

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2022

Regent University Chamber Choir – Dr. Joan Pi, Director of Choral Activities
Dr. Leah Parr, Piano

See Amid the Winter Snow.....HUMILITY, John Goss/arr. Dan Forrest



Welcome & Prayer.....Dr. Simon Tarr
Dean of Honors College
Interim Director, School of Communication & the Arts



Timeless Ensemble

O Magnum Mysterium (O Great Mystery).....Tomas Luis de Victoria

English Translation:

*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord,
Lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin
whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!*

O nata lux de lumine (O Born Light of Light).....Thomas Tallis

English Translation:

*O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members of your holy body.*

Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord).....*Jan Pieters Sweelinck*

English Translation:

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye peoples.
For his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Brandan Barbee: Isaiah 9:2-7



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It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.....CAROL, Richard Willis/arr. Marianne Forman

Ava Shedd, Violin



Tenor Bass Choir

I Saw Three Ships.....Traditional English Carol/arr. Paul David Thomas

Brandan Barbee: Luke 2:8-14



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Christmas Adoration.....Traditional French Melody/arr. Tom Fettke



Treble Choir

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.....Traditional English Carol/arr. Russell Robinson

Brandan Barbee: Isaiah 7:14; 35:10



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Waiting.....Joel Raney/Incorporating VENI EMMANUEL

Hannah Lee & Erin Smith, Soli

Umoja Tunaimaba (United We Sing).....Victor C. Johnson

English Translation:

*United we sing! We stand as one in unity!
We will sing for peace! We will sing for joy!
We will sing for love! We will sing!*

Scott Elmore, Travis Waters, Matthew Weeks, percussion

Si Tuvieras Fe (If You Had Faith).....Latin American Folk Song/
Choral arr. By Rory Cooney/
Piano arr. By Beth Lederman

Travis Waters, cajon

To Be Your Song.....Joseph M. Martin
Quoting “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Concert Finale – Please join the musicians in singing...

O Come, All Ye Faithful.....ADESTE FIDELES
Arr. Lloyd Larson
Quoting REGENT SQUARE

(Choir Only)

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

(ALL)

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

(Choir Only)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

(ALL)

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

(Choir Only)

Come, let us adore Him, worship and adore Him.
Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

Benediction.....Dr. Bill Hathaway
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Joan Pi, DMA, Director of Choral Activities

Dr. Joan Pi came to Regent University in the Fall of 2021 as the Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor in Music. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from Stony Brook University, a Master of Music and Artist Diploma in Choral Conducting from Yale University, a Certificate in Sacred Music from the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from McGill University. She studied conducting with Dr. Timothy Mount, Professor Emeritus Marguerite L. Brooks, and Dr. John Baboukis. Her voice teacher was the late Professor Winston Purdy.

Prior to joining Regent University, Dr. Pi taught music at colleges and secondary schools in Texas and Virginia and was the Director of Music Ministries at Three Chopt Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. Pi directed major choral works such as Handel's *Messiah*, Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Schubert's *Mass*, and Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and two of Puccini's operas, *Gianni Schicchi* and *Suor Angelica*, along with orchestras. Dr. Pi also has been a frequent guest singer of several professional choral ensembles for over twenty years. She currently serves as the Traditional Music Director at Haygood United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach.

Praising God through making music and teaching has been the center of her life, and she continues to answer God's calling by sharing the musical talents, which God has granted to her, with others. Dr. Pi and her husband, a pastor and military chaplain, reside in Chesapeake, VA, and have one elementary-aged child together.

Leah Parr, D.M.E., Collaborative Pianist

Dr. Leah Parr is the Piano Practicum Professor and Collaborative Pianist at Regent University. She holds degrees in piano performance, choral music education, and collaborative piano from Longwood University, Louisiana State University, and Liberty University. Additional areas of expertise include piano pedagogy and church music. As a music educator, Dr. Parr strives to provide students with meaningful learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and that they can apply to their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She also serves as the Music Director of Thalia United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach.

Ava Shedd, violinist

Ava Shedd began studying at the age of five with her father Brad Shedd and then studied with Pavel Ilyashov. She has been a member of the Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia since the age of seven. She was a featured soloist at age eight with the Bay Youth String Orchestra, and she was the Concerto Winner for the Bay Youth Concert Orchestra at age eleven.

At age 19, Shedd has a long list of awards from Festivals and Competitions, including the Grand Prize for the Hampton Roads Philharmonic Orchestra Young Arts Competition and Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition, and served as Concertmistress and had numerous solo opportunities with orchestras and ensembles, including Hampton Roads Philharmonic and All-Virginia Orchestra.

Ava now studies with Dr. Won-Bin Yim at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where she performed the Concert Fantasia on Russian Themes by Rimsky-Korsakov in March 2022. She belongs to a musical family with seven siblings, and together the Shedd family has performed numerous musical concerts, including an appearance on the 700 Club for their December 23, 2016, Christmas show.

Music Faculty of Regent University

Dr. Joan Pi, director of choral activities

Dr. Don Krudop, associate director of choral activities

Dr. Leah Parr, piano professor

Prof. Kathi-Lee Wilson, voice professor

Prof. Margaret Morrow, voice professor

Prof. Kerri Hardwick, voice professor

Dr. Cynthia Nicolosi, music history professor

Regent Chamber Choir

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Brandan Barbee

Emma Blair

Ana De Leon

Amy Dykhuizen

Aisha Ellis

Alexis Franklin

Allison Habib

Emily Hogan

Emanuel Mireles

Faith Mounce

Evan Norris

Michale Oldham

Dikachi Opaigbeogu

Natalie Owen

Joanna Piagatt

Alexandria Santiago-King

Samantha Settle

Laurin Sharp

Erin Smith

Callisa Stapp

Cassidy Stephens

Madelyn Tubbs

Rachael Waldheim

Travis Waters

Matthew Weeks

Madeline Wooden

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Scott Elmore

Zoe Epstein

Emma Fields

Anthony Fitch

Samuel Gonzalez

Hannah Hopkins

Hailey Hopkins

Hannah Lee

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Rachelle Morris

Trudy Mucha

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Special Notes

We are so glad that you have joined us today. To ensure that everyone enjoys the concert, please take note of the following guidelines:

- ❖ Please silence all cellular phones.
- ❖ Please honor prayer times by maintaining a respectful silence.
- ❖ Professional photographers have been hired to commemorate this special event. Please respect their time and space and remain in your seats during the concert.

Please note: This evening's concert is being recorded for the archives of the Regent University School of Communication & the Arts. Any other recordings are in violation of federal copyright law.

Regent University History

Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson, the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) founder, had a vision of establishing a graduate-level institution to train Christian leaders to influence the world. Robertson’s vision materialized in 1977: 70 acres of land in Virginia Beach was cleared, and the foundation was poured for the university’s first building. A year later, 77 students began classes in rented facilities nearby. A decade later, enrollment grew to 800 students as word spread of the nation’s first freestanding graduate school dedicated to applying the truth of Scripture to rigorous academic instruction. In 1990, the institution’s name changed from CBN University to Regent University. A “regent” is defined as one who represents a king in his absence; it was selected to advance the unique Christian mission.

With its roots in traditional on-campus academic programs, Regent expanded into the then-frontier of distance education in 1989 with an MBA degree offered through videotapes, audiotapes and study guides. In 1995, the first online degree (Ph.D. in Communication) was offered, and the School of Leadership Studies was founded as a distance-only graduate education program, becoming a model for online graduate education worldwide. In 2006, the leadership and business schools merged to enhance the university’s impact. In 2000, Regent expanded its focus on developing leaders of character through its undergraduate reach. Today, the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) offers comprehensive liberal arts and rigorous life science programs globally with distinctive faith-based integration. The college provides associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees for on-campus and online students, from recent high school graduates to older adults.

Regent University is America’s premier Christian university with more than 11,000 students studying on its beautiful campus and online around the world. The university offers associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in more than 150 areas of study including, business, communication and the arts, counseling, cybersecurity, divinity, education, government, law, leadership, nursing, healthcare, and psychology.

Regent University is ranked the #1 Best Accredited Online College in the United States (Study.com, 2020), the #1 Safest College Campus in Virginia (YourLocalSecurity, 2021), and the #1 Best Online Bachelor’s Program in Virginia for ten years in a row (U.S. News & World Report, 2022).