

# LIVE *from* HOCHSTEIN

## *A Cup of Good Cheer*

Madrigalia  
Cary Ratcliff, director

Wednesday, December 17 2025

Hochstein Performance Hall

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# PROGRAM

Hodie	Jans Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Ityo dia metdrekh	Lebanese Carol
The Rose in the Middle of Winter	Bob Chilcott
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Traditional, Michael Praetorius arr. Andromeda Cripps
Magnificat (Song of Mary)	Cary Ratcliff
Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)	Erik Esenvalds
Tara Switzer, mezzo soprano	
Three Pieces for Chanukah III. Funky Dreidl	Robert Applebaum
December Moon	Sean Ivory/May Sarton
Six Poems for the Moon by Saigyō (Tsuki no Waka)	Akemi Naito
IV	
V	
VI	
White Winter Hymnal	Robin Pecknold arr. Alan Billingsley
12 Days of Christmas	Traditional English Carol arr. Ian Humphris

# SING ALONG

O Rest Ye Merry, Gentle Ones	Traditional English Carol
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Today's *Live from Hochstein* performance is broadcast live and in stereo on  FM, 91.5 with host Mona Seghatoleslami

# SING ALONG LYRICS

*Edited lyrics by Barbara Brandt, Mark Brandt, Marie Chapman, Bruce Gotts,  
Beth Maxie, Bill Norsworthy, and Ryan T. Cragun*

O rest ye merry gentle ones, let nothing you dismay  
Remember why we're all together on this holiday  
To give our love to one and all when we have been away  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
And here is to our Mother and to our Father too  
To all our other family and friends that we love true  
They give us love and give us cheer whenever we are blue  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Oh tidings of comfort and joy

## PERFORMERS

An ensemble of highly skilled vocalists, **Madrigalia** delights audiences by presenting unique and challenging programs of choral music built around illuminating themes. Their programming is drawn from all times and places, spanning classic choral styles, music being written in our time, and the musical expressions of cultures throughout the world. Madrigalia promotes the appreciation of choral singing to diverse audiences through performances, recordings, broadcasts, outreach, and the commissioning of new music.

Artistic director **Cary Ratcliff** is now in his twelfth season with Madrigalia. Under his direction, the chorus has released two CDs: *For Better, For Worse: Music About Marriage*, and *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*. The chorus also contributed to the recording of Ratcliff's opera *Eleni*. Known as a versatile composer, recordings include a grammy-nominated Harmonia Mundi 2015 release of his oratorio *Ode to Common Things* on poems of Pablo Neruda, by Conspirare under Craig Hella Johnson; and *Kathryn Lewek sings Cary Ratcliff* on Albany Records. His compositions can be explored on youtube.

## MADRIAGLIA PERSONNEL

### Sopranos

Glenda Brayman  
Jackie Castiglia  
Karen Hospers  
Brenda Tremblay  
Amanda von Rathonyi  
Heather Watras

### Altos

Sarah Engel  
Rachel Michalak  
Brenda Nitsch  
Megan Ormsbee  
Tara Switzer

### Tenors

Andy Cripps  
Justin Doyle  
Donald Reaves

### Basses

Joe Borrelli  
Joe Finetti  
Alan Giambattista  
Jim Jefferis

# JOIN US NEXT SEASON!

**March 18th, 2026**

*Europe Bound!*

Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra

Casey Springstead, conductor

**March 25th, 2026**

Women in Music Festival

Faculty from Nazareth University

***April 1st, 2026 - NO LIVE BROADCAST***

**April 8th, 2026**

Music of Schubert, Debussy, and Liszt

Koki Tanaka, violin & E-Na Song, piano

**April 15th, 2026**

Yi-Wen Chang, piano

**April 22nd, 2026**

Ekstasis Duo

Natasha Farny, cello & Eliran Avni, piano

**April 29th, 2026**

Hochstein Merit Scholarship Competition Winners in Concert

**May 6th, 2026**

Antara Winds

# UPCOMING CONCERTS AT HOCHSTEIN

**\*Friday, December 19th at 7:30PM**

A Joyful Christmas  
Featuring the Rochester Oratorio Society and Guests

**Saturday, January 3rd at 7PM**

Hochstein Alumni Orchestra  
Kiran Rajamani, violin & Evan Meccarello, director

**\*Friday, January 9th at 7PM**

*Spotlight on Faculty: Living Music*  
Featuring Hochstein staff

**\*Sunday, January 18th at 2PM**

OrKIDstra: I Have A Dream  
Featuring the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra

**Sunday, January 25th from 12PM - 5PM**

Barnes and Nobles Book Drive  
Featuring performances by Hochstein students  
Pittsford Plaza, 3349 Monroe Ave

**\*Thursday, January 29th at 7PM**

*Spotlight on Faculty: Miles Davis Animated*  
Featuring Hochstein Faculty from the Jazz and Dance departments

**Saturday, February 7th at 7:30PM**

Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony Concert  
John Rolland, Director

**Sunday, February 8th at 2PM**

Hochstein Youth Symphony and Philharmonia Orchestras  
Casey Springstead and John Rolland, Directors

*\*indicates ticketed event (Spotlight concerts are free for Hochstein families/students )*

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For information on how to support Hochstein, please contact Gwen Green, Director of Development, at [development@hochstein.org](mailto:development@hochstein.org) or 585.454.4403 x225.



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## JOIN US NEXT SEASON

### *Europe Bound!*

Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra  
Casey Springstead, director

March 18, 2026 at 12:10PM

## AUDIENCE REMINDERS

- Please enter and exit the hall only during applause.
- Food and beverages are not allowed in the Performance Hall.
- Please turn off cell phones and other devices that may sound or light up during the performance. The use of cameras/recording devices is strictly prohibited.
- Restrooms are located downstairs and can be accessed from the back of the Performance Hall. Wheelchair accessible/gender neutral restrooms are in the School; please ask an usher for directions.
- Fire exits are located along the sides and rear of the Performance Hall.