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Cantare:
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UNDER ONE SKY

Children's & Youth Choirs
Spring Concert 2025

Fri. May 2, 2025 | 6:30pm
Temple Hill Auditorium
4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland



Featuring Nova & Music Stars Elementary Choirs of:
Cleveland | Franklin | La Escuelita | Laurel | Lincoln | Melrose
Leadership Academy | Piedmont Ave.

From the **Executive Director**



Music is a universal language. Since I joined the team at Cantare, I have been struck again and again by the dedication and inventiveness of my teaching artist colleagues as they share this magical language with hundreds of students and by the talent and hardwork of the students as they work together to bring songs to life.

Whether you are a family member, friend, or guest, thank you for being here to give these inspiring young singers an audience. Songs need to be heard, and by being here tonight you become part of the Cantare community, a community built on the belief that music can change lives. We hope you enjoy the performance and come back to share more music with us.

La música es un lenguaje universal. Desde que me uní al equipo de Cantare, me ha impresionado una y otra vez la dedicación e inventiva de mis colegas artistas docentes al compartir este lenguaje mágico con cientos de estudiantes, así como el talento y el esfuerzo de los estudiantes al trabajar juntos para dar vida a las canciones.

Ya sean familia, amigos o invitados, gracias por estar aquí para ofrecerles un público a estos jóvenes cantantes inspiradores. Las canciones necesitan ser escuchadas, y al estar aquí esta noche, ustedes se convierten en parte de la comunidad de Cantare, una comunidad construida en base de la creencia de que la música puede cambiar vidas. Esperamos que disfruten de la presentación y que regresen para compartir más música con nosotros.

音乐是一门世界通用的语言。自从加入Cantare团队以来，我一次又一次地被我教学同事们的奉献精神和创造力所震撼。他们与数百名学生分享音乐这门神奇的语言，我也为学生们展现的才华所震撼。学生们齐心协力、辛勤的付出，将歌曲赋予生命。

无论您是家人、朋友还是嘉宾，感谢您的到来，成为这些鼓舞人心的年轻歌手们的观众。歌曲需要被聆听，今晚的到来，让您成为Cantare社区的一份子，这个社区建立在音乐可以改变人生的信念之上。我们希望您喜欢这场演出，并期望您再次与我们分享更多音乐。

Warmly, Afectuosamente, 恭送，

Tracy Grant
Executive Director



From the Youth Choirs Director



Tonight, we gather *Under One Sky*, with songs that celebrate our connections to one another and to the natural world around us. We invite you in the audience into a world where friends stick together, where there's enough to eat, where the sunlight brightens even the grayest days and where we join together to seek peace.

Each one of our 300 singers has worked hard this year and learned that they can create something unique and powerful with their voice. Our students have also learned to work together, to trust and respect each other and to see the light in one another. I am so inspired by the beauty that we create all together! I hope that our performance uplifts you and moves you to let your own light shine in the world.

Esta noche nos reunimos Bajo un Solo Cielo con canciones que celebran nuestra conexión con los demás y con la naturaleza que nos rodea. Los invitamos, como público, a un mundo donde los amigos se mantienen unidos, donde hay suficiente para comer, donde la luz del sol ilumina incluso los días más grises y donde nos unimos para buscar la paz.

Cada uno de nuestros 300 cantantes se ha esforzado mucho este año y ha aprendido que puede crear algo único y poderoso con su voz. Nuestros estudiantes también han aprendido a trabajar juntos, a confiar y respetarse mutuamente, y a ver la luz en los demás. ¡Me inspira muchísimo la belleza que creamos juntos! Espero que nuestra presentación los inspire y los motive a dejar que su propia luz brille en este mundo.

今晚，我们齐聚“同一片天空”，用歌声颂扬我们彼此的联系，以及我们与周围自然世界的联系。我们诚邀各位观众，走进一个共同的空间，携手创造一个共同期待的世界。一个朋友能相聚、食物能常充足、阳光能驱逐灰暗，和平能长久的世界。

今年，我们300位歌手都付出了辛勤的努力，也明白了用自己的声音，大家能发挥既独特又强大的作用。我们的学生也学会了如何携手合作、相互信任和尊重，并发现每一个音乐之星都闪耀着辉煌的光芒。这美好的成就让我深受鼓舞！希望我们的演出也能鼓舞你们，感动你们，让你们的光芒也照亮世界。

Julie Haydon
Director of Children's & Youth Choirs

Thank you for coming! Please silence your cell phones. Students will be dismissed from designated areas at the end of the concert, please stay seated and look for the signs for each school.

¡Gracias por venir! Por favor silencien sus celulares. Los estudiantes saldrán de las áreas designadas al final del concierto; favor de permanecer sentados y luego buscar los carteles de cada escuela.

谢谢你的到来！请把手机静音。音乐会结束后，学生将在指定地点集合后解散，请您在座位上等候，寻找各学校的标志。

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Under One Sky

Bajo un Solo Cielo • 同一片天空

Combined Choirs

Oh How Lovely is the Evening

German Folk Song

Nova

Tres Cantos Nativos dos Indios Kraó

arr. Marcos Leite

Melodies for this piece come from native Brazilians in the Xingú river area of the Amazon rainforest. There is no direct English translation for the phonemes.

Las Estrellas Musicales de Melrose

Mangwani Mpulele

South African Folk Song, arr. Jerry Estes

The words of the Bantu people translate as, "Aunt, please open the door for me. I am getting wet with rain."

Laurel Music Stars

Birds of a Feather

Billie Eilish & Finneas O'Connell

Piedmont Avenue Music Stars

I'll Stand By You

Chrissie Hynde, Tom Kelly & Billy Steinberg

La Escuelita Music Stars

We Can Work It Out

Paul McCartney & John Lennon

*Angel Calderon, Sofia Gonzalez, Luisa Gramaja,
Maya Gonzalez, Maggie Bogard & Aya Canane, Ensemble*

Franklin Music Stars

Tomorrow

Charles Strouse & Martin Charnin

Cleveland Music Stars

Under One Sky

Chris Barton

Lincoln Music Stars

Lovely Day

Bill Withers, arr. Robert T. Gibson

Kylie Frazier, Lea Helli, Eloy Zhu & Kimberly Tang, Soloists

Nova Senior Choir

Can You Feel the Love Tonight? Elton John & Tim Rice, arr. Mark Brymer
Ginger Dreicer, Aurelia García-Stavely, Toby Amberg, Soloists

Student Awards

Audience Singalong

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

Combined Choirs

En el Canto Hay Unidad Jorge Fuentes & Mariana Pechuan
"Come on, everybody! We are seeking peace!"

Let's sing together, in singing we find unity.
The joy of singing is shared in friendship.
If we sing and play,
we will have so much more fun!

Your voice with mine, we will seek peace!"

Sesere Eeye Folk Song from the Torres Strait Islands
The song describes a bird diving into the water to catch a fish

Under One Sky Victor Micallef, Clifton Murray, Remigio Pereira
& Fraiser Walters, arr. Mac Huff
*This song will be enhanced by special
lighting on stage and house lights will be dimmed*

Cleveland Music Stars

Rhonda Crane, Director

Peter Van Tassel, Cleveland Elementary Principal • Volunteer: Carol Copperud

Natalia Adam
Lucie Alvarado-Strasser
Felix Bucks
Emmy Campbell
Annaly Castilla
Ella Dao-Barbour
Madison DeBerry
Naya Desouky-Halpern
Adina Dewar
Ellie Dougherty
Frida Casillas Elbing
Mara Flores
Michael Fong
Elize Frank

Dasha Gardars
Maayani Gaster
Gelila Gedle
Mary Gonzales
Rosie Gorman
Michael Ha
Akari Hirayama
Penelope Hirsch
Violet Hirsch
Ethan-Michael Hollins-
Mason
London Johnson
Mackenzie Long
Jacinta Luo

Lily Lyons
Lillian Mark-Westlund
Reyna Martinez
Kaya Mattia
Camora Miffen
Everly Morgan
Zuyena Nao
Sabine Parente
Dawnalita Pirkle
Soliana Robel
Audrey Santamaria
Belatrix Sitomer
Kal Tesfaye
Ronen Woodberry

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Franklin Music Stars

Leila Motaei, Director

Lusa Lai, Franklin Elementary Principal • Volunteer: Virginia Lew

Genesis Cisneros-Govea	Jordyn Mann	Soraya Sar
Marco Cruz	Elsa Nguyen	Ashwini Sivananthan
Analeya Garcia	Henry Nguyen	Bajan Thuray
Emely Gomez	July Paul	Nacys Tran
Melody Gomez	Christopher Ramos	Brian Trinh
Nhien Ho	Galelea Rodriguez	Kelly Truong
Jonathan Mann	Catie Saelee	Edna Vuong

La Escuelita Music Stars

Julie Haydon & Conway Tan-Gregory, Co-Directors

Faris Jabbar, La Escuelita Elementary Principal • Volunteer: Graham Seel

Angel Acevedo	Selena Delgado	Camila Portillo
Aaron Aldana	Daisy Gonzalez	Golden Sophia Rivers
Aaron Austin	Maya Gonzalez	Marcelo Rodriguez
Arianna Austin	Sofia Gonzalez	Ethan Spacanzo
Maggie Bogard	Bella Gramajo	Viona Tang
Nicolette Bogard	Luisa Gramaja	Karmeron White
Angel Calderon	Alex Hernandez	Avanni Williams
Aya Canane	Hailey loonie	
Amanda Corado	Gianni Pethel	

Laurel Music Stars

Nick Soenyun, Director

John Stangl, Laurel Elementary Principal • Volunteer: Paul Kircher

Khameleah Birchett	Brooklyn Johnson	Yehonatan Pugh
Oliver Chaves	Kellyse Johnson	Evan Riley
Adonis Coleman	Angel La'Rue	Florence Rodriguez
Levi Collins	Regan Liu	Leon Sykes
Micah Garcia	Itzel Moran Monterroso	Winnie Tan
Gia Grayson	Olivia Oh	Emma Velasco
Cameron Henderson	Isaiah Parker	Ra'Niyah Wellington
Andrew Huy	Mollie Perham	Vincent Xu
Angela Huy	Julia Pham	
Kentarus Hysen	Naitaely Pickents	

Lincoln Music Stars

Conway Tan-Gregory, Director • Leila Motaei, Assistant Director

Mukta Sambrani, Lincoln Elementary Principal

Volunteers: Judy Abe, Nergui Battuya, Michelle Brown, Sonia Osborne, Graham Seel, Kristy Truong & Helen Wong

Kaleb Abe	Leah Araya	Tsetsengoo Battuya
Walid Amari	Esmerelda Banda	Giovanna Beltran

Lincoln Music Stars (cont.)

Mila Boughris	Travis Le	Tao Sy
Jade Castaneda	Adylan Lee	Kimberly Tang
Bojie Chen	Damian Li	Selihom Tekie
Connie Chen	Aiden Liang	Betiel Tesfai
Jinglin Chen	Enoch Liao	Ava Thomas
Jingyin Chen	Natalie Liu	Wilford Thomas
Kevin Chen	Sebastian Loi	Riley Tran
Jeremy Chu	Natalie Looc	Colin Truong
Celina Deng	Khloe Ma	Andrew Wen
Youchen Deng	Ivana Mai	Emily Wong
Chloe Earlywine	Abigail Mei	Michelle Wu
Christina Earlywine	Tristan Mei	Xiao Lan Wu
Kylie Frazier	Zara Mirach	Henry (He Li) Xu
Wendy Guo	Autumn Nguyen	Sylvia Yang
JiaYi He	Morgan Nguyen	Zhihao Yang
Aylane Helli	Ellie O'Young	Bryan Ye
Lea Helli	April Pauli	Ella Yu
Avery Hu	Livia Peng	Mason Zhang
Kaisy Huang	Wilson Peng	Denisse Zhen
Kiila Huang	Alice Pham	Ellie Zheng
Ryan Jiang	Karter Phun	Jaylene Zhou
Angelina Lai	Benjamin Renshaw	Eloy Zun Zhu Zhu
Andrew Lau	Carter Saelee	Elsie Zhu
Kately Lau	Anais Smith	Giselle Zhu
Kennis Lau	Cindy Su	Olivia Ziq Zhao
Abigail Le	Jason Su	
Nathalia Le	Phebe (Jia Yin) Su	

Las Estrellas Musicales de Melrose

Lydia Mills, Director

Jonathan Mayer, Melrose Leadership Academy Principal

Volunteer: Cynthia Stewart; Youth Volunteer: Janav Subramanian

Nellitzin Aguilar Perez	Rafael García Escobar	Szivika Metzger
León Andrada	Amellali García	Pedro Nava-Lara
Sawyer Bagget	Jimenez	Alma Niemann
Mateo Benito	Sybil Gottesman	Sylverine Oranario
Domingo Thomas	Kahli Jelango	Mose
de Sá	Phoebe Jenny	Simone Pennington
Anais Diaz	Mizuki Juarez	Gabriela Pilecki
Julieana Duenas	Lily Kupersztuch	Mateo Sanchez
Clyde Esposito	Soraya Lungo	Stellena Story
Ayari Ferreira-Cortez	Owen Lynch	Rio Townsend
Quetzalli Ferreira-	Gabriela Martinez	Selene Vasquez Luna
Cortez	Xiomara Matingou	Sofia Vega Tondre
Elise Fleischer-Ihn	Rodriguez	Serena Zang-Rosetti
Georgia Gainous	Valentino Maxwell Diaz	
Mateo Galvan	Charlotte McCants	

Piedmont Avenue Music Stars

Greer McGettrick, Director

Jennifer Heeter, Piedmont Avenue Elementary Principal • Volunteer: Sandy Kurtz

Hanna Adeleke
Maimonna Camara
Justin Donte Crawford-
Brown
Amiyah Freeney
Lily Gillen

Clover Green
Petra Hague
Amir McKenzie
Jhenesiis Norrise
Jewell Peters
Amaya Shapiro

William Smith
Amari Taylor
Nasani Taylor
Makenzie Wilkins

Nova

Julie Haydon, Director

Piano: Matt Bourne • Voice Coaches: Leila Moteai, Alex Taite

Volunteer: Louis Heystek

Neali Aguayo
Bethlehem Amanuel
Toby Amberg
Apollo Apigo-Maduli
Zuleikha Apigo-Maduli*
Lazarus Araya
Alma Barreda Kaplan
Juniper Calzago
Ansel Cheung*
Avery Christian*
Lua Cruz
Ginger Dreicer
Maya Flores
Callie Frederick*
Aurelia Garcia
Carmen Gaxiola
Easton Glenard
Finley Hale
Sam Harris-Odum*
Jiali He
Olivia Heystek
Sol Houser

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Jiménez Jr.
Anella Hume
Lanaya Jefferies
Sonia Kupersztach
Copernicus Leake
Oak Macchiavello*
Aria Manansala
JP Manansala
Ruth Melamed
Alay Mirach
Paloma Mood
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Abel Tesfamicael
Aaralynn Tippin-
Johnson
Doven Uludong
Andy Wen
Ginger Woloshyn
Yanny Ye
Ariam Yonas*
Ziqi Zhao

** Nova Leadership Team*



Piano: Matt Bourne, Ray Capiral, Paul Kircher & David Morales

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Cantare is a nonprofit choral music organization, founded in 1987 in Oakland, that engages over 2,800 participants ages 4 to 88 through adult choirs and a variety of tuition-free music education and choir programs for youth in under-resourced Oakland neighborhoods. Visit our website to find out more: www.cantareconvivo.org.

Cantare seeks to foster a diverse community of compassion and understanding across generational, cultural, and economic boundaries through the beauty and power of choral music.

Children's & Youth Programs

Cantare brings choral music to 2,650 under-resourced Oakland students, TK-12th grade. Continuous music education with diverse repertoire fosters music skills as well as confidence, self-expression, and teamwork. Free community concerts share these benefits with families and neighborhoods. All programs are 100% tuition-free.



Music Stars

- Eight after-school choirs, 3rd-5th grades
- Honor Choir sings with Nova & adult choirs
- Choir skills & music theory
- Student singers represent their neighborhoods in school & community concerts
- Repertoire celebrating the cultural diversity of Oakland

Nova

- Two advanced choirs for grades 6-8 & 9-12, performing together & separately
- 65+ students from across Oakland
- Leadership opportunities
- Voice coaching & annual tour
- Intergenerational performances with Cantare's adult choirs



75%
socioeconomically
disadvantaged

90%
students of
color

35%
English language
learners

100%
high schoolers
graduate

22,000+
youths served
since 1999

Classroom Music Education

- 85 weekly classrooms in nine partner schools
- TK-2nd fundamental music skills
- 2nd-6th interdisciplinary programs connect music with social studies, language arts & science
- Culturally responsive curriculum nurtures creativity, resilience & teamwork



Sing Together! / ¡Cantemos Juntos! / 大家齐唱吧!

- TK-2nd grade newcomer students & families sing & play games with each other & school staff
- After-school programs in English & Spanish and English & Mandarin
- Builds language proficiency & school communities

Summer Music Camp

- 2 weeks, 9am–3pm, Mon–Fri
- 100+ rising 4-9th graders
- Musicianship, games & daily choir rehearsal
- Field trips
- Culminating concert
- 10-12th graders as counselors



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SUMMER MUSIC CAMP 2025

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9 AM – 3 PM DAILY

- MUSICIANSHIP
- TEAMBUILDING
- FIELD TRIPS
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Singer Spotlight: Leah Schatz

Leah Schatz joined Nova, Cantare's Oakland-wide youth choir for middle and high schoolers, as a shy sixth-grader.

"My first rehearsal was pretty nerve-racking," Leah recalls, "I was a pretty anxious kid, and I didn't know many people there, and I didn't know much about reading music. I was afraid of messing up."



Leah's first Holiday Concert, 2019

Now, as a junior in high school, Leah exudes a quiet, steady confidence. She is a senior member of Nova's Leadership Team. She works as a counselor at Cantare Summer Music Camp. She holds the distinction of being our most dedicated Student Board Member ever, spearheading the Marketing Committee and raising hundreds of dollars in her own fundraising campaign.

"I've had time to grow into myself," she explains thoughtfully. "But a huge part of that is the community I found—people who share my passions, who help me challenge myself and who support me, mentally and emotionally. Cantare is one of those communities."



Leah (right) performing a duet, 2024 Nova Recital

At Cantare, we are intentional about creating these transformative experiences. Our motto is "Lifting Voices, Uplifting Lives" because our mission is to help people—especially young people like Leah, and especially those from under-resourced areas of Oakland—discover the confidence within themselves. We use choral music not just to teach notes and rhythms, but to build up young hearts and minds.

"My favorite part of Nova is getting to sing my part completely, perfectly right, and how it just *clicks*," says Leah. "When I started singing in Nova, I was quiet while singing. Over time, especially as I got to know the other people and made amazing friends, I've become less afraid of messing up, and more willing to try new things. I'm more willing to sing louder."



Leah (front, right) & Nova high schoolers, April 2025 Gold-winners, SF Heritage Festival

Meet our Teaching Artists

Julie Haydon, Director of Children's & Youth Choirs | she/her



Julie began her service with Cantare in 2003, developing Cantare's after-school choirs and classroom music education programs, and founding Nova. Under Julie's leadership, Cantare received the Chorus American Education and Community Engagement Award in 2005 and 2014.

Julie earned a Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance at Northwestern

University and her Master's degree in Music Education at Holy Names University, specializing in Kodály music education. She has been the Director of Music Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, where she directed adult singers and the handbell choir, and founded a community children's choir; and Board President of the Northern California Association of Kodály Educators.

Conway Tan-Gregory, Director of Music Education | he/him



Conway joined Cantare in 2014, teaching classroom music and directing after-school choirs. He now oversees all Classroom Music Education programs.

Conway earned a Master's in Music Education with an emphasis on Kodály methodology from Holy Names University in Oakland. He has training in Orff-Schulwerk and curriculum that emphasizes the use of Modern Band

styles, including rock, pop, reggae, hip-hop, rhythm & blues, and electronic dance music. Conway is a professional keyboardist and music director in churches as well as musical theater throughout the Bay Area. He has presented lectures at regional and national music seminars on social-emotional learning through music education. Conway was born in Malaysia, and is trilingual.

Lydia Mills, Music Pedagogy Specialist | she/her



Lydia has specialized in teaching and performing music from the Andes region for over 25 years. She received her Master's in Music Education with an emphasis in Kodály in 2002. Besides teaching with children, Lydia has led teacher training programs in the Kodály approach throughout Latin America and the United States. Lydia has been an adjunct Music Education

Professor at Holy Names University in Oakland and currently teaches through the Universidad Panamericana in México City and directs the Musica Educa Kodály Institute in Santiago. She has published multiple music books for teachers and recordings of children's music in Spanish.

Rhonda Crane, Teaching Artist | she/her

Rhonda Crane began singing professionally in 1989, started touring in 1991, and has shared the stage with artists such as Robert Cray, Joan Armatrading, and Zap Mama. She served as a church pianist at the historic Third Baptist Church in SF, and as Choral Director and Minister of Music of Greater True Light Baptist Church in Modesto. While studying music and education at San Jose State University, she sang opera with Grace Bumbry and organized the

Rhonda Hudson Singers.

Rhonda now sings with the R&B/soul band CHELLE! and Friends and a *capella* group Chelle's Juke Joint. She is Director of the Children's Ministry for Love Center Church and the Edwin and Walter Hawkins Music & Arts National Conference. Rhonda teaches piano and voice through schools and children's music programs throughout the Bay Area.



Greer McGettrick, Teaching Artist | they/them

Greer uses their backgrounds in visual arts and music to playfully explore pedagogy and curriculum of general music from TK through 5th grade. They received an MA in Music Composition

from San Francisco State University in 2020. They live in Oakland. Greer loves hikes with their dog and learning new songs and instruments.



Leila Motaei, Teaching Artist | she/her

Leila teaches piano, vocal performance, improvisation and composition to children and adults of all ages in a variety of styles from classical to pop to blues. She creates repertoire with her students that reflects their personal taste, as well as different approaches to studying technique and theory that are fitted to each individual's learning style. Leila

holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Theory/Composition with an emphasis in Piano Performance from UC Davis. She has been teaching, writing, recording and performing professionally for more than 15 years. She has also completed her Orff Schulwerk Pedagogy Certification.



Nick Soenyun, Teaching Artist | he/him

Nick has been teaching music in public schools for six years, and before that served as an instrumental music clinician, university assistant conductor, and marching band technician for many more. Originally a clarinetist, his passions in music reside in creating and celebrating all of our collective lives together through music and dance

every day. Nick recently relocated to Oakland from Portland, OR, where he was the Director of Bands at Tumwata Middle School. Now he is happy to call Laurel Elementary his home as the Music and Performing Arts teacher.



Matt Bourne, Accompanist | he/him

Matt is a pianist who performs with many groups around the San Francisco Bay Area. He works in choral music, opera, musical theatre, and other styles. He is the Music Director at Castro Valley United Methodist Church, and pianist for several choral groups. He is also a

conductor for theatrical productions at many local companies, as well as a piano teacher and a composer. He is a Bay Area native and a graduate of the UCLA music program.



Ray Capiral, Accompanist | he/him

Ray is a pianist, composer and arranger, teacher, and avid knitter. He took up the piano in a self-directed course of study at age 15 and began teaching piano after graduating high school. He received his BA in Music Composition from UCLA, and has accompanied, performed and served as Music Director

in Los Angeles and the SF Bay Area. In addition to his accompaniment with Cantare and the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, he is currently the Collaborative Liturgical Accompanist (piano & organ) and Music Librarian at the Saint Ignatius Church at USF.



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May 2, 2025

Cantare

YOUR TICKET TO THE MOVIES

Summer Adult Choir (Self-Selected)
Director, David Morales

Sat. July 26, 2025 | 7:30pm

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church

Sun. July 27, 2025 | 4pm

First Presbyterian Church, Oakland

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Rehearsals:

- Sundays: June 29, July 6, 13, 20
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