

AzACDA Summer Conference: Awake My Soul and Sing!



Wednesday, July 6, 2022

WELCOME and ALL-CONFERENCE SING – 8:30 am – 9:00 am – Ted Gibson, President

PLENARY SESSION – 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Dr. Craig Jessop

Creating Out of the Chaos – Thoughts on Developing Choral Survival Skills in Turbulent Times.

FOCUS SESSION 1 – 10:15 am – 11:30 am

Young Sounds - Songs for Elementary, Boys, and Youth. Janel Huyett, Troy Meeker, and Herbert Washington

INTEREST SESSION 1 – 10:15 am – 11:30 am

Teaching the Harmonic Sequence: Tools & Strategies for Introducing and Improving Harmony Singing in the Choral Classroom - Dr. Alyssa Cossey – University of Arizona

Lunch Break: 11:30 am - 12:50 pm – (Student Luncheon @ MCC PAC)
Diamondbacks Choir Nights – Derek Gensberg – 12:50 pm

PLENARY SESSION – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Dr. Craig Jessop

Make a Joyful Noise! - Challenges of the All-Volunteer Community/Church Choir and how to work with singers of all ages and abilities.

FOCUS SESSION 2 – 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Meeting in the Middle: Repertoire for the Post-Pandemic Middle School Classroom. Mandy Lamberth and Katherine Rosenfeld

INTEREST SESSION 2 – 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Discussion Panel for Trans Young Musicians. Facilitated by Nicky Manlove – THEM Youth Ensemble

FOCUS SESSION 3 – 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Cantaremos Honor Choir – Repertoire and Information. Albert Lee and Erin Johnson

INTEREST SESSION 3 – 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

BREATHE IN: Exercising Empathy while Staying in your own Lane - Dr. Gregory Gentry – University of Colorado Boulder

Concert: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Canto Vivo, THEM Youth Ensemble, Side Note A Cappella

Presentation of the Director of the Year Award and Lifetime Achievement Award

Thursday, July 7, 2022

PLENARY SESSION – 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Dr. Craig Jessop

The Tabernacle Choir & Orchestra at Temple Square – Celebrating One of America’s Oldest Choral Traditions

FOCUS SESSION 4 – 10:15 am – 11:30 am

Digging Deeper - Part 2! Vocal Jazz and Show Choir. Lindsay Decoste and Ally Kluch

INTEREST SESSION 4 – 10:15 am – 11:30 am

Let Me Share Some Inspiring Stories: Collected Interviews from Notable Choral Conductors. Dr. Gregory Gentry – University of Colorado Boulder

Lunch Break: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

FOCUS SESSION 5 – 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Choral Potpourri – Something for Everyone. Alyssa Cossey, Chase Moore, and Joey Johnston

INTEREST SESSION 5 – 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Hidden Gems in Plain Sight: Sight-Singing Help For Young Choirs. Mandy Clegg – Chandler Children’s Choir

FOCUS SESSION 6 – 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Different Notes for Different Folks – maximizing the strength of multi-generational choirs. Matthew Fable and David Stertzbach

INTEREST SESSION 6 – 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

10 African American Female Composers to Program This Year. Dr. Tim Westerhaus – Northern Arizona University

FOCUS SESSION 7 – 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Music for the Contemporary Choral Classroom. Celine Durney and Sinamar Pascua Respicio

INTEREST SESSION 7 – 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Don’t Fear the Fader – Sound System Basics for Choir Directors. Ted Gibson – Gilbert Classical Academy

Social Event: Sing the Star-Spangled Banner @ Dbacks vs. Colorado Rockies. Performers call time 5:45pm – 2 free tickets for directors who sign up their choir to participate in “Choir Nights!” – Other tickets available at \$26 discounted rate.

Friday, July 8, 2022

FOCUS SESSION 8 – 9:00 am – 10:15 am

You'll Take the High Road and I'll Take the Low Road – SA and TB music. Andie Chung Graham and Smith Graham

INTEREST SESSION 8 – 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Juntos: Embracing Arizona Culture with a Choir and Mariachi Collaboration. Aimee Stewart – Chandler Children's Choir

FOCUS SESSION 9 – 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Creative Repertoire for High School Choirs. Greg Hebert and Robert Decoste

INTEREST SESSION 9 – 10:30 am – 11:45 am

There's No Choir Like Show Choir! Courtney Evans

CONFERENCE CLOSING – 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm – Ted Gibson and Katie Gerrich

PLENARY SESSIONS – MAIN THEATRE – These sessions are built for every conference attendee and feature our headline speaker Dr. Craig Jessop.

FOCUS SESSIONS – CHOIR ROOM – These sessions include a selection of repertoire provided digitally by J.W. Pepper and include insight from the presenters.

INTEREST SESSIONS – INSTRUMENTAL ROOM – These sessions are informative and often include collaborative discussion on specific topics.

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