



CAAM SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT 2024-2025

A reason to celebrate!

The new season is just around the corner, and it is certainly one to celebrate! We have a packed schedule full of diverse concert programs and multiple ensembles to fit every age and experience level - there is truly something for every voice! Join us in February to officially commemorate 10 years of the **Unity Benefit Concert** featuring the **Columbia Community Gospel Choir** under the inspired leadership of LaMont Walker. Plus, this year, we are pleased to announce an opportunity for our adult singers to travel abroad with members of our professional choir, Prometheus.

We can't wait to sing with you this season!

Emily Edgington Andrews

CAAM Artistic Director

CAAM Ensembles: Quick Facts

Columbia Chorale | Rehearsals begin August 12
Monday nights: 7-8:45 p.m. | Location: Bixby Hall,
Brouder Science Center, Columbia College campus
Participation Fees: \$180/year or \$100/session
Register [HERE](#).

Chamber Choir | Auditions September 3
Monday nights: 6-6:45 p.m. | Location: Bixby Hall,
Brouder Science Center, Columbia College campus
Participation Fees: \$50/year
Indicate interest on Chorale registration form

Columbia Youth Choirs | Begins August 25
Location: Columbia Independent School
Sunday afternoons

- 3:30-4:20 p.m. Primo Choir (mixed voices, grades 2-4)
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cambiare Chorus I (tenor/bass/changing voices, grades 5-8)
- 3:30-4:50 p.m. Cambiare Chorus II (tenor/bass/changing voices, grades 9-12)
- 3:30-4:45 p.m. Bella Voce (treble voices, grades 5-12)
- 4:20-5:45 p.m. Canta Bella (treble voices, grades 8-12, by audition only)
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Poco Voce (grades K-1) [begins Sept. 8]

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Columbia Community Gospel Choir | January 14



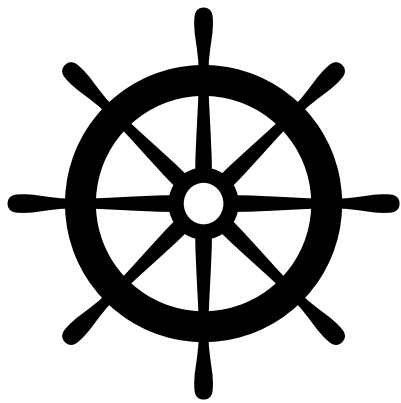
2024-2025 Season Schedule

EXQUISITE PAIRINGS

Prometheus: An American Vocal Consort Tour September 18-22, 2024



CAAM's Artists-in-Residence Prometheus under Artistic Director R. Paul Crabb continue to transport audiences in unique and interactive concert experiences in their annual Exquisite Pairings tour. Prometheus' 16 professional singers present sublime a cappella choral music in intimate settings, where audiences will enjoy visual art, food and drink specifically selected to pair with each musical piece for a most "delicious" concert experience. Stay tuned for specific concert tour details!

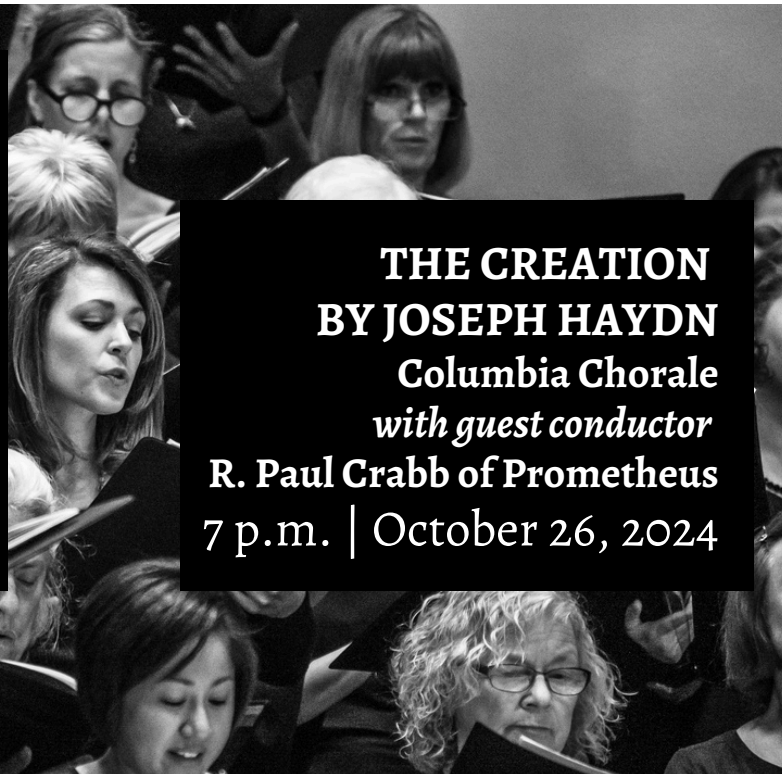


SHANTY NIGHT - A CAAM FUNDRAISER

6:00-7:30 p.m. | October 18, 2024

Come one, come all to the first installment of the CAAM Shanty Choir! Led by an experienced shantyman from the Kansas City Chapter of the Shanty Choir, enjoy an evening of camaraderie and fun as we raise money for the organization that believes that everyone deserves to find their voice. All ages are welcome and no music-reading experience is needed to sing the songs of the high sea.

Columbia Chorale welcomes back R. Paul Crabb of Prometheus to lead the ensemble in its first concert of the season. Inspired by Handel's *Messiah* and *Israel in Egypt*, Haydn's *The Creation* (1798) incorporates texts from the Bible (Genesis and Psalms) and John Milton's epic poem *Paradise Lost* to portray the Biblical narrative of the creation of the universe. Experience comfort and hope as Haydn's uplifting arias and choruses paint a picture of chaos and darkness transformed into a world of idealized harmony and love.



THE CREATION
BY JOSEPH HAYDN
Columbia Chorale
with guest conductor
R. Paul Crabb of Prometheus
7 p.m. | October 26, 2024



The Forest is Full of Color
Columbia Youth Choirs
with CPS 5th Grade
Honors Choir
5 p.m. | November 17, 2024

The members of Columbia Youth Choirs kick off season 12 in a concert that pays homage to the beauty of Planet Earth and the ways that nature inspires, challenges, and enriches us.

Winter Miracle:
A Missouri Christmas
Holiday Choraliers with the Missouri Symphony
with conductors Jeremy Wagner & Maestro Wilbur Lin
2 p.m. | December 15, 2024

Members from CAAM's adult and youth choirs join the Missouri Symphony Orchestra and other guest members to usher in the holiday season during the Symphony's annual holiday concert. Enjoy seasonal favorites as well as newer works in a concert that puts everyone in the mood for the season.



Illumina: Music of Light **Columbia Chamber Choir** 7 p.m. | January 18, 2025



Experience inner enlightenment at ILLUMINA, a serene concert of candlelight and music featuring Columbia Chamber Choir and special guests from an area high school. Highlights include Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, a five-movement choral cycle that Lauridsen composed in response to his mother's final illness. Just as Lauridsen found "great personal comfort and solace in setting to music these timeless and wondrous words about Light, a universal symbol of illumination at all levels - spiritual, artistic, and intellectual," ILLUMINA shows that even the tiniest spark of light can kindle peace, and healing.



Unity:
Celebrating 10 Years
Columbia Community Gospel
Choir & CYC
with many special guests
7 p.m. | February 8, 2025

CAAM honors Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy through a benefit concert performance of gospel-inspired works. Hailed as one of CAAM's most powerful and uplifting concerts, Unity brings together individuals of all faiths and backgrounds to celebrate diversity and raise money for a local nonprofit, and has raised over \$18,000 for organizations like the Minority Men's Network, Granny's House, United Community Builders, and City of Refuge. This year, we celebrate 10 years of promoting Unity in the Community, while also remembering Dr. King's call for humankind to persevere: "Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. [. . .] Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."



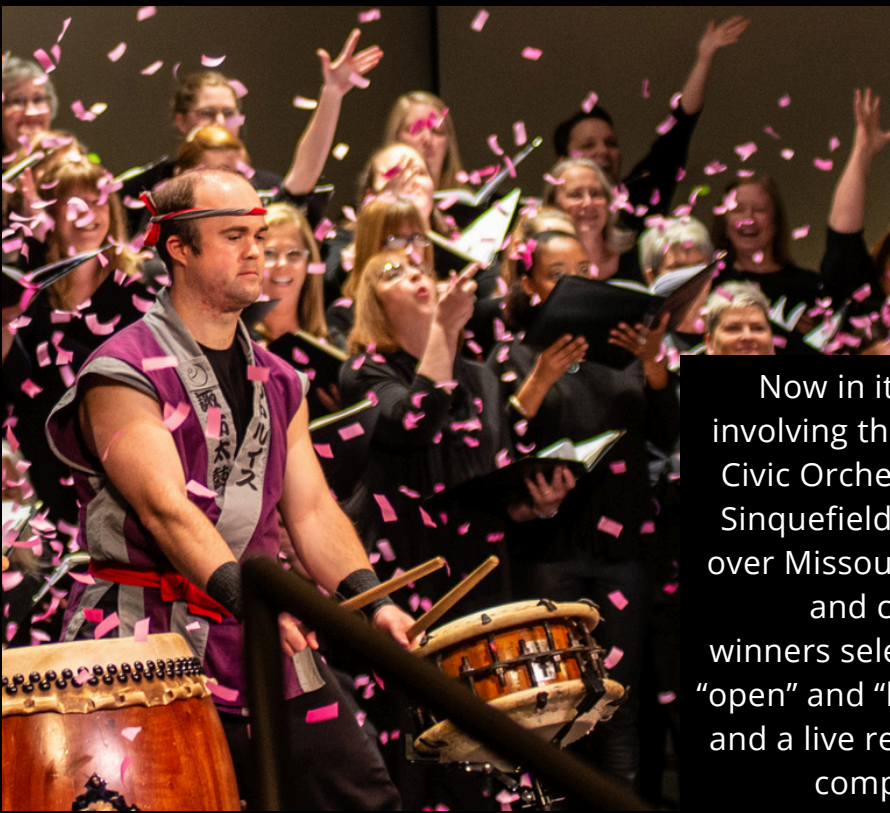
Honoring Home Prometheus: An American Vocal Consort Tour April 2-5, 2025

Prometheus returns home to Columbia during their second tour of the season to connect, collaborate, and perform with several choirs in the CAAM community through concerts and workshops, including on the highly acclaimed Odyssey Chamber Music Series Baroque Concert .

IN PARADISUM: Duruflé's Requiem & Other Transformative Works Columbia Chorale & Concert Chorale from University of Missouri with guest conductor Kari Adams 7 p.m. | April 11, 2025

MU's Concert Chorale and Columbia Chorale join together to present a concert of ethereal choral works, highlighted by Duruflé's most well known masterpiece, *Requiem*. *Requiem* began as an unfinished organ suite based on the plainchants for the Mass for the Dead, before he transformed it into his *Requiem* for chorus, soloists, and instruments. Completed in 1947, it was dedicated to the memory of the composer's father, and is Duruflé's longest and most substantial work. Duruflé wrote, "This Requiem is not an ethereal work which sings of detachment from earthly worries. It reflects . . . the agony of man faced with the mystery of his ultimate end. It is often dramatic, or filled with resignation, or hope or terror, just as the words of the Scripture themselves, which are used in the liturgy. It tends to translate human feelings before their terrifying, unexplainable or consoling destiny" before ending with "the ultimate answer of Faith to all the questions by the flight of the soul to Paradise."





Missouri Composers Project
Premiere Vocal Artists with
Columbia Civic Orchestra and
Mizzou New Music
7:30 p.m. | April 13, 2025

Now in its 13th year, MOCOP is a collaborative effort involving the Mizzou New Music Initiative, the Columbia Civic Orchestra, CAAM's Premiere Vocal Artists, and the Sinquefield Charitable Foundation. Composers from all over Missouri are invited each year to submit orchestral and choral works for potential performance, with winners selected by blind judging in two age categories: "open" and "high school." In addition to the performance and a live recording of their work, all five winners of the competition receive a \$500 honorarium from the Sinquefield Charitable Foundation.

Life's Your Stage
Columbia Youth Choirs
5 p.m. | April 27, 2025

The reviews are in, and CYC is a hit! CYC concludes another dynamic season with a show stopping performance of memorable songs from Broadway. Singing songs from the heart-rending to the hilarious, these performers will have you laughing, crying, and shouting "Encore!"



Pack your bags - CAAM is heading abroad!

Tour April 28-May 5, 2025

Join members of CAAM's professional Artists-in-Residence Prometheus under the direction of R. Paul Crabb on a tour to Vienna, Austria this spring! We will have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with singers from the Momentum Vocal Ensemble conducted by Simon Erasmus, and perform in beautiful venues like Peterskirche and Brigittakirche. More details about the itinerary and cost will be shared in August.





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