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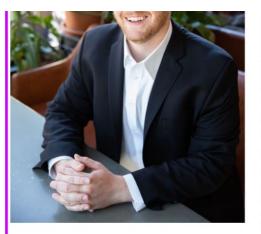


# Dillon Beede Artistic Director



Dillon Beede currently serves as Director of Choirs and Chair of Music at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA and Artistic Director of HGMC. He is also an artist in residence with Barbara Ingram School for the Arts and teaches voice through the Cumberland Valley School of Music.

Dillon earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance from Hastings College in 2011 and continued his education

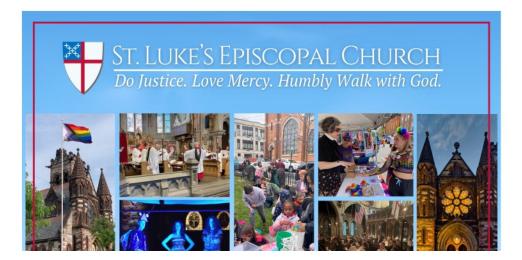


at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. While at Westminster, Dillon performed with the Westminster Symphonic Chorus under the batons of Yannick Nezet-Seguin (Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra), Sir Simon Rattle (Berlin Philharmonic), Jacques Lacombe (NJ Symphony Orchestra), James Jordan (Westminster Choir

College), Amanda Quist (Westminster Choir College) and Joe Miller (Westminster Choir College). During his time at Westminster he also studied voice with the late Julian Rodescu and Christopher Arneson and further studied with Matthew Anchel after graduation.

Upon completion of his Master of Music in Voice Performance and Vocal Pedagogy, he held a private voice studio in the Princeton community teaching students of all skill levels as well as specializing in transgender voice modification. Dillon has served as a guest clinician and conductor and taught vocal master classes in schools across Nebraska, Arizona, South Dakota, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

He is also a doctoral candidate at Teachers College, Columbia University for the Doctor of







#### From the Artistic Director

Welcome to Choral Kaleidoscope—our vibrant celebration of sound, color, and connection! It is an absolute joy to welcome you to this Spring concert series, and I can't wait for you to experience the journey we've prepared for you.

My idea behind Choral Kaleidoscope is simple yet expansive: just as a kaleidoscope refracts light into an endless array of beautiful, shifting patterns, this concert refracts choral music into a dazzling display of styles, genres, and perspectives. From contemporary pop arrangements to classical gems, musical theatre, tolk traditions and a bold new composition by one of our own members—you'll hear a little bit of everything, and hopefully see yourself reflected somewhere along the way.

As Artistic Director, I believe choral music has the unique ability to meet people where they are, to invite interpretation without demanding it, and to build bridges between sound and soul. In a world that so often asks us to fit into boxes or choose sides, I hope Choral Kaleidoscope is a space to simply listen, feel, and explore. There's no single narrative tonight—only many voices singing side by side, each adding to a larger picture that is richer for its complexity. We're also proud to feature a number of arrangements and selections that challenge us musically and emotionally, and that remind us of the diverse identities, histories, and dreams within our chorus and community. Naturally, we bring them to you with the same joy, heart, and fabulous flair that you've come to know and love from HGMC!

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The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

#### From the HGMC President

"There's nothing to do. Well, why don't you go outside and play? What's to do out there! Hmm, why don't you go out and just use a little imagination."

How often have we heard this little snippet of dialogue between a child and a parent? How often have we, ourselves, used this dialogue? We always seem to encourage children to use their imaginations but then, as adults, we oftentimes forget to use it ourselves. Instead, we are told to have a dream, to focus on what we really want, keep our eyes on the prize or to envision what our outcomes should be. Rarely are we actually told to be imaginative. I guess that's what thinking outside the box is supposed to

mean.

Isn't imagination, though, so much more than what we as adults have whittled it down to? For a child, imagination can take any shape, can create any reality, can allow them to inhabit it with joy. Adults tend to imagine much more fundamentally. The tendency is to imagine merely to the end of a given project, or to the solution of a given problem. Rarely do we allow our sense of imagination to run unbridled and believe that any possibility is truly possible. HGMC was just a such a moment. A small group of individuals imagined a group of gay men singing together and taking a very positive, affirming message of the "homosexual experience" out to the greater Harrisburg area. That was a pretty expansive flight of imagination back in 1987. It was certainly an act of bravery. But did we really imagine a chorus that included non-binary, trans, women, for short anyone who can sing in tenor, baritone or bass voice ranges, as well as cis males? We were all excited when we got our first straight singer! Did we really imagine a time when we would be traveling around a seven, soon to be eight, county area sharing a message of LGBTQIA+ pride, inclusion, and equity? Collaborating with other organizations and supporting the endeavors of other artists? Did we ever imagine that we would be part of a national choral movement or that we would become standard bearers of representation

# A Choral Kaleidoscope

Pure Imagination Bricusse and Newley, Arr. Nielsen

Here Comes the Sun Harrison, Arr. Huff, voiced for HGMC by Walker

Brighten My Soul with Sunshine Eilers

All the Diamonds Cockburn, Arr. Nickel

TaReKiTa Esmail

The Village Pearson, Jackson, Wrabel, Arr. Ash Soloist: Seth Hammond

Seize the Day Feldman & Menken, Arr. Emerson Group: Donald Anklam, Chris Aulbach, Charlie Buckwalter, Chris Crimmins, Seth Hammond, Steve Keefer, Fred Warner

For Good Schwartz, Arr. Roberts, voiced for HGMC by Walker

#### Intermission

Wall of Sound Hammond Written for HGMC, Premiere Performance

He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother Russell and Scott, Arr. Walker

Dirait-on Rilke and Lauridsen

Hallelujah Cohen



Tenor 1
Andi Carter # Donald Anklam
Steve Keefer Tim Coleman #

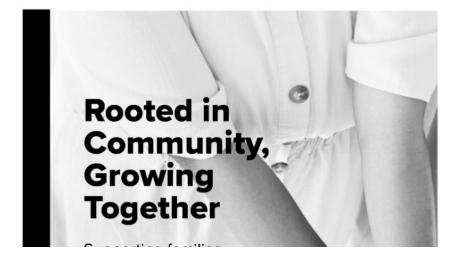
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José Solis Corps	
Bryce Spangler #	* Section Leader
Aiden Storm	# Sabbatical

Artistic Director - Dillon Beede





## **Wall of Sound, from the Composer**

This piece came about as a way to process some grief over the untimely passing of a nonbinary teen in Oklahoma that made the news in 2024. Grappling with my own identity as a non-binary person myself, their story stuck with me in a way that I needed to honor, and thus Wall of Sound was born. The message is simple but powerful, one of letting your color, your music, your very soul, be a protective force of good in this world. It's a challenging piece with close harmonies and no singular melody, but rather a soming together that sime to be more than the sum of its

parts. It's been a consummate honor to hear the HGMC learn it together over the past few months, and we present it with pride, love, and envisioned peace.

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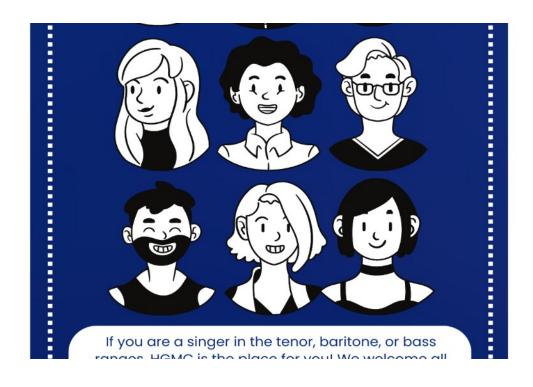
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ers, and everyone who has contributed over the past 38 years!

#### **To HGMC Chorus Members**

Thank you for your continued efforts to make music together! United in harmony, Celebrating Diversity.

#### **To HGMC Audience**

Thank you for continuing to come back to our performances and supporting our mission!

#### **To HGMC Board Members**

Thank you for you endless work to keep the chorus running!

#### **To Dillon Beede**

Thank you for leading us on this wonderful journey as we make music together.

#### **To HGMC Patrons**

Thank you for your continued support through the years, which makes it possible to continue our musical message.

# Aaron Hungerford Pianist



Pianist Aaron Hungerford maintains a busy schedule of collaborative performances. Based in York, PA, he can frequently be found supporting area university students and faculty in recitals and other events. Aaron is equally at home playing with vocalists and instrumentalists and finds pure joy in sharing the stage with others. In 2025 Aaron began performing with the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus, and often plays for other local school and community choirs. He has given numerous concer-

to norformances including as a featured calculate



with the Newark Symphony Orchestra in 2024. Aaron also assists and performs in theatrical productions with schools, community organizations, and regional theaters. In addition to his performing career, he currently serves in positions in Ephrata Area School District as a middle grades music teacher, and at Asbury United Methodist Church as the contemporary worship leader.

# Dan Snyder Technical Director

In addition to being the Technical Director for HGMC and working with them since 2021, Dan Snyder is the Audio Video Technician for Tree of Life Lutheran Church. Dan has also done work with Harrisburg Area Community College, Joy to the Burg,



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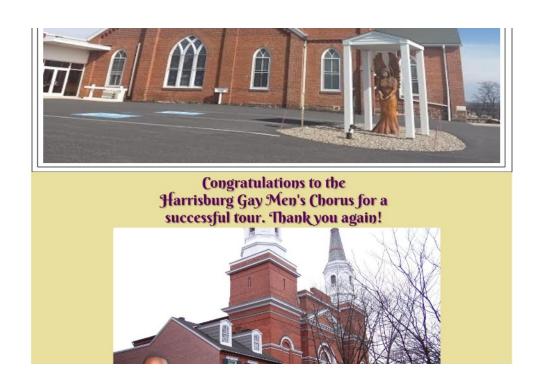
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