



Vail Performing Arts Society

presents



# The Vail Chorale

LIVE FOR SINGING. SING FOR LIFE.



## The Magic of Music

**Saturday, November 4, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

The Academy Village  
Arizona Senior Academy Building  
13715 E. Langtry Lane, Tucson

**Sunday, November 5, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

Rancho del Lago  
Del Webb Community Center Lodge  
10264 S. Blendu Way, Vail

**Melissa Hale, Director**

**Sujie Zhao, Accompanist**

*Donations gratefully accepted*

## Program

Magic to Do (from the musical *Pippin*).....Stephen Schwartz  
(Soloists: Minda Bennett, Janet Cañez, Julie Dawson; Drums : Rene Cañez)

Alice Theme (from Disney's *Alice in Wonderland*) .....Danny Elfman;  
arr. Mac Huff

All Is Found (from Disney's *Frozen 2*) ....Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez  
(Soloists: Ashley Payne)

The Lobster Quadrille (from choral settings from *Alice in Wonderland*).....  
Music: Irving Fine, Words: Lewis Carroll; arr. Alan Billingsley  
(Introduction: Dale Thoreen)

The Rainbow Connection (from *The Muppet Movie*) .....  
Paul Williams & Kenneth L. Ascher  
(Soloist: Leslie Nitzberg)

For Good (from *Wicked*).....Music & Lyrics: Stephen Schwartz; arr. Mac Huff  
(Soloists: Julie Dawson, Minda Bennett; *The Vail Chorale Ensemble*)

Puff the Magic Dragon.....Words & music: Lenny Lipton & Peter Yarrow  
(Soloists: Julie Dawson, Jan Lougee, Mike Perdue, Dale Thoreen;  
(Guitar Mike Perdue; Drums: Rene Cañez)

The Seal Lullaby .....Words Rudyard Kipling, Music Eric Whitacre

Animal Crackers.....Words: Ogden Nash, Music: Eric Whitacre  
(Introduction: Minda Bennett)

### Vol. I

i. The Panther

ii. The Cow

iii. The Firefly

Believe in Yourself.....Charlie Smalls  
(Soloist: Janet Cañez; Narrator: Edd Dawson; Drums: Rene Cañez)

Into the Woods (Choral Highlights) .....Music & Lyrics: Stephen Sondheim;  
arr. Mark Brymer  
(Soloists: Ashley Payne, Jan Lougee; Narrator: Edd Dawson)

Into the Woods

I Know Things Now

Giants in the Sky

No One Is Alone

Children Will Listen

## The Vail Chorale Singers

### Sopranos

Allison Bain  
Erika Brand  
Janet Cañez  
Julie Dawson\*  
Mary Lovell  
Martie Maierhauser\*  
Leslie Nitzberg\*  
Ashley Payne\*  
Melissa Perillo

### Altos

Minda Bennett\*  
Nancy Babson-Gulotta  
Holly Gonzales\*  
Pamela Hennessey  
Jan Lougee\*  
Heather Redmon

### Tenors

Lynne Perdue  
Dale Thoreen\*  
Adriana Walker\*  
**Basses**  
Rene Cañez\*  
Mike DePaso\*  
Ron Palmatier  
Michael Perdue

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The Vail Chorale Ensemble singers:

♥ Thank you to our Intrepid Equipment Manager, Edd Dawson!

## Transcriptions

### The Seal Lullaby

Oh! hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us,  
And black are the waters that sparkled so green.  
The moon, o'er the combers, looks downward to find us  
At rest in the hollows that rustle between.  
Where billow meets billow, there soft be thy pillow;  
Ah, weary wee flipperling, curl at thy ease!  
The storm shall not wake thee, nor shark overtake thee,  
Asleep in the arms of the slow-swinging seas.

### The Panther

The panther is like a leopard,  
Except it hasn't been peppered.  
Should you behold a panther crouch,  
Prepare to say Ouch.  
Better yet, if called by a panther,  
Don't anther

### The Cow

The cow is of the bovine ilk;  
One end is moo, the other, milk

### The Firefly

The firefly's flame  
Is something for which science has no name  
I can think of nothing eerier  
Than flying around with an unidentified glow on a  
person's posteerier

## Who We Are

We are a non-auditioned, multi-generation community chorus, open to anyone age 18 and up who enjoys choral singing. Based in the Greater Vail, Arizona, area, we have been entertaining local audiences since 2011, singing jazz, pop, and folk arrangements, Broadway tunes, Renaissance madrigals, sacred music, and classical gems.

We invite choral singers of all musical skill levels to sing with us! Please go to [www.thevailchorale.org](http://www.thevailchorale.org) to learn how to join us in song. We're looking forward to our Fall 2023 season—keep an eye out for the details.

The Vail Chorale is a member of the Arizona Choral Arts Association (ACAA).



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## The Vail Chorale Governing Board

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**Our conductor, Melissa Hale,** was involved in music throughout her youth, starting with church choir at the age of 8 and piano lessons at 10. At University of Alabama in Huntsville and Birmingham Southern College, she studied Voice Performance, accompanied the Women's Chorus, and continued singing in the College Choir, the Village Singers, and Music Ambassadors (a scholarship program). She has performed with choirs and ensembles in the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, and Europe. Melissa served as Assistant Conductor with The Vail Chorale since its inception in 2011.

**Our Accompanist, Sujie Zhao,** who was born and raised in China, has been playing piano since the age of 5. She earned her Bachelor's of Music Education in 2014 from Capital Normal University in Beijing, where she specialized in music education under Dr. Xiaoxue Sun. In 2017, Sujie got her Master's of Music in Collaborative Piano from the China Conservatory of Music, Beijing, followed by a Master's in Piano Accompaniment. Sujie graduated from New Mexico State University in May 2021, with a Master's in piano performance. In Fall 2021, Sujie started pursuing her Ph.D. in collaborative piano at the University of Arizona under the guidance of Dr. Fanya Lin. At the U. of A., she has accompanied the UA Wind Ensemble and is currently the accompanist for the Choir of Collegium Musicum.



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Many thanks to the Vail School District for giving us rehearsal space.





### **Vail Classroom Receives Surprise Visit — And More**

by Martie Maierhauser, Julie Dawson

At about 11:30 on Wednesday, May 18, 2023, Jeremy Vega’s Cienega High School choir class was invaded...by members of the Vail Performing Arts Society (VPAS) and the Vail Chorale. They were armed with an oversized check in the amount of \$2,000, which they presented to the delighted class to use for whatever they decide on. VPAS President, Julie Dawson, said they also wanted to give special acknowledgement to the Vail School District, in particular Cienega High School, for providing the Chorale with rehearsal space almost since its founding in 2011.

In recent years, the Vail Chorale leadership became aware that in order for the Chorale to continue moving forward, it needed to become or be overseen by, a nonprofit entity—the Vail Performing Arts Society. In creating the VPAS, the Chorale leadership team felt that not only did they want to provide stability and oversight for the Chorale, they also wanted to give back to the greater Vail area community for its unfailing support of the Chorale over the years. This is its first gift to the community.

The Vail Performing Arts Society (VPAS) is a 501(3)(c) organization with a vision “to inspire, create, and celebrate artistic expression in the Vail community”. Founded by the Vail Chorale leadership team, VPAS now provides the Chorale with oversight and administrative support. For the community, it will collaborate and enhance relationships with other performing arts organizations by creating scholarships for young performers of the arts, as well as educational and experiential support and activities.

If you are interested in supporting VPAS, serving on the Board or just have some questions, please reach out to [vailperformingartssociety@gmail.com](mailto:vailperformingartssociety@gmail.com).  
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