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Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 27

"Diva Delights" Michelle Vought Studio Recital
10:30 am
Kemp

Deb Austin Voice Studio Recital
2:00 pm
Kemp

Senior Recital: Rachel Miller, mezzo soprano
4:30 pm
Kemp

Sunday, October 28

Graduate Recital: Hae Ra Jang, piano
7:30 pm
Kemp

Monday, October 29

ISU Guitar Ensemble and Friends
7:30 pm
Kemp

Tuesday, October 30

Convocation Recital
11:00 am
Kemp

Charles W. Bolen Faculty Recital: Faculty Piano Quartet
7:30 pm
Kemp

Wednesday, October 31

String Bass Ensemble
8:00 pm
Kemp

Friday, November 2

Jazz Ensemble I & II
8:00 pm
CPA

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<https://events.illinoisstate.edu/>

The Singing Revolution: Chamber Singers in Concert

Mark Grizzard, director

Kemp Recital Hall
October 25, 2018
Thursday Evening
7:00 p.m.

This is the twenty-seventh program of the 2018-2019 season.

Program

Please silence all electronic devices for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

Tuljak Mūna Hārma (1864-1941)
Estonia

This folk song vividly describes a jubilant wedding reception, with an aside "Oh, to go through life this way" and concluding with the declamation "Let us live!".

Kur Gīra Žaluoja Juozas Gudavičius (1873-1939)
(Where the Forest Grows Green) Lithuania
Sam Fleming, *conductor*

Tava Saknes Tavā Zemē Pēteris Plakidis (1947-2017)
(The Roots in Your Land) Latvia

O Salutaris Hostia Vytautas Miškinis (born 1954)
(O, Saving Victim) Lithuania

Lecture Presentation, Part I Connor Rooney

Raua Needminec Veljo Tormis (1930-2017)
(Curse upon Iron) Estonia
Robert Voelker, *tenor solo*; Sho Otsuka, *bass solo*;
Jakob Kocanda, *percussion*

Lecture Presentation, Part II Connor Rooney

In My Little Picture Frame Ēriks Ešenvalds (born 1977)
Latvia
Iris Leahy, *soprano solo*; James Kicliszewski, *tenor solo*

Pūt, Vējiņi Latvian folk song
(Blow, Wind)

ALL – *pp* 1. Pūt, vējiņi, dzen laiviņu, Blow, wind, push my boat,
aizden mani Kurzemē. sail me to Courland.

(CHAMBER SINGERS) 2. Kurzemiece man solīja A Courland woman promised me
sav' meitiņu malējiņ'. her daughter, a mill worker.

3. Solīt sola, bet nedeava, She promised, but did not do it,
teic man lielu dzērājiņ', saying I am a heavy drinker.

4. Teic man lielu dzērājiņu, Saying I am a heavy drinker,
Kumeliņa skrējējiņ'. and a reckless horse racer.

ALL – *mf* 5. Pūt, vējiņi, dzen laiviņu, Blow, wind, push my boat,
aizden mani Kurzemē. sail me to Courland.

(CHAMBER SINGERS) 6. Kuru krogu es izdzēru, Which tavern did I drink dry, whose
kam noskrēju kumeliņ'? horse did I race into the ground?

7. Pats par savu naudu dzēru, I drank with my own money,
Pats skrēj' savu kumeliņ'. and raced with my own horse.

ALL – *p* 8. Pūt, vējiņi, dzen laiviņu, Blow, wind, push my boat,
aizden mani Kurzemē. sail me to Courland.

ALL – *p* 9. verse on "ooo"

This semester, Chamber Singers are celebrating the centennials of the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. These small Eastern European nations share a rich culture of choral music and a powerful history of nonviolent struggle for freedom that will be shared during tonight's concert. If you are interested in exploring this topic further, we recommend the 2006 documentary "The Singing Revolution" by James Tusty, which gives wonderful insight into Estonia's experiences, and the 2013 book *The Power of Song: Nonviolent National Culture in the Baltic Singing Revolution* by Guntis Šmidchens, which details the ways that the use of song in the Baltic states provides the world with a successful example of nonviolent political action. Thank you for spending your evening with us!

Illinois State University Chamber Singers

Grace Eom, *accompanist*

Soprano 1
Hailey Ahlman
Katie Badger
Jessica Bella
Ivy Buenaventura
Iris Leahy
Olivia Watkins

Soprano 2
Taylor Chioros
Ashton Estell
Ivana Popovic
Sydney Waleski

Alto 1
Ashley Bautista
Julia Fraczek
Lauren Knicl
Sam Masini
Emma Moran
Sarah Schumacher

Alto 2
Millie Frank
Megan Roche
Kinga Smutek
Shayna Rosenberg
Sam Masini

Tenor 1
Melvin Campbell
Payton Gehm
James Kicliszewski

Tenor 2
Sam Fleming
Adam Frank
Blaise Mollett
Conner Rooney
Robert Voelker
Russell Zillman

Bass 1
Jake Hackl
Sho Otsuka
Dan Provis

Bass 2
Jeffrey Burke
Jonny Childs
Jeremy Eason
Devin Jackson
Dominic Regner
Matt Sears
Luke Johnson