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CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHORALE



Melanie Moore, Artistic Director
Crysta Jones, Collaborative Pianist
Rachel Jones, Soprano, Guest Artist

Spring Valley United Methodist Church
7700 Spring Valley Road
Dallas, TX
December 13th, 2025
2:30 PM & 7:30 PM



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Melanie Moore, Artistic Director (2000 - Present)

Melanie Moore is presently in her twenty-fourth season with The Contemporary Chorale. She has taught music privately and in the public school system collectively for over 40 years, and recently “retired” from teaching choral music at Rowlett

High School. She taught both elementary and secondary choral music in the Richardson ISD and secondary choral music for Lovejoy ISD, and Garland ISD. Melanie has also served as Adjunct Professor of Music Education at Dallas Baptist University, where she taught courses in elementary and secondary music education methods. In her retirement, she has again joined the Adjunct Faculty at Dallas Baptist University, where she teaches Introduction to Fine Arts and serves as a University Supervisor for Music Education student teachers. Ms. Moore is in demand as a vocal, choral, and instrumental accompanist, and vocal/choral coach and clinician. She has coached more than 40 students to the TMEA All-State Choir. Additionally, she enjoys music directing and playing keyboard for local musical theatre productions. Melanie holds a B.M. in Piano Pedagogy from Oklahoma Baptist University and an M.A. in Music Education from Texas Woman's University.

Professional affiliations include Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) and Texas Choral Directors' Association (TCDA). Melanie and her husband, Wes, have one daughter, Zoë.



Crysta Jones, Collaborative Pianist (2013 - Present)

Crysta Jones is enjoying her twelfth year accompanying the Chorale. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baylor University and her Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University. Crysta began her piano training at age five and has trained classically for fifteen years. She has played in the Lake Highlands area for eleven years, both as a solo pianist and as an accompanist for high school choirs, vocalists, and band students. Crysta also enjoys serving as accompanist for the New Song Community Choir. Crysta and her husband, Jeff, have four grown children.



Rachel Jones, Guest Artist

Rachel Jones is a DFW-based soprano known for her clarity of tone, expressive musicality, and versatility. She regularly performs with Verdigris Ensemble and Incarnatus and has sung with the Orpheus Chamber Singers. Rachel is also on the roster of nationally recognized ensembles Conspirare and The Crossing, and recently made her debut with Trinitas Ensemble in Little Rock. She has appeared as a soloist in works by Bach, Fauré, Buxtehude, Britten, and Parry, and has premiered new music by composers such as Sahba Aminikia and Shavon Lloyd. Locally, she is a frequent soloist in the Bach's Lunch series at Church of the Incarnation. Rachel began studying voice in high school with Melanie Moore, who inspired her to pursue music at Texas Christian University, where she earned her Bachelor of Church Music. She is honored to join The Contemporary Chorale as their featured artist and to collaborate with her incredibly talented mother, Crysta Jones, and wonderful former teacher, Melanie Moore.



About the Chorale

Founded in 1956, The Chorale has been an artistic outlet and resource for like-minded individuals passionate about singing. The women and men of The Contemporary Chorale are entertainers who love to sing, dance, and perform for you. Whether singing Broadway, jazz, or romantic melodies, these performers approach the music with enthusiasm, musicality, and a high degree of professionalism.

For more information on The Contemporary Chorale, please visit **www.thecontemporarychorale.org**



A Note From The Artistic Director...

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays. We are so glad you are here and hope you leave feeling joyful and renewed. We each celebrate this season in our own way through culture, tradition, and beloved “we do it this way” moments. And what brings us all together? Music. The universal language.

Choosing music for our concerts is quite a task, but one I relish. With so many possibilities, I plan months ahead to create a mix that reflects the many personalities of The Chorale. We are singers first, yes, but we are also entertainers (have you seen our Spring Shows?). That is our niche in the metroplex. With this in mind, today’s repertoire runs from sublime to ridiculous, and we would not want it any other way! We are proud of our distinctive arrangements and our blend of serious and fun, something we lovingly call #seriousfun. If you cannot have fun while doing it, what is the point? We hope you enjoy the performance and leave ready to become a Chorale Groupie.

We are pleased to present Guest Artist **Rachel Jones**, whose “special something” I noticed when she first came to me for voice lessons. She insisted she was an alto, but I knew there was a soaring soprano in there. We still laugh about that. You will love hearing her sparkling soprano as she makes music alongside her mother, Crysta. Welcome, Rachel. We are thrilled you are here.

We are also honored to welcome Guest Musicians **Gabe Jones, Paige Kosseth, Maranda Shantz, and John Tarver**, each bringing their unique gifts to share with us. And we extend our thanks to **Derrada Rubell-Asbell**, Worship Leader and Director of Music Ministries at Spring Valley UMC, for welcoming us into these glorious facilities. What a beautiful place to share beautiful music.

Thank you for joining us today. We are honored you decided to spend time with us, and we hope you leave this concert full of Christmas Spirit!

Melanie Moore



Artistic Director, The Contemporary Chorale

All Bells in Paradise... and All Seats Taken!



The carpool angels have arrived - singing, snacking,
and slightly wheels off since 2016.

Merry Christmas!

Applause & Appreciation

- Marian, I will never stop loving you - *Robin*
- Julie, thanks for being our soprano section leader & trying to keep track of us (TeeHee) - *Lyn*
- Melanie, thanks for being such a brilliant and inspiring artist and leader for The Chorale - *The Baritone Section*
- Tenors, it's hard to be as good as we are. Thanks for all your contributions! - *Your Section Leader*
- Cosmas, I Love you, Silly Billy! - *love, Mommy*
- Becky, thanks for being my back-row buddy helping me by always knowing your music! - *Lyn*
- Rubys, Lynches, & Friends, thank you for coming! - *Kim*
- With heartfelt appreciation to my family & friends for your continued support of The Contemporary Chorale! - *Clint*



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Applause & Appreciation

- Pete, thanks so much for hosting and leading the extra rehearsals. You're the man! - *Tenors, Basses, & Baritones*
- John, Happy 51st Anniversary & for singing with me again. Love you more every day! - *Lyn*
- Where my Altos At!? Love you & the fun of singing all those funky parts! - *Carol*
- Rebecca, Thanks for making sure we're all dressed & ready for the show! - *Lyn*
- Jenn, always the most beautiful with hair up & glasses on! - *Katherine*
- Some do little, others do more, but all do something to make this Chorale we adore. Thanks! - *Larry*
- Kara, I'm happiest when you are my rehearsal seat mate. - *Katherine*



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Order of Performance

Christmas Bells are Ringing Arr. Hayes

All Bells in Paradise Rutter

My Lord has Come Todd

Ave Maria Gounod

Rachel Jones, Soprano

Where Shepards Lately Knelt Schalk

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day Gardner

Sweet Little Jesus Boy Arr. Moore

Rachel Jones - Soloist

Go Tell It on the Mountain Arr. Dilworth

Keep Your Lamps! Arr. Thomas

The Wexford Carol Arr. Helvey

Sweet was the Song Arr. Chilcott

Rachel Jones

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN MS. JONES AND THE CHORALE
IN SINGING SILENT NIGHT AS DIRECTED**

***Silent Night, Holy Night, All is calm, All is bright,
'Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.***

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Arr. Raney
Crysta Jones and Melanie Moore

Bidi Bom Arr. Eddleman

The First Noel Arr. PINKZEBRA

Good King Kong Looked Out Arr. Schickele

Winter Wonderland Arr. Shaw

Sweet Silent Night Arr. Beck

Brightest and Best Arr. Kirchner

Swingin' Saint Nick Arr. Gilpin

Believe Arr. Hayes

Don't Save It All for Christmas Day Arr. Langford

Sopranos:

Rebecca Burgett, Samantha Clark, Debbie Gerbo, Haley Hudson, Kylee Kline, Kendal Mabry, Karen Manus-Pennings, Jonathell Meyer, Julie Pham, Becky Price, Kati Riley, Kathryn Sowell, Lynette Wood

Altos

Kori Allen, Kristy Besse, Carol Blackwood, Nancy Carter, Karen Dishman, Dixie Doerr, Mary Katherine Doke, Beverly Hartzendorf, Jenn Hess, Gaby Hundza, Kara Janasak, Cathy Koschik, Susie Litton, Savitha Meda, Ariana Pleasure, Hilda Rodriguez, Kim Ruby, Melanie Seaman, Karra Hope Shepherd, Sandra Treviño

Tenors

Jeffrey Barnett, Clint David, Jim Douglass, Joshua Lynn, Barry Owens, Pete Puckett, Lucho Romero, Dan Treviño, Luke Whitbread

Baritone/Basses

Justin Chumbley, Harry Doerr, Larry Edens, Moe Elkadri, Gary Grahmquist, Rolin Green, Keith Janasak, Jeff Miles, David Stevens, Patrick Thornton, Rick Vacek, Randy Wilson, John Wood

Artistic Staff and Musicians

Melanie Moore – **Artistic Director**
Crysta Jones – **Collaborative Pianist**
Gabe Jones – **Percussion**
Paige Kosseth – **Violin**
Maranda Shantz – **Bass**
John Tarver – **Organ**



Remembering Our Chorale Family

*"Those dearest to us never really leave;
they live on in the way they cared,
shared, and made us happy."*

Sonya Duncan (1992)
Camille Fiely (1997)
Sue Farrar: Past Director
(2004)
Molly Pederson (2008)
Betty Buethe (2008)
Diane Downey (2011)
Betty Shifflet: Past Director
(2012)
Betty Hanna (2013)
Rubye Campbell (2014)
Mary Jones (2015)
Sandra Howell (2015)
Bino Scanlon (2018)

Mary Helen Chaney: Past
Accompanist (2018)
Mary Jane McNair (2019)
Donna Marshall (2019)
Louise Anderson
Angel Bohrt (2021)
Frankie Houchin (2021)
Charles Hughes (2023)
Carolyn Perryman
Vanessa Travers
Luann Tucker (2024)
Lynne Shirey (2025)

"Remembering Our Chorale Family" is a fairly recent addition to our printed programs. We want to honor former members who have passed by listing their names and the year of their passing. The Chorale is now 69 years old, and we are sure there are members we have not listed. If you know of former Chorale members who have passed away, or you know the years of passage for those whose names we do not have, we would appreciate your sharing that information.

Please contact Sandra Treviño at:

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- Carol, your talent never ceases to amaze me. - *Katherine*
- Pete, thanks for building your new home addition for the tenors to rehearse! - *Clint*
- Fin & Sadie, you are the best doggies in the world. Thanks for helping me practice. - *Daddeo*
- Family, thank you for your constant support. - *Becky P.*
- Sandra, thanks for your solid & unwavering leadership as President of The Chorale. - *Gary & the entire men's section.*
- Kim, thanks for taking on the huge job of Ads & learning the new digital process! - *Lyn*
- Thelma & Shirley, thanks for your friendship over the years. You're the best! - *Julie*
- Samantha, thanks for the choreography & for keeping us on our toes! - *Gary*
- CTB, we love you very much. Thanks for being so supportive. - *Love, Mom & Dad*
- Lucho, thanks for joining this wacky group! You are a blessing in church & in Chorale! - *Pete*
- Joe, Happy Birthday, my love. - *Kim*
- Kimberly, even though you abandoned me for the altos, you're still one of my favorite people! - *Lyn*
- Caroline & Kristy, thanks for planning the spirit nights! I love to eat & donate to The Chorale! - *Lyn*
- Melanie, these past three years performing with The Chorale have been soul-fufilling. Thank you! - *Clint*
- Dennis, if you're here today, come back! We love & miss you! - *Carol*

Applause & Appreciation

- Kristy's Family & Friends, thanks for coming out to support us. Enjoy the show & smile at me! - *Kristy*
- Sopranos, I miss y'all but I don't miss the high notes. - *Kim*
- Pete & Cohorts, your talent has made our Chorale solid! - *Katherine*
- Kylee, thanks for your expertise in making our program & always making me smile! - *Lyn*
- Breathing is a privilege. - *Larry*
- Crysta, you continue to be amazing! Thanks for sharing your daughter with us. - *Gary*
- Okie girls, soprano problems...Thanks for the warmups & the times we pretended we were totally not the dramatic ones. - *Julie*
- Crysta, HOW DO YOU DO IT?? Thanks for your mad keyboard skills & the giggles! - *Carol*
- Melanie, & by that, I mean, let's do a spring 'Beatles Show' sometime! - *Pete*
- Pete, dear friend from middle school on, thanks for the laughs, fun, help, & marrying Hilary! - *Carol*
- Melanie, thanks for the last 10 years! Let's make the next 10 even more fun! - *Pete*
- Lynn, thanks for holding down the back row of the soprano section with me! - *Becky*
- Moe, I gotta say, for a Bass, you are not so bad! Thanks for everything! - *Pete*
- Lynette, thanks for being my first chorale buddy. - *Kim*
- Melanie, thank you for your perfect blend of artistry, hilarity, & mind-bending challenge! - *Carol*
- How about we resurrect Broadway at Brookedale this Spring? What do you say? Melanie? Crysta? - *Pete*

Applause & Appreciation

- Debbie, so glad you are in The Chorale. Let's recruit some more WTW folks! - *Pete*
- Altos, thank you for letting me into your section! - *Kim*
- Jeff, you in choir = total harmony. Singing with you has always been my favorite duet. - *Love, Julie*
- The Pool, what a sweet ride! Thanks for all the great conversations to and from Chorale! - *Pete*
- Susie, you're a great addition to our choir - & an Alto! - *Katherine*
- Rachel, you've well and truly blessed us with your ridiculously amazing voice! Wowza! - *Carol*
- Melanie, thanks for inspiring & teaching us to be our best. All done while herding cats! - *Becky*

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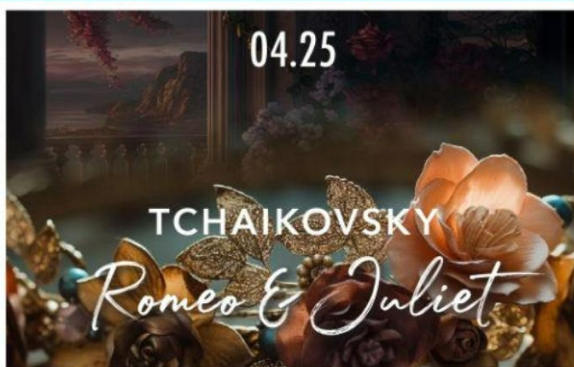
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