



the  
women's  
chorus of dallas

presents

# SHARE the *Light*

*a holiday concert celebrating  
hope, joy, and community*

featuring  
The Irma Lerma Rangel  
Young Women's Leadership School Choir

7:30pm  
December 10th, 2025  
Moody Performance Hall

# TAP HERE TO DONATE TO THE WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE**

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, our mission to bring music to the community depends on ticket sales, individual contributions, and grant funding. You can help us keep going by making a tax-deductible donation, volunteering your time or services, advertising with us, or sponsoring an upcoming performance. Your gift of any amount keeps TWCD singing and serving the community!

Tax ID: 75-2345796



# OUR WELCOME TO YOU

## FROM MELINDA IMTHURN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being here to Share the Light with us!

I am very excited to share this program with you. As I selected this music, you were on my mind. I thought about what we want - and what we need - from music right now. We need the comfort of the familiar and the excitement of something new. We need to remember that there is beauty in the diverse ways we all celebrate at this time of year. We want to laugh! And we need hope.

The chorus and I have all of that for you tonight - and some surprises too!

So, I hope you will put your cares aside for the evening and enjoy the magic of connection through music. I am glad YOU are here!

Sincerely,



Melinda

# ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS

The Women's Chorus of Dallas promotes the strength, diversity, and empowerment of women by performing high quality music to entertain, inspire, and serve the community. United in our mission to be an integral part of the community to inspire the souls, touch the hearts, and impact the lives of all who come to hear us.

The Women's Chorus of Dallas is recognized as one of the nation's finest women's choruses. Founded in 1989 with an initial membership of 35, the Chorus has grown to a diverse group of 100+ members, performing 3 season concerts each year.

Artistic Director Melinda Imthurn has led the Chorus for 21 seasons, pioneering its move to the Dallas Arts District and many successful collaborations and outreach events.

The Chorus annually presents the Voices of Women event in March with area college and high school singers at Moody Performance Hall, and has performed onstage with Moira Smiley + VOCO, Hugh Jackman, Demi Lovato, Lesley Gore, and Victoria Clark, among others.

The Chorus also performs free outreach performances at local social service agencies, bringing the joy of live music to underserved members of the community.

Once the only chorus in Texas predominantly composed of gay women, TWCD is proud of its diverse and welcoming membership for all women, regardless of age, race, or sexual identity.



# MELINDA IMTHURN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Artistic Director Melinda Imthurn is in her 21st season as Artistic Director for The Women's Chorus of Dallas. Under her leadership, the Chorus has increased its performance of music by women composers, as well as the commissioning of new works, with a focus on women of color and other underrepresented voices. Melinda holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance and a Master of Music degree in Vocal Pedagogy from Texas Woman's University, with continued studies in Contemporary Commercial Music at Shenandoah Conservatory and in Choral Music at University of North Texas. An accomplished singer, she has performed all over the DFW area and in solo recitals. Melinda is Professor of Music at Dallas College, directing the choir and coordinating vocal studies at the Eastfield Campus. In addition, she maintains a busy private vocal studio, specializing in voice rehabilitation. She is a frequent clinician and adjudicator for choruses and soloists and enjoys the role of mentor to many high school choir directors in Dallas ISD. As much as she cherishes her musical and educational endeavors, the most important roles Melinda currently serves are mother to a spectacular twelve-year-old, Victoria, and partner to her wonderful wife, Vanessa.

# TIMOTHY SANCHEZ, PRINCIPAL ACCOMPANIST & DIRECTOR OF SOMETHING EXTRA

A graduate of the University of North Texas with two degrees in music theory and choral studies, principal accompanist Tim Sanchez joins us for his fourth season. In addition to his role as Principal Accompanist of TWCD and Director of the small ensemble, Something Extra, Tim also serves as the Director of Music Ministry for Westwind Church and as an Associate Pianist for the National Children's Chorus. He maintains an active recital schedule, collaborating with various voice types and instruments throughout the year.



# FAITH PTOMEY, GENERAL MANAGER



General Manager Faith Ptomey is in her first season with The Women's Chorus of Dallas. She brings to the role a lifelong passion for music and a strong background in nonprofit operations, donor relations, and creative leadership. Faith holds a Bachelor of Arts in Worship Leadership from The King's University, graduating summa cum laude. In her work with the chorus, she oversees the operational systems that support and strengthen its artistic mission. Outside of her work with TWCD, Faith finds joy in music, meaningful conversations, and sharing life with friends over good food and coffee.

THE WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS PRESENTS

# SHARE <sup>the</sup> *Light*

Angels We Have Heard on High.....French Carol, arr. Dan Forrest

See, Amid the Winter's Snow.....E. Caswall, J. Gross, arr. Dan Forrest

Sizalelwe Indodana (Unto Us a Child is Born).....Traditional South African Carol, arr. V.C. Johnson  
Megan Trammel, Esiri "Ace" Tasker-Armstrong, Leda Juengerman, *soloists*

Ujima and Ujamaa from *Kwanzaa* Songs.....Zanaida Stewart Robles

Ocho Kandelikas (Eight Little Candles).....F. Jagoda, arr. J. Jacobson  
Vanessa Hatcher, Maria Adkins, *soloists*  
Erin Lincoln, Suzy Watson, Vanessa Vazquez, *guitarists*

Chosen Family.....R. Sawayama, D. Harle, J. Lattimer, arr. R. Grundahl Rexroth  
Chelsea Appiah, Erin Lincoln, Sara Negishi, Chelcie Smith,  
Kathryn North, Breanna Guggenheim, *soloists*

Snow Medley.....Arr. W. Varner

## INTERMISSION- 20 MINS

THE WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS PRESENTS

# SHARE <sup>the</sup> *Light*

Let There Be Joy.....J. Varnadore, B.M. Collins, J. Hudson, S.A. Oscroft, Hallmark, arr. M. Brymer

Miss You Most at Christmastime.....M. Carey, W. Afanasieff, arr. M. Hayes

Merry Christmas.....J. Torre, F. Spielman, arr. P. Langford

**Something Extra**, *directed by Timothy Sanchez*

Here We Come A-Caroling.....Arr. J. Althouse

Winter Wonderland of Snow.....D. Smith, F. Bernard, arr. M. Hayes

The Hope of Christmas.....A. Hampton Callaway, W. Schermerhorn, arr. E. Lojeski

*Ariel Wentworth, Teresa Rodriguez, soloists*

Myr, Zaraz (Peace, Now).....J. Szymko, arr. T. Sanchez

Peace, Peace.....R. Powell, S. Powell, R.E. Schram, L. Marcus, F.X. Gruber,  
J. Mohr, arr. F. Bock, A. Petker, W. Varner

*Joined by members of Turtle Creek Chorale and TWCD Alumni*

Let There Be Peace on Earth.....S. Miller, J. Jackson, arr. J. Althouse

*Joined by members of Rangel Young Women's Leadership*

*School Choir and TWCD Alumni*

# THE WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS SINGERS

## SOPRANO I

Alayna Thomas  
Anushka Bhowal  
Breanna Guggenheim  
Chelcie Smith \*  
Christine St. Pierre \*  
Isabella Patricio  
Kim Foster Fore  
Kristin Pearce  
Leda Juengerman  
Lydia Miller  
Mary Diamond  
Monica Valdez  
Priyanka Thakker  
Susananne Daniels

## SOPRANO II

Alexandra Binder  
Anna Schuldenburg  
Ariel Wentworth \*  
Brianna Gaulding  
Christen Cox  
Esiri Tasker-Armstrong  
Gloria Brown  
Karen Shen

Linda Abramson Evans  
Makalah Jessup \*  
Nikki Rodgers  
Rachel Williams  
Rowan Vasilenko  
Sara Negishi  
Susan Lewis  
Suzy Watson  
Teresa Rodriguez  
Vanessa Hatcher

## ALTO I

Andie Bernhardt  
Angelina Rangel  
Andrea Pickard \*  
Cara Monaghan  
Carrie Anspach  
Cathy Bryan  
Chelsea Tomek  
Deborah Haynes \*  
Erin Lincoln  
Georgia Jenkins  
Jessica Dobbs

Lauren Daniel \*  
Maria Acon  
Megan Trammel \*  
Nancy Sanchez  
Penny Adams  
Sarah Martin  
Sarah Plaxco  
Tabitha Adams

## ALTO II

Aline McKenzie  
Avery Hendrickson \*  
Carsen Walker \*  
Chelsea Appiah  
Deborah Pickner  
Erin Roberts  
Karen Swenson  
Kathryn North  
Kim Clarke  
Lynn Hollinger \*  
Maria Adkins  
Natalie Pearman  
Norma Stroman  
Tara Wyatt  
Vanessa Vazquez

\*MEMBERS OF SOMETHING EXTRA

RANGEL YOUNG WOMEN'S  
LEADERSHIP SCHOOL CHOIR  
**SINGERS**

Arkette Baptiste, Director

Alyssa Gomez  
Ange-Allyse Kinsam  
Aryana Ocampo  
Aylin Soto Villafranco  
Dafne De la Portilla  
Denise Ibarra  
Evelyn Hixson  
Estefania Banda  
Gemma Abrego  
Gracie Gonzalez  
Grecian Zamudio Soto  
Heather Thomas

Jailyn Palmerin  
Julieta Conde  
Kimberly Rocha  
Lorelai Reveles  
Mariana Martinez  
Melissa Ochoa  
Mikaela Pastran  
Rebecca Sandoval  
Savannah Solis  
Sidney Lendechy  
Stephanie Rodarte  
Wendy Jaramillo Martinez

# OUR SPONSORS

The Women's Chorus of Dallas is supported in part by:

Black Tie Dinner

City of Dallas Office of Arts & Culture

Communities Foundation of Texas

Dallas Arts District

Moody Fund for the Arts

National Endowment for the Arts

Sammons Center for the Arts

Texas Commission on the Arts

The Arts Community Alliance (TACA)



# TWCD CAPITAL CLUB MEMBERS

Alyssa Kinsey  
Cara Monahan  
Carrie Anspach  
Christen Cox  
Christina P  
Edie Fletcher  
Gloria Brown  
Jessica Dobbs  
Jessica Miller

Jo Blackburn  
Johannah Miller  
Judith Abbott  
Karen Swenson  
Lydia Miller & Aline  
McKenzie  
Maria Acon  
Natalie Garry  
Nikki Rodgers

Samantha LeBeau  
Sandra Greenman  
Shelly Sheridan  
Sue Sherrod & Jude  
Hammett  
Suzy Watson  
Taylor Schumacher  
Teresa Rodriguez  
Traci Stonum-Parker

## PHOTO EXPERIENCE PROVIDED BY

A heartfelt thank you to Picture This for capturing tonight's glow and giving our audience a chance to take a piece of the evening home. We're grateful for your partnership and the joyful snapshots you help create.



# TWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lydia Miller, Chair

Doug Fore, Vice Chair

Christine St. Pierre, Treasurer

Chelcie Smith, Secretary

Mary Diamond

Pauleta Hendrickson

Tami Moar

Karen Swenson

Alyssa Kinsey & Megan Trammel, Member Liaisons

## CHORUS OFFICERS

President: Alyssa Kinsey

Treasurer: Jessica Dobbs

Membership: Tabi Adams

Social: Chelsea Tomek

S1 Section Rep: Kim Foster Fore

S2 Section Rep: Esiri "Ace" Tasker-Armstrong

Vice President: Megan Trammel

Production: Avery Hendrickson

Music Manager: Kim Clarke

A1 Section Rep: Andie Bernhardt

A2 Section Rep: Natalie Pearman

## SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Angela Harvey, Cello

Brie Sargent, Bass

Cara Wildman, Percussion

Emily Townsend, Viola

Eniko Samu, Violin 1

Jocelyn Hund Turner, Violin 2

Kami Lujan, Percussion

Sean Torres, Guitar

### Visuals

Erin Roberts

Arkette Baptiste and Rangel Young  
Women's Leadership School singers

Members of the Turtle Creek Chorale  
- Sean Baugh, Artistic Director

TWCD Alumni Singers



# SAVE THE DATE

## Voices of Women

March 31st, 2026



the  
women's  
chorus of dallas

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates, behind the scenes fun, audition opportunities, and information regarding our upcoming performances.

