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## TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets can be purchased through our website, [www.madrigalchoir.com](http://www.madrigalchoir.com), or at the door. Tickets are \$20 for adults and students are free.

Group discounts are available for ten or more. For more information: [madchoirboard@gmail.com](mailto:madchoirboard@gmail.com)

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# American Reflections

— 45th Season! —



Bruce Borton, Artistic Director  
 Jean Herman Henssler, Accompanist

2023-2024

## AMERICAN REFLECTIONS

*Music For the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and Beyond*

Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 4:00 PM  
Trinity Memorial Church, 44 Main St.  
Binghamton, NY

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party (1773-2023), the first concert of our 45th Season celebrates America's earliest music with a cappella pieces by William Billings, music from Aaron Copland's *The Tender Land*, settings of Whitman poetry by Ned Rorem, and Randall Thompson's *The Testament of Freedom* based on words by Thomas Jefferson.

Longtime Madrigal Choir accompanist, Jean Herman Henssler, is joined at the piano by Lee Shepherd to play 4-hand accompaniments on the Copland pieces, and solely accompanies the Rorem art songs performed by guest soprano, Christina Taylor. Thompson's rarely-performed four-movement *Testament of Freedom*, also accompanied by Henssler on piano, concludes the concert.

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## ANNUAL LESSONS AND CAROLS

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 3:00 PM  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 37 Main St.  
Norwich, NY

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM  
Church of the Holy Trinity, 346 Prospect St.  
Binghamton, NY

One of the Southern Tier's treasured holiday traditions, Lessons and Carols, will be going on the road again this year. The Madrigal Choir will take its annual program of readings and music of the Christmas season up Route 12 to the lovely Gothic Revival-style Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Norwich, NY for a Saturday afternoon 3:00 PM performance on December 2. On Sunday afternoon, the choir returns to Binghamton to sing the program at The Church of the Holy Trinity at 4:00 PM. Madrigal Choir accompanist Jean Herman Henssler is at the organ and returning regulars, Simple Gifts, will be playing early music on guitar and recorders.

## AMERICA SPEAKS

*Readings and Settings of American Poetry*

Sunday, April 21, 2024  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
1 Aquinas Street  
Binghamton, NY

Our last concert of the season celebrates both American words and music as we join with Southern Tier Actors Read (S.T.A.R.) at St. Thomas Aquinas Church to share some of America's favorite poetry. STAR began in 2010 under the leadership of actors Judy McMahon and Heidi Weeks when they started a "Readers Theater" that met monthly to read classic and modern plays. If it was agreed that a particular play should be produced for the public at various venues around the area, they staged them. Since then almost 80 plays have been read, from "Little Foxes" to "These Shining Lights." The emphasis is on the words and the story, rather than sets, lighting and costumes. STAR Directors Judy McMahon and Chris Nickerson are looking forward to collaborating with The Madrigal Choir for this special event!



Aaron Copland



Jean Herman Henssler



Randall Thompson



Christina Taylor