

*CELEBRATE  
THE  
SEASON*

*Casulana  
Women's Choir of Houston*



*Sunday, November 14, 2021  
2:30 PM*

*Trinity Lutheran Downtown  
800 Houston Avenue  
Houston, TX 77008*



## *Artistic Directors*

***Janwin Overstreet-Goode*** is a secondary choral music consultant, following 36 years as a high school choral director, primarily in Texas. She holds BM and BME degrees from Murray State University and an MM from the University of Kentucky. Choirs under her direction twice performed for the Texas Music Educators Association convention (Sam Rayburn HS Chorale Women in 2001; Friendswood HS Campus Singers in 2008). Her choirs were consistent Sweepstakes and superior ratings recipients at the University Interscholastic League contests and were named Best in Class at contests in Florida, Louisiana, California and Texas.

Overstreet-Goode served as Vocal Division Vice-President, President-Elect, President and Past President of TMEA from 2011-2016, and served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas Choral Directors Association from 2007-2009. Overstreet-Goode was honored by the Houston Symphony Orchestra and Fidelity FutureStage as the 2008 Outstanding Music Educator in the Field of Choral Music. She was the conductor/clinician of the 2006 Kentucky All-State Women's Choir. While at Friendswood HS, Goode was twice recognized for Best Musical Direction by the Houston-area Tommy Tune Awards: in 2010 for Oklahoma, and in 2017 for *Les Miserables*.

She currently serves as a rehearsal conductor for the Houston Symphony Chorus and is preparing the Chorus for the 2021 *Messiah* performances. She also serves as the Coordinator of Student Teaching and Certification for the University of Houston's Moores School of Music.

***Neena Taylor*** is a graduate of the University of Texas—Pan American with a Bachelor of Arts in Voice. She has done post-graduate work in voice and conducting at the University of Houston. During the 24 years that she taught at Jersey Village High School, her choirs received consistent Sweepstakes awards at Concert and Sight-reading Contest and Best in Class at state festivals.

Taylor has presented three workshops at the Texas Choral Directors Convention and conducted numerous Region Clinics in the state. The Jersey Village Varsity Women under her direction performed at the 2003 Texas Music Educators Association Convention. She has been active in the community as a director of church choirs, singing with the Houston Symphony, the former professional Concert Chorale of Houston and Houston Chamber Choir.

Taylor's professional affiliations include TCDA, ACDA, TMAA and TMEA.

She conducts workshops and clinics around the state, and is in demand as a private voice instructor. Neena is a staff singer with First United Methodist Church in Houston.

*Celebrate the Season*

*Ring Out* .....Jennaya Robison  
Trinity Lutheran Handbells

*A Ceremony of Carols* .....Benjamin Britten

*Procession*

*Wolcum Yole!*

*There is no Rose*

*That Yongë Child*

Jennifer Breneman, soloist

*Balulalow*

Natalie Parrish, soloist

*As dew in Aprille*

*This little Babe*

*Interlude*

Danielle Harmon, harp

*In Freezing Winter Night*

Rebecca Darby & Marin Trautman, soloists

*Spring Carol*

Elizabeth Kragas & Anna Diemer, soloists

*Deo Gracias*

*Recession*

*From Six Traditional Carols* ..... Imogen Holst

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Elizabeth Conger, Anna Diemer, Kylee Hill,  
Elizabeth Kragas, Eliza Nicholson,  
Natalie Parrish, Jeanna Villanueva

*God rest you merry, Gentlemen*

*Katie Arnoldy, Kirsten Brents, Jessica Cooper,  
Brianna Fernandez, Stephanie Gabino,  
Monica Hernandez, True Hernandez,  
Andrea Loer, Carolyn Rogan,  
Lauren Summa, Marin Trautman*

*In Dulci Jubilo*

*Jennifer Breneman, Rebecca Darby, Juliana Dean,  
Mary Gard, Susan Graham, Natalie James,  
Leanna Kelleher, Aubrey Nelson,  
Linda Renner, Jessica Shine, Vanessa Winslow*

*From Three Hanukkah Songs ..... Charles Baker*

*Nerli*

*My lovely tapers of Chanukah, let me now kindle.  
Let the lovely lights glow as songs of celebration we offer.*

*S'vivon*

*See the whirling top, how lovely it spins!  
Let us celebrate Chanukah, this joyous occasion.  
Let all people celebrate this joyous occasion  
because a great miracle happened there!*

*Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.....Jacob Narverud*

*Go Tell It On the Mountain..... Moses Hogan  
from Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King*

*Mary Gard & Anna Diemer, soloists*

*Danielle Harmon, harp  
Barbara Jones, piano*

*Casulana*

*Katie Arnoldy  
Jennifer Breneman\*  
Kirsten Brents\*  
Elizabeth Conger  
Jessica Cooper  
Rebecca Darby\*  
Juliana Dean  
Anna Diemer\*  
Brianna Fernandez\*  
Stephanie Gabino  
Mary Gard\**

*Susan Graham  
Monica Hernandez\*  
True Hernandez  
Kylee Hill  
Natalie James  
Leanna Kelleher  
Elizabeth Kragas\*  
Andrea Loer\*  
Aubrey Nelson\*  
Eliza Nicholson  
Natalie Parrish*

*Linda Renner  
Carolyn Rogan  
Jessica Shine\*  
Lauren Summa\*  
Marin Trautman\*  
Jeanna Villanueva  
Vanessa Winslow*

*\*In Freezing Winter  
Ensemble*

*Trinity Bells*

*Mary Voigt, director*

*Elizabeth Bertrand  
Randy Boatright*

*Veloyce Dorn  
Janet Mueller*

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**Maddalena Casulana** (c. 1544 – c. 1590) was an Italian composer, lutenist and singer of the late Renaissance. She is the first female composer to have a whole book of her music printed and published in the history of western music.

The following line in the dedication to her first book of madrigals, to Isabella de' Medici, shows her feeling about being a female composer at a time when such a thing was rare: "*[I] want to show the world, as much as I can in this profession of music, the vain error of men that they alone possess the gifts of intellect and artistry, and that such gifts are never given to women.*"

*Casulana* celebrates the female voice and its power to inspire and culturally enrich the lives of audience and participants through artistic and educational programs that present high-quality choral music.

