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Choral Singers Invited to Participate in Rochester Intergenerational Choir Day

First-of-its-kind event features sessions with well-known local musicians

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The Hochstein School hosts the inspiring, first-of-its-kind **Rochester Intergenerational Choir Day** on Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm in Hochstein Performance Hall. This event is free and open to choral singers in grade 4 through adult – both individuals and choirs. There will be sessions during the day with three well-known local clinicians: **Dr. Lee Wright, Jonathan Thomas Madden, and Dr. Philip E. Silvey.**

Wright, a scholar of the American Negro Spiritual and director of the choral group First Inversion, will begin by introducing choral improvisation techniques using spirituals taught by rote.

Madden will lead singers in his newly commissioned work “Songs for the People,” based on poetry by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, an influential abolitionist, suffragist, poet, and teacher. A Hochstein alum and the Assistant Director of the Hochstein Youth Singers and Hochstein Singers, Madden is currently a graduate student in choral conducting at the Eastman School of Music.

Silvey – Associate Professor of Music Teaching and Learning at the Eastman School of Music – will work with singers on his new composition “Everyone Shine.”

Maryellen Giese, Director of Hochstein Youth Singers and Hochstein Singers and one of the organizers of the event, says, “Through this community singing event, we hope to bring together many, many ensembles from area churches, schools, community choirs, and more ... along with individual people who just love to sing! **I’m hoping every choir in the Greater Rochester Area will join us for this one-of-a-kind choral singing opportunity!**”

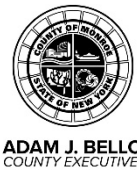
The day will end with an informal performance of the pieces and improvisation. Each singer will take home invaluable experience in improvisational performance practice of spirituals and choirs will have two performance-ready works.

Advance registration is encouraged **before November 7** so participants have time to listen to the learning tracks and be familiar with the repertoire ahead of time. Find out more at:

<https://hochstein.org/Ensembles/Choral/Rochester-Intergenerational-Choir-Day->

Photographs of the three choral leaders are available in this folder on Google Drive:

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About Hochstein: The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering high-quality instruction in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 to commemorate the artistry, life, and service of David Hochstein – a prodigious violinist who died serving in World War I – the School welcomes students of all ages, abilities, proficiency levels, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds in an inclusive and accessible environment that provides artistic opportunities for all. More than 100 years after its founding, Hochstein annually serves more than 3,500 students from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester. The School is active throughout the community and provides tuition assistance to more than 50% of its students. The acclaimed Hochstein Performance Hall, located within the school’s historic downtown building, hosts concerts and events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

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