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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIRS

New Beginnings

featuring

LYRICA

CANTARÉ

Dr. Nicholaus Cummins, *conductor*
Dr. Phillip Stockton, *conductor*
Jeremiah Steele, *collaborating pianist*
Anne-Katherine Ragsdale, *collaborating pianist*

November 3, 2026
First Baptist Church, Starkville

Program

LYRICA

WHEN WE ARE SINGING — **Traditional Song**
arr. Kevin Padworski

When we are singing, we are bound together. When we are sharing we are free to be.
Both in our singing and in our sharing, we are bringing change. We are making peace.

COME AT DAWN from Three Spanish Ballads — **Eugene Butler**

Come at dawn my beloved, come to me at the dawn. Thou whom most I love, pray come at the dawning day.
Come at the first light of day. Come.

LONG TIME TRAVELLER — **arr. Jonathan Rodgers**

"Long Time Traveller" is a traditional hymn dating back to 1810 from John Dobell's hymn collection. The blessed torch shines for now, lighting the path to true happiness, but only amidst a long-awaited calm. Made famous by the Wailing Jenny's this arrangement seeks to recreate the spirit of the Appalachian shaker sound from the early 1800s.

WHERE THE LIGHT BEGINS — **Susan LaBarr**

Perhaps it does not begin. Perhaps it is always.
Perhaps it takes a lifetime to open our eyes,to learn to see —
the luminous line of the map in the dark
the vigil flame in the house of the heart
the love so searing we cannot keep from singing, from crying out.
Perhaps this day the light begins in us.
We are where the light begins.
Perhaps it does not begin.
Perhaps it is always.

JOHNNY SAID NO! — **Vijay Singh**

The song tells the humorous story of a young man named Johnny, who is admired and pursued by the young women in his town. Despite their attention and numerous advances, Johnny remains completely unaffected by their charms and refuses to commit to any of them. The story unfolds through lighthearted gossip and playful lamentations from the local women, who express their collective frustration and amusement at his persistent unwillingness to be won over.

GALOP from Solfège Suite — **Ken Berg**

In dance, the **galop,** named after the fastest running gait of a horse, a shortened version of the original term galoppade, is a lively country dance, introduced in the late 1820s to Parisian society by the Duchesse de Berry and popular in Vienna, Berlin and London. In the same closed position familiar in the waltz, the step combined a glissade with a chassé on alternate feet, ordinarily in a fast 2/4 time.

CANTARÉ

JOY — **Hans Bridger Heruth**
text by Sara Teasdale

Macy Joy & Kate Jasper, soloists

I am wild, I will sing to the trees, I will sing to the stars in the sky.
I love, I am loved, he is mine, now at last I can die!
I am loved, I will sing, I am loved, I will sing
I am sandaled with wind and with flame, I have heart-fire and singing to give.
I can tread on the grass or the stars, now at last I can live!

DER MENSCH LEBT UND BESTEHET NUR EINE KLEINE ZEIT — **Max Reger**

Man lives and endures only a short time; and all the world passes away with all its glory.
There is only One eternal and at all ends and we are in His hands.

SANCTUS *from Requiem* — **Gabriel Fauré**

Dr. Daniel Stevens, violin; Dr. Matthew Haislip, horn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

NORTHERN LIGHTS — **Ola Gjeilo**

Thou art beautiful, O my love, sweet and beautiful daughter of Jerusalem,
Thou art beautiful, O my love, sweet and comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army set in array.
Turn away thy eyes from me, for they have made me flee away.

BRIGHT MORNING STARS — **arr. Shawn Kirchner**
Traditional Appalachian Song

Michael Berryhill & Brady Long, soloists

Bright morning stars are rising, day's a-breaking in my soul.
Oh, where are our dear fathers, Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They are down in the valley praying, Day's a-breaking in my soul.
Oh where are our dear mothers, Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They have gone to heaven shouting, Day's a-breaking in my soul.
Oh where are our dear children, Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They're upon the earth a-dancing, Day's a-breaking in my soul.
Bright morning stars are rising, Day's a-breaking in my soul.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Monday, November 16, 2026	MMEA Conference Performance featuring State Singers	Main Street Baptist Church – Hattiesburg, MS
Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Choral Christmas Concert featuring Schola Cantorum, Lyrica, Cantaré and State Singers	First Baptist Church – Starkville
Thursday, March 18, 2027	The Quiet Heart featuring Schola Cantorum & State Singers	First Baptist Church – Starkville
Saturday, April 17, 2027	Triumph to Transcendence Requiem in D minor - W.A. Mozart featuring Cantaré, State Singers, Starkville Symphony Orchestra, & SSO Community Chorus	Bettersworth Auditorium - Lee Hall



Lyrica

Eden Bodie
La'Miyiah Bounds
Adrian Carlock
Audriana Cockrell
Amiya Cunningham
Kelsey Fulgham
Hailea Garner
Yacine Gueye
Taijha Hackett
Ella Henry
Laura Jennings
Martha Jessop
Bren Jones
Savannah Kirk
Leilani Morales
Samiya Phillips
Anna Poole
Jazlyn Proby
Sierra Robinson-Clark
Alana Russell
Kylie Russell-Evangelista
Avery Snead
Taliyah Thomas
Artiyuna Timmons
Carys Turner
Trinity Worthy

Cantaré

John Aarhus
Carderan Alexander
Darren Bass
Allan Beronio Jr.
Michael Berryhill
Hudson Bland
Davin Brooks
Khoi Bui
Ayden Burt
Seth Cochran
Gabrielle Cooley
Matthew Crocker
Christopher Dishmon
Brady Edington
Alanna Ewing
Andrea Grissom
Kendall Helms
Rylan Hill
Naomi Hutchins
Katherine Jasper
Ava Johnston
Annabella Jones
Zachary Jones
Julianne Jordan
Kennedie Jordan
Macy Joy
Haylee King
Savannah Kirk
Sadie Elise Kittler
Sierra Lochala
Brady Long
Charles Lynch
Luke Malone
Alexander Martin
Charles Martin
Christopher McAuley
Bradley McCoy
Matthew Mitchell
Olivia Monk
Bethany Musser
Elizabeth Nissen
Niles Peterson
Jazlyn Proby
Jaylen Rice
Arabella Satcher
Cooper Sellers
Josephine Shoemake
Sharlee Shumpert
Sarah Sullivan
Chase Taylor
Jacob Taylor
Victoria Vandiver
Aiden Walker
Annalise Wells
Ethan Willhite
Jasmine Williams