

PHOENIX CHORALE

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ABOUT PHOENIX CHORALE

As the only internationally-recognized professional choral ensemble in the Valley, the Grammy® Award-winning Phoenix Chorale showcases the expert talents of Arizona's highly-trained and versatile singers, in performances celebrated for their technical agility and emotional impact.

Founded in 1958 and professionalized in 1994, Phoenix Chorale is regarded as one of the finest choral ensembles in North America of the western classical tradition and has been led since 2019 by British Artistic Director Christopher Gabbitas.

Phoenix Chorale continues to earn international recognition through its acclaimed recordings. Recent releases since 2024 on Signum Records have been described by Gramophone as "expertly blended," "enviably smooth and sumptuous" by BBC Music and "imaginatively programmed and meticulously sung" by The Arts Desk. Visit phoenixchorale.org to learn more.

Christopher Gabbitas, **Artistic Director**

Tom Peterson, **Associate Conductor**

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Thursday, April 30, 7:30 pm

MIM Music Theater

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SERIES I

Herbert Howells **Requiem**
October 10 & 11, 2026

SERIES II

A Chorale Christmas
December 18, 19, 20, 21, 2026

SERIES III

National Parks
World Premiere
January 30 & 31, 2027

SERIES IV

Mixed Program
April 24 & 25, 2027

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SUPPORT THE PHOENIX CHORALE
SPRING CAMPAIGN

Help us reach our \$85,000 goal by June 30. When you support the Chorale with a financial gift, your voice joins the chorus of people who believe in bringing people together through beauty.

Make a tax-deductible donation today and ensure Chorale can continue to deliver world-class choral music to current and future generations in its best form: through unique, innovative, live musical performances.

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**EARLY BIRD SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS GO
ON SALE AUGUST 3, 2026**

TOM PETERSON, ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR

Tom Peterson considers it a joy and an honor to work with the Phoenix Chorale team, supporting the Chorale's main season concerts while also leading outreach initiatives (MIM Choral Education Night, ACDA State Choral Festival) and additional projects with partners like ASU Gammage Beyond Series and Beth Morrison Projects.

Tom is also the Director of Music at All Saints' Episcopal, a vibrant and welcoming music program that brings together singers as young as 4th grade with volunteers of every age and some of the finest professionals in the city. For three years, he was the Artistic Director of the Master Chorale of Flagstaff, where he initiated their Big Sing Flagstaff and premiered new choral works by Kira Zeeman Rugen and Melissa Dunphy. He previously worked as producer and conductor with Canyon Records, and taught music theory and history at Phoenix College.

As a composer, Tom is a winner of the Stephen Paulus Emerging Composer Competition, is published with E. C. Schirmer, and can be found on albums by Phoenix Chorale, Solis Camerata, and the Tetra String Quartet. Tom is a graduate of Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, and the Royal College of Music in London.

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PROGRAM NOTE

To longtime faithful concertgoers of Phoenix Chorale, to folks who are not quite sure what to expect, and to everyone in between: we are delighted to welcome you to this evening's performance. We are thrilled to share this music with you in the beautiful MIM Music Theater, and we hope that the chamber music size of the ensemble — a bouquet of ten singers — will allow you a close-up understanding and appreciation of these artists' individual voices.

Tonight's program, **BLOOM**, is music of flowers and springtime, and moves around the world in a journey that begins with carefree songs of exuberance and rebirth, progresses to love and its complications, and muses on flowers that herald Spring's season of renewal drawing to a close. The journey brings us to a particularly enigmatic piece, "The Summer Is Coming", by a seminal voice of 20th century choral music, Herbert Howells. At times rich and emotional, at times spare and haunting, we hope it is just one of many special blossoms in tonight's concert to delight and surprise, to evoke the joy of discovering a particularly lovely flower that is, if only for a short time, in full resplendent bloom.

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Springtime...

Io son la primavera William Hawley (b.1950)
(I am spring)

Gia torna (Spring returns) Luca Marenzio (1533 -1599)
sung by
Madalyn Kiewiet, Holly Sheppard, Elijah Frank,
Gabriel Frongillo, Jordan Murillo

O primavera (O Spring) Giaches de Wert (1535–1596)
sung by
Cara Loveless-Faulkner, Christina Hall, Anjelica Simone,
Gavin Ely, Jason Raetz

Now is the month of maying Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

...is for lovers

Mo-Li-Hua (Jasmine Flower) Chinese folksong, 18th c.
Madalyn Kiewiet arr. Hyo-Won Woo (b. 1974)

When spring comes round Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Ballad of Green Broom Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
from **Flower Songs**

It Was A Lover And His Lass Ward Swingle (1927-2015)
Christina Hall, Gabriel Frongillo

We'll all go together

Wild Mountain Thyme Celtic Traditional,
arr. Francis Shaughnessy
Christina Hall, Madalyn Kiewiet, Gavin Ely
10-minute Intermission

Time grows short

Evening Scene Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Evening Primrose Benjamin Britten
from **Flower Songs**

this is the garden Alice Parker (1925-2023)

The summer is coming

The Summer Is Coming Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Nils Lindberg (1933-2022)



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ARTISTS PERFORMING THIS EVENING

Soprano

Christina Hall
Madalyn Kiewiet
Cara Loveless-
Faulkner

Alto

Holly Sheppard
Anjelica Simone

Tenor

Gavin Ely
Elijah Frank

Bass

Gabriel Frongillo
Jordan Murillo
Jason Raetz

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