

# Past, Present, & Preview

Dr. Amanda Huntleigh,  
Artistic Director

Than Chesher,  
Associate Director

Dr. Sharon Jensen,  
Accompanist

musical growth since 1971



DUBUQUE  
CHORALE

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## Past

Hard Trials.....William Grant Still  
(1895-1978)

Le Ballet des Ombres.....Hector Berlioz  
(1803-1896)

Two Moves and the Slow Scat.....Dennis Kam  
(1942-2018)

Ave Maria from *Quattro Pezzi Sacri*.....Guiseppe Verdi  
(1813-1901)

Stabat Mater Dolorosa  
from *Stabat Mater*.....Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
(1710-1736)

## Present & Preview

Hail Poetry.....Gilbert & Sullivan  
*Cadenza* (1836-1911, 1842-1900)

O Nata Lux.....Morten Lauridsen  
*Cadenza* (b. 1943)

She Moved Through the Fair.....Traditional Irish ballad  
arr. Timothy C. Takach

*Amendment: Righting Our Wrongs*.....Melissa Dunphy  
1. The Quest (b. 1980)

Let the River Run.....Carly Simon  
(b. 1945)  
arr. Craig Hella Johnson

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October 24, 2021  
First Congregational Church UCC  
Dubuque, Iowa

**DR. AMANDA HUNTLEIGH** assumed directorship of the Dubuque Chorale in the fall of 2018. At the same time, she began her position as Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Clarke University in Dubuque. This follows her position as Assistant Director of Choral Activities and Lecturer at Smith College in Northampton, MA.



Huntleigh received her Doctorate of Musical Arts in choral conducting from the University of Washington, her Master of Music degree in conducting from George Mason University, and her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Wartburg College. Earlier in her career, she taught choral, instrumental, and general music in Illinois, Virginia, and Delaware public schools.

**THAN CHESHER** is the associate director for the Dubuque Chorale. In addition to the Dubuque Chorale, Mr. Cheshier directs the choirs of Dubuque Senior High School and teaches a Modern Band class introducing students to contemporary instruments and recording techniques. He has directed choirs in Iowa and Minnesota where students earned honors in conference, state and national honor choirs.



Than comes to Dubuque with 27 years of professional musical experience performing for amusement parks, cruise ships, and onstage as a vocalist and bassist. His academic research includes individual well-being through music, student musician identity, and popular music in schools. Than received his Master of Arts in Music Education from the University of Iowa and his Bachelor of Music Education from Morningside College.

**DR. SHARON JENSEN** holds music degrees from Calvin College, University of Texas, and University of Michigan. As the recipient of a Rotary Fellowship, she studied at the Hochschule für Musik in Vienna, Austria, where she received the Artist's Diploma.



She has performed with orchestras throughout the Midwest and at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall for four consecutive years with flautist Peg Cornils. In July 2016, she was a pianist for the Prague Choral Festival and performed with members of the Czech Philharmonic in Smetana Hall. Jensen has also been heard on Chicago's WFMT Dame Myra Hess series and NPR's Live from Landmark Center and Live from the Chazen.

She has taught at Augustana College, Emmaus Bible College, University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Clarke University. Sharon maintains a private piano studio in Dubuque, IA, and is active in Iowa Music Teachers Association where her students have earned awards at district and state auditions. In 2015, she was honored as the Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year from the state of Iowa and in 2020 as the Iowa Teaching Fellow of the Year.

# *Dubuque Chorale Roster*

## **Soprano**

\*Jeannie Adams  
\*Ruth Assmus  
\*Kim Barnes  
Carol Baumann  
Erin Beatty  
\*Danielle Besler  
\*Mary Bryant  
Kathy Erickson  
\*Mary Beth Ferring  
Genevieve Gourley  
Susan Hansen  
\*Sharon Jensen  
\*Lauren Kramer  
Lisa Landgraf  
Holly Reed  
\*Victoria Schuler  
Sarah Slaughter

## **Tenor**

Peter Bellaver  
\*Than Chesher  
Samantha Echaves  
Charlie Green  
Dan Knepper  
Kai Lowell  
\*Cathe Oberfoell  
\*Danielle Phillips  
Peter Schroeder  
Sharon Speckhard  
\*Tom Taylor

## **Alto**

Michelle Balek  
Aimee Belanger  
Hannah Blaubach  
Joan Bradley  
Amy Dolan  
\*Terry Eckhart  
\*Lorrie Etheredge  
Leanne Golinvaux  
Laura Hoffman  
Melissa Jensen  
Joyce Johnson  
Mary Kelley  
Cheri Kraske  
Meg Larkin  
Yasyn Lee  
Amy Pagaza  
Katey Theis

## **Bass**

Jim Fahrion  
\*Marty Fiesler  
Nick Glab  
\*Mike Jozefowicz  
Robert Lehmann  
\*Mark Niemer  
\*Mark Oppedahl  
Marcus Pagaza  
\*Allan Simms  
David Speckhard  
Wesley Struebing  
\*Curt Zeimet

\*Indicates Cadenza member

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## *Artistic Staff*

Amanda Huntleigh,  
Artistic Director  
Karmella Sellers,  
Children's Choir Director

Than Chesher,  
Associate Director  
Sharon Jensen, Accompanist  
Amanda Hauta,  
Children's Choir Accompanist

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## **Dubuque Chorale and Children's Choir 2021-22 Season**

NISOM L&MOP (Children's Choir)  
Saturday November 13, 10:00 am  
Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque

DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Service  
(Children's Choir)  
Wednesday November 24, 7:00 pm  
Church of the Resurrection, Dubuque

DSO Holiday Family Concert (Children's Choir)  
December 4, 1:00 pm

DSO Holiday Concert (Adult Choir)  
December 4, 7:30 pm  
December 5, 2:00 pm

50th Anniversary Concert  
May 14, 7:30 pm  
May 15, 2:00 pm  
Grand Opera House, Dubuque

Updates and details available at  
[dubuquechorale.org](http://dubuquechorale.org)

