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DR. BENJAMIN STOGNER
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Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist Church
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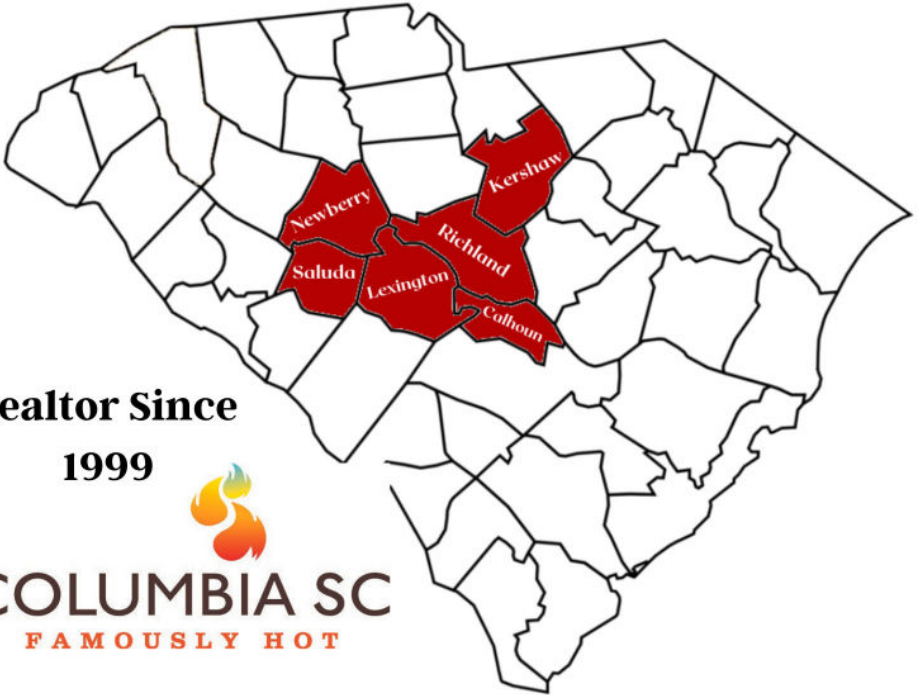
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Welcome! The Palmetto Mastersingers and I are so thrilled that you have joined us for a night of wonderful singing. We are happy for Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist Church to host us for tonight's concert. Please, sit back, relax, snap your fingers, and tap your toes as we present our concert.

~Dr. Benjamin Stogner

Meet our Mastersingers Musical Leaders

DR. BENJAMIN STOGNER

Artistic Director for The Palmetto Mastersingers



Dr. Benjamin Stogner holds a Doctorate in Musical Arts in Vocal Performance from the University of South Carolina, and a Master's in Music Education from Liberty University. With a passion for choral conducting and performance, Dr. Stogner has carved an impressive path in academia and the church.

Beginning as a rehearsal conductor at Court Street United Methodist Church in Lynchburg, VA, Dr. Stogner honed his skills in leading choral ensembles. This experience laid the foundation for the subsequent role as Director of Worship at Greenhill Baptist Church, where he not only led the choir but also conducted the accompanying orchestra, fostering a rich and harmonious worship experience.

Currently, Dr. Stogner serves as the Minister of Music at Florence Baptist Church in Forest City, North Carolina, where his leadership continues to inspire and uplift the congregation through music. His dedication to musical excellence is evident not only within the church walls but also throughout the community.

Beyond his church commitments, Dr. Stogner has showcased his talent on the operatic stage, portraying memorable roles such as the Count in "The Marriage of Figaro" at the University of South Carolina and the Police Sergeant in "The Pirates of Penzance" at Liberty University. His versatility as a performer is further demonstrated through his involvement in various musical events and recitals across the city, captivating audiences with his expressive and powerful voice.

As a member of the esteemed Palmetto Mastersingers, Dr. Stogner has contributed his talents to enriching the local choral landscape. Recently, he has taken on the role of Artistic Director of this great organization.

Driven by a deep love for music and a commitment to excellence, Dr. Stogner continues to make a profound impact on both the spiritual and artistic communities he serves.



ALLISON HUDSON HILBISH

Accompanist for The Palmetto Mastersingers



Having grown up in Columbia, Allison has spent her life at the heart of its local musical scene. She received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of South Carolina after obtaining an Associate of Arts Degree from Anderson Junior College. Allison is very passionate about the art of accompanying, has been the pianist for many choral groups in the area, and is currently the pianist for the Columbia Choral Society and the Palmetto Mastersingers. She was the staff accompanist at Columbia College for over 10 years and is currently the pianist for Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church and a staff accompanist at Newberry College.



ARPAD DARAZS

1922 – 1986



Arpad Darazs was a native of Hungary. From 1941 to 1947, he earned three degrees from the Royal Franz Liszt Music Conservatory in Budapest. He was conductor of the Hungarian State Radio Network. He emigrated to the United States and was a music instructor at Malloy College and Columbia University before coming to the University of South Carolina in 1966 as professor of music and director of choral activities. He earned a Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1972.

Dr. Darazs was a protégé of renowned Hungarian composer Zoltan Kodaly and was an authority on the Kodaly method of choral instruction. While at USC, Darazs founded the Concert Choir and was conductor of the Columbia Philharmonic Orchestra. He organized the Palmetto Mastersingers in 1981 to promote the male choral repertoire beyond the college walls. In 1985, he was awarded the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner award for his contributions and achievement in and to the arts in South Carolina.

In recognition of this heritage, our concerts from time to time will feature compositions by Kodaly and arrangements by Darazs.

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The Palmetto Mastersingers is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and presentation of male choral music. We are dependent on our individual and commercial friends for financial support. We are grateful for those who enable us by providing sponsorships, purchasing advertisements in the playbill, and making contributions. We accept on-line donations via PayPal, debit, or credit card at www.palmettomastersingers.org.

*Thank you for attendance tonight and we hope
you enjoy our songs!*

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Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key
John Stafford Smith
arr. Russell Robinson

Holy, Holy, Holy Franz Schubert
arr. Walter Ehret

An Die Musik Franz Schubert
arr. Craig Courtney

Abide with Me William H. Monk
text: Henry H. Lyte
arr. Moses Hogan

Im wunderschönen Monat Mai Robert Schumann
Landon Allison, soloist

Soon-Ah Will Be Done William L. Dawson

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit William L Dawson

David Deming, soloist

I Dreamed a Dream Claude-Michel Schönberg
from "Les Miserables" arr. Alwyn Humphreys

What have I done? Claude-Michel Schönberg
from "Les Miserables" text: Herbert Kretzmer
Justin Robinson, soloist

Stars Claude-Michel Schönberg
from "Les Miserables" text: Herbert Kretzmer
Dr. Benjamin Stogner, soloist

Bring Him Home Claude-Michel Schönberg
from "Les Miserables" text: Herbert Kretzmer & Alain Boublil
arr. John Leavitt
Michael Stroupe, soloist

Smile Charles Chaplin
text: Geoffrey Parsons & John Turner
arr. Tom Gentry

Under the Boardwalk Artie Resnick & Kenny Young
arr. Mark Brymer
Kurt Stevens, soloist

And So It Goes Billy Joel
arr. Kirby Shaw

Battle Hymn of the Republic William Steffe
text: Julia Ward Howe
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Tell My Father Frank Wildhorn
from "The Civil War:
An American Musical" text: Jack Murphy
arr. Andrea Ramsey
Johnny Thomas, soloist

Song for the Unsung Hero Joseph M. Martin
text: Pamela Stewart



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Songs of Note

For his debut concert as Palmetto Mastersingers' Artistic Director, Benjamin Stogner has selected songs from a variety of genres:

Sacred: "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Abide With Me." **Spirituals:** "Soon-Ah Will Be Done" and "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit." **Showtunes:** "I Dreamed a Dream" and "Bring Him Home." **Pop:** "And So It Goes" and "Under the Boardwalk." **Barbershop:** "Smile." **Patriotic:** "Song for the Unsung Hero" and "Tell My Father." **Classical:** "An Die Musik" (Franz Schubert).

Abolitionist Julia Ward Howe wrote "Battle Hymn of the Republic" during the Civil War, to the tune of "John Brown's Body." We sing Peter Wilhousky's classic 1944 arrangement. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir's recording reached No. 13 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1959. It has been called "the most well-known choral arrangement of a hymn or anthem in the United States."

Concert tip: In "Battle Hymn," note Allison Hilbish's remarkable performance of the piano accompaniment during the chorus. Allison's music is a vital part of our singing, and she accomplishes this difficult passage with consummate ease!



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