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JUNE 24 - 26, 2019

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WELCOME

Greetings from Southern Mississippi.

We hope you'll join us at The Palace and St. Michael's Catholic Church in June for our first summer ACDA conference at the Gulf Coast. We have exciting headliners and a fresh new look for our time together. Building strong relationships between colleagues in our state and region is so important. I hope that assembling at the coast for three days strengthens our purpose, mission, and collaborative efforts to create and share the choral art.

I want to thank Walton music and Susan LaBarr for their support of our headliners and contribution of all printed music. Fr. Greg Barras and St. Michael's have welcomed us to their facilities and we are grateful. Sean Berg, Kevin Caparotta, Michael Dye, Jeff Murdock, and Jody Powell, all from other states, are donating their time and travel to be with our ACDA community in June. So many of our board and state membership will take roles at this conference to make it all happen, and we couldn't do it without them. Special thanks to SaltandSeaImages.com and Tony Pollard for the beautiful photos in the brochure, Aaron LaFrance for his help in Ocean Springs, and to Terry Walker and Daniel Vernon for their convention-site assistance.

An important reminder, the ACDA Board will meet at this summer conference, not in August in Jackson (see in Monday's schedule).

We'll see you in Biloxi on the 24th. Sign up soon, as there is limited space at The Palace.



Gregory Fuller, PhD
President, Mississippi American Choral Director's Association
Professor of Conducting & Director of Choral Activities
The University of Southern Mississippi

Mississippi American Choral Directors Association

presents

Summer Conference Chorus

Music by Composers
Ola Gjeilo and Susan LaBarr

Wednesday, June 26
6 pm, St. Michael Catholic Church, Biloxi
7:15 pm, Ocean Springs Community Center

Gather At the River (LaBarr)

Christmas/Winter Set
No applause

The Rose (Gjeilo)
Ecce Novum (Gjeilo)
Midwinter Song (LaBarr)

Wisdom of the Moon (LaBarr)

Lyrics by Charles Anthony Silvestri
No applause

Seasons (Gjeilo & Silvestri))
Love: Then and Still (LaBarr & Silvestri)

Ubi Caritas
with piano improv transcription (Gjeilo)



PROGRAM





Ola Gjeilo
Guest Composer by Video Conference

Composer and pianist **Ola Gjeilo** was born in Norway in 1978 and moved to the United States in 2001 to begin his composition studies at the Juilliard School in New York City, where he currently resides. Ola's recordings include the Decca Classics albums *Ola Gjeilo* and *Winter Songs*, featuring Tenebrae, Voces8, and the Choir of Royal Holloway. His choral and piano works are published by Walton Music, while his wind band works are published by Boosey & Hawkes. For more information, please visit olagjeilo.com or find Ola on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Susan LaBarr
Guest Composer by Video Conference

Susan LaBarr is a composer and choral editor living and working in Springfield, Missouri. Her compositions are published by Santa Barbara Music Publishing, Walton Music, and Morningstar Music. Central to Susan's musical vocabulary is the knowledge she gained from studying with Alice Parker at her home in Hawley, Massachusetts, where she attended the Composer's Workshop and Melody Studies Workshop in 2012 and 2013, respectively. Susan attended Missouri State University in Springfield, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in music and a Master of Music in music theory. Susan, her husband Cameron, and their son Elliott reside in Springfield, Missouri, where Cameron is the Director of Choral Studies at Missouri State University and Susan works as Editor of Walton Music.



Nikisha Williams
Guest Actress by Video Conference

Nikisha Williams is a singer/actress originally from Mobile, Alabama. She holds a Master's degree in Choral Conducting and a Bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from The University of Southern Mississippi. Williams also spent three years as Director of Choirs at White Station High School in Memphis, TN where she received the Outstanding Young Music Educators award. She has performed in *Don Giovanni* and *Pagliacci* at Opera Memphis, and *Hairspray* and *Memphis* at Playhouse on the Square. From 2017 to 2018 Williams performed in the Broadway Touring Company of *The Color Purple Musical* where she was a female swing and understudy for Celie. Nikisha Williams is currently in the Philip Touring Company of *Hamilton: An American Musical* as an ensemble member and understudy for Eliza Hamilton, Angelica Schuyler, and Peggy Schuyler/Maria Reynolds.



Sean Berg
Guest Travel Consultant

Sean Berg is the Founder and Executive Director of Sechrist Travel, based in Seattle, WA, where he collaborates with performing ensembles and conductors in creating impactful, and often times, life changing opportunities and experiences to qualified bands, choirs, and orchestras to international and domestic destinations. Sean have been able to mold a career centered around his passions of choral music, music education, and purposeful travel! Sean also serves as Founder and Artistic Director of The Mill Creek Chorale. Having relocated to the Pacific Northwest from New York City in February 2014, Sean is thrilled to continue his service to the Community Choir making music with such a great group of people.

4-STATE-5-STAR PANEL

Kevin Caparotta *Brother Martin High School, New Orleans* *Current Louisiana ACDA President*



Kevin Caparotta is the Choral Director and Educational Technology Specialist at Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, where he conducts the Men's Chorus and the Alumni Chorus. In addition to teaching and conducting, Mr. Caparotta is active as a pianist, singer, composer, and adjudicator. He has composed or arranged music for Walt Disney World, the National World War II Museum, the New Orleans Children's Chorus, and the Justice Choir Songbook, among others, and his music has been published by Boosey & Hawkes. Mr. Caparotta also has extensive musical theatre experience, having served as musical director, conductor, and/or pianist for numerous productions in New Orleans and Orlando, Florida. He frequently plays keyboards in the pits of touring musicals such as *Wicked* and *The Book of Mormon*, and he was a vacation sub for three years on the national tour of *Jersey Boys*. Mr. Caparotta is president of the Louisiana chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. He is a graduate of Loyola University and Northwestern State University.

Michael Dye *Niceville High School, Florida* *Current and Past President of FSMA* *Past President of FVA* *Past President of Arkansas ACDA*



Michael Dye is will begin his 30th year as choral director at Niceville High School (*Okaloosa County*) and his 44th year as a choral music educator in August. A native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Mike received the Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Henderson State University - Arkadelphia (*1976*) and the Master of Music Education Degree from Arkansas State University - Jonesboro (*1990*). He also did graduate studies at the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville. While at ASU, Mike was the graduate assistant to Alfred Skoog, charter member of the ACDA, and also studied with composer Jared Spears. Mike taught applied voice and was afforded the opportunity to conduct the university choirs with at Arkansas State. While teaching in Arkansas Mike was elected the state president of the secondary school's interscholastic choral association, the Arkansas Choral Directors Association (*ArkCDA, 1986-1988*). He also served as president of the Arkansas Chapter of the ACDA (*1988-1990*). Dye was twice elected as the ArkCDA Southeast Region Chair and was appointed to a two-year term to organize and run the State Choral Festival. In 1989 Mike was chosen as the ArkCDA's Senior High Director of the Year. Mike is a 30-year member of the Florida Vocal Association where he has served as president (*2007-2009*), and twice as the District 1 chair (*1993-1995/2003-2005*). While FVA president, he served on the board of the Florida Music Education Association.



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4-STATE-5-STAR PANEL

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Jeffrey Murdock

*University of Arkansas, Associate DCA
President Elect of Arkansas ACDA
ACDA National Committee for Diversity Initiatives
National Choral Council for NAFME*

Dr. Jeffrey Allen Murdock is internationally known as a conductor and clinician. He currently serves as Associate Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Arkansas where he conducts the Inspirational Choral, the Men's Chorus, and teaches courses within the choral music education curriculum. He is a 2016 Connor Endowed Faculty Fellow in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. While Dr. Murdock is an accomplished conductor of Western Choral music, he is also a skilled Gospel musician. He serves on the conducting staff of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and has collaborated with numerous world-renown Gospel recording artists, and is nationally recognized as a leader in the field. Dr. Murdock holds both Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music in Conducting degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Music Education from the University of Memphis. In addition to NAFME and ACDA, his professional memberships include the ASCAP and the National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO). He is also a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.



Jody Powell

*St. Paul's Episcopal High School, Mobile
AVA District Chair for 23 years
Past President of AVA and AMEA board member*

Harold J. Powell Sr. is currently Music Director and Theatre Coordinator at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, Alabama. At St. Paul's, he directs the Chamber Singers, St. Paul's Singers, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Middle School Chorus, Show Choir and is the director of the St. Paul's Players. A Graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, and the Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst, "Mozarteum" of Salzburg, Austria, Jody holds a bachelor's degree in vocal performance, a master's degree in vocal performance, and a master's degree in conducting, and a certificate of performance. Jody is past state treasurer, District VII chairman and past President of the Alabama Vocal Association. He teaches music in many different venues in the Mobile as well as participating in many community organization performances. Jody is affiliated with the National Association for Music Education, the Alabama Music Educators Association, the Alabama Vocal Association, the American Choral Directors Association, The Boy Scouts of America, and Spring Hill Baptist Church. He is married to Missy Powell and has two sons, Joseph and Marc.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



MONDAY, JUNE 24

10:30 am-12:30 pm

**Conference Check-in
St. Michael Family Life Center**

12:30-1:10 pm

**Conference Chorus Rehearsal
LaBarr/Gjeillo Repertoire**

5-minute break

1:15-2:20 pm

**Reading Session I
Music for Developing Voices
Tammy Carney & Caitlyn Dixon**
*New and favorite compositions in all voicings
for elementary, middle school, and beginning
high school choirs*

10-minute break

2:30-3:30 pm

**Establishing a Tradition of
Performance Travel with Purpose
Sean Berg**

10-minute break

3:40-4:20 pm

**Conference Chorus Rehearsal
LaBarr/Gjeillo Repertoire**

10-minute break

4:30 pm

**Mississippi ACDA Board Meeting
Check-in at The Palace/Break**

7:00 pm

**ACDA Mixer/Dinner at Sal and Mookies
110 Lameuse Street, Biloxi**
*Dinner included in registration
Buffet, including appetizer, salad, pasta, pizza*



CONFERENCE CHORUS

*Featuring the music of
Ola Gjeilo and Susan LaBarr
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READING SESSION

Music provided by Walton



Dale Beech
*Choral Director at
Hernando High School*



Tammy Carney
*Director of Choral Music at
Petal Middle School*



Caitlyn Dixon
*Director of Choral Music at
Pearl Junior High School*



Catherine Feazell
*Choral Director at
Center Hill High School*



Daniel Vernon
*Director of Choral Activities at
Gulfport High School*



Terry Walker
*Choral Director at
Long Beach High School*



Jonathan Kilgore
*Assistant Professor of Music and
Associate Director of Choral
Activities at The University of
Southern Mississippi*



J. Reese Norris
*Director of Choirs at
Hernando Middle School*



Gary Packwood
*Program Administrator and
Director of Choral Activities at
Mississippi State University*



Julia Thorn
*Director of Choral Activities at
Delta State University*



Don Trott
*Director of Choral Activities at
the University of Mississippi*



LaDonna Tyson
*Choral Director at
Pearl River Community College*

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, JUNE 25

9:00-10:10 am

**4-State-5-Star Panel
Learning From our Neighbors
St. Michael Family Life Center**

10-minute break

10:20-11:10 am

**Conference Chorus Rehearsal
LaBarr/Gjeillo Repertoire**

10-minute break

11:20-12:30 pm

**Video Conference
Nikisha Willams/Hamilton Cast**
*From your classroom to the professional stage.
What does it really take?*

★ **Lunch Break – On Your Own**

2:00-2:35 pm

**Reading Session II
Music for SSAA and TTBB Choirs
Dale Beech and Daniel Vernon**
*New works for treble choirs and tenor/bass choirs at the
upper middle school, high school, and collegiate levels*

5-minute short break

2:40-3:20 pm

**Conference Chorus Rehearsal
LaBarr/Gjeillo Repertoire**

10-minute break

3:30-4:40 pm

**Composers Video Conference
Ola Gjeilo**

10-minute break

4:50-5:30 pm

**Conference Chorus Rehearsal
LaBarr/Gjeillo Repertoire**

★ **Dinner Break - On Your Own**

Evening

Ocean Springs Pub Crawl
*ACDA Drink and/or Food Specials at
Beer House, Glory Bound,
Government Street Grocery, Murky Waters*



ACCOMPANIST TEAM



Debra Atkinson

*Director of Choral Activities,
Gulf Coast Community College, JD Campus*



Pamela Fuller

*Art and Music Faculty,
The 3D School-Dynamic Dyslexia Design*



Creighton Holder

*Director of Music Ministries,
Laurel First United Methodist Church*



Jonathan Kilgore

Associate Director of Choral Activities, Southern Miss



Angie Rawls

Choral Director, Pearl High School

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26



9:00-9:35 am

Reading Session III
Music for Mixed Voice Choirs
Catherine Feazell and Terry Walker
St. Michael Family Life Center
*New music and best-selling editions for high school, college,
and community, and church choirs of varying levels*

5-minute short break

9:40-10:30 am

Conference Chorus Rehearsal
LaBarr/Gjeillo Repertoire

10-minute break

10:40-11:50 am

Composer Video Conference
Susan LaBarr

10-minute break

12:00-12:30 pm

Conference Chorus Rehearsal
LaBarr/Gjeillo Repertoire

★ **Lunch Break – On Your Own**

2:15-3:30

4-State-5-Star Panel
Learning From our Neighbors

15-minute break – move to church

3:45-5:00

Conference Chorus Dress Rehearsal
LaBarr/Gjeillo Repertoire
St. Michael Church

5:00 – break – concert dress - all black

6:00 pm

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Free Public Concert
transit to Ocean Springs

7:15 pm

Ocean Springs Community Center
Walter Anderson Museum
Free Public Concert

7:45 pm

Private Tour of Walter Anderson Museum

8:30 pm

MS-ACDA Reception – Ocean Springs
Community Center





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- **Student Member Registration - \$110**
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- **Late or On-site Adult Non-Member Registration - \$180**
- **Late or On-Site Student Member Registration - \$125**
- **Late or On-Site Non-ACDA Spouse Registration - \$70**

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