated in the 2006 International Children's Choir Festival in England singing in Westminster Hall in London and at Canterbury Cathedral.

BEL CANTO (GRADES 2-5)

Anderson, McKenna
Ayala, Gema
Bhandari, Neal
Bowden, Savannah
Burns, Rachel
DeBelen, Gabrielle
DeVicente, Debbie
Edwards, Rachel
Gatski, Grant
Hardy, Cydnie
Hayes, Susannah
Hill, Kylie
Jiminez, Melanie
Johnson, Tiffany
Kaplan, Irem
Kim, Dana
Knuth, Kimball
Kray, Mary
La-O, Danielle
Lim, Therese Mae
Liu, Caroline
Lu, Rianne
Mayers, Sydney
Molina, Riley
Offil-Jackson, Elizabeth
Offil-Jackson, Jacob
Parkes, Madeline
Patel, Kuvaal
Patel, Sahil
Poggione, Paige
Richardson, Peyton

Stamper, Justin
Stephens, Isabella
Swann, Micaela
Tobar, Ingrid
Tobiasson, Sarah
Torres, Andrew
White, Dakotah
Woodson, Monique

YOUTH CHORALE (GRADES 6-10)

Allen, Jaina
Arredondo, Dylan
Bhandari, Dipika
Bruce, Lacey Rose
Buer, Emily
Cabriaes, Lisette
Caplan, Alyssa
Caplan, Anna
Caplan, Sara
DeBelen, Beatrice
Finkelstein, Taylor
Gallegos, Frances
Garcia, Serenity
Gatski, McKenna
Greene, Amie
Greig, Alex
Hillenbrand, Victoria
Hoskins, Joseph
Justice, Jonathan
Kim, Yena

Knuth, Amelia
Lewis, Brianna
Little, Danielle
Loss, Ijana
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(out for now)
Anas, Savannah (7)
(LOA)



THE LAS VEGAS MASTER SINGERS

Founded 14 years ago by a small group of vocalists who came together to sing just for the joy of it, this community chorus of 75 has become recognized as one of the premier choral organizations in the Las Vegas Valley. The Master Singers have performed with the Las Vegas Philharmonic and the Henderson Civic Symphony. Their concerts

include everything from classical to jazz to spirituals. The Master Singers performed as the guest artists at the American Guild of Organists national conclave earlier this year. They are directed by Dr. Jocelyn Kaye Jensen, who also directs the UNLV Women's Chorus.

SOPRANO

Anderson, Becky
Borromeo, Carlota
Colman, Kathi
Francis, Doris B.
Gillespie, Lisa
Johnson, Michelle
Julien, Debbie
Kubicki, Rita
Loeb, Debora
Ludwick, Laura
Majors, Shannon
Mauck, Mary
Newell, Patricia
Parzych, Pam
Popp, Jill
Ruttenberg, Carolyn
Salz, Judy
Seymour, Maureen
Skulrak, Patricia
Vidal, Sarah

ALTO

Avritt, Sandra
Benedict, Lisa
Britsch, Chris
Brown, Olivia
Gaines, Merrilee
Harp, Debra
Honest, Sheryn
Honest, Stephanie
Hubbard, Dorothy
Knox, Vera
Nelson, Lorelle
Parker, Kelly
Pecoraro, Hilda
Peterson, Karen
Shim, Roseanne
Taylor, Raegan
Thomas, Jan
Thomsen, Naomi
Towne, Cinda
Trudeau, Kym
Wasano, Stephanie
Weinstein, Esther
Wolverton, Carol

TENOR

Castle, William
Franco, Erickson
Kreuzburg, Vern
Laurienti, Jim
Leland, Adam
Manlapaz, Jason
Patio, Elison
Patton, Jim
Reed, Richard
Stewart, Lisle
Underwood, Scott
Villaluz, Paul
Vitone, Mike

BASS

Britsch, Royden
Carter, Kaymen
Colman, Jeff
Evans, Joseph
Gayan, Dale
Goodrich, Aaron
Hed, David
Hindsman, Kyle
Kuzminski, Robert
Lindner, Ernest
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Concertmaster
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Jennifer Eriksson
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Kevork Mikaelian
Yurika Sinoto
Ivo Gradev
Lauren Jackson
Marty Connally
Blair Nesbit-Jackson
James Harvey *
Laraine Kaizer *

VIOLIN II

Shakeh Ghoukasian, *Principal*
Rebecca Ramsey,
Assistant Principal
Alissa Fleming
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VIOLA

Mary Trimble, *Principal*
Karl Reinarz
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Sharon Street-Caldwell
Hope Nickel
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CELLO

Robin Reinarz, *Principal*
Lee Richey,
Assistant Principal
Ted Hartwell
Andrew Travers
Jeremy Woolstenhulme
Emily Leavitt

Elena Kapustina
Moonlight Tran*

BASS

Paul Firak, *Principal*
Chris Davis
Assistant Principal
Geoff Neuman
Attila Kiss
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Abe Gumroyan
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FLUTE

Alexander Viazovtsev, *Principal*
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PICCOLO

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OBOE

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ENGLISH HORN

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CLARINET

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Perlman



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Family Concert

January 12, 2008

7:00 p.m. • Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall

*Richard McGee, Associate Conductor, with music from
Star Wars, Jaws, Hook, and Schindler's List*



Masterworks III

February 16, 2008 8 p.m.

David Itkin, Conductor

Guest Artist, Navah Perlman, *piano*

Concert sponsored by Richard & Wendy Plaster, Signature Homes



Masterworks IV

April 5, 2008 8 p.m.

Guest Artist, Gal Nyska, *cello*

Concert sponsored by The Las Vegas Philharmonic Guild



Masterworks V

May 10, 2008 8 p.m.

Guest Artists: Stacy Keach, *narrator*, Gloria Hoffmann, *narrator*, Athena Mertes, *soprano*,
Lynnette Chambers, *mezzo-soprano*, Mark Thomsen, *tenor*

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Other Events

“An Evening of Elegance and Style” Annual Gala

April 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. • Venetian Ballroom



Soirée III

March 5, 2008 • At the home of Barbara Lee & Bruce Woollen

Guest Artist: Matt Haimovitz, *solo cello*



Soirée IV

April 9, 2008 • At the beautiful, recently remodeled, Spanish Trail Country Club,
hosted by Art & C.J. Woolston

Guest Artist: John Cheek and Julie Cheek, *piano four- hands*

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