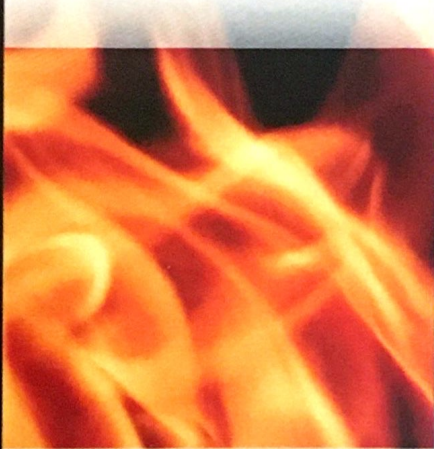


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*Earth, Wind, and Choir*  
*Songs of Nature*

*Timm Adams, Artistic Director*



## Earth, Wind, and Choir: Songs of Nature

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"Singing the Elements" was the Chicago Chamber Choir's popular and eclectic spring concert series from spring 2009 through spring 2012. During that time the choir performed a diverse collection of songs about water, earth, wind/air, and fire/light:

- **Water Music: Currents of Life**, 2009
- **Grounded: Songs of Our Majestic Earth**, 2010
- **Soar: Songs of Wind and Sky**, 2011
- **Luminous: Songs of Fire and Light**, 2012

These concerts were inspired by the enormous repertoire in the choral canon that pertains to the elements and the conductor's own admiration of God's power through nature. Throughout the ages, composers and poets have been inspired by the majesty of the natural world: the force of oceans and rivers, the beauty of mountains and forests, the mystery of wind and sky, and the energy of fire and light. The amazing voices of the Chicago Chamber Choir bring that power, beauty, mystery, and energy to life in this inspired collection.

There's a deeper meaning here, though, than just an appreciation and respect for the natural world. The elements are frequently a metaphor for something more profound...love, spirituality, fear, or sanctuary. Water, for example, can be the sea that cements two lovers' bond (Water is Wide), the ocean floor that figuratively separates man from his father (Full Fathom Five), a central element of the Christian faith (For the Gift of Water), or the rain that provides healing and renewal (Famine Song, La Lluvia).

We hope you'll discover these connections and metaphors as you listen to this beautiful and empowering music!

### Lux Aurumque (light and gold)

*Light, warm and heavy as pure gold  
and the angels sing softly  
to the new-born baby.*

### La Passeggiata (the excursion)

*Calm and serene the heavens, limpid the waves below us,  
Sailing from shore to shore guided alone by love.  
To gentle winds and flowers we speak our words of love,  
All beating hearts together to them respond in love, yes.*

*Winds are now blowing stronger, rippling the sea around us.  
Winds are blowing, quickly let us depart.  
Ah! No, the moon appearing turns all our fear to gladness.  
In this delightful country, we sing our songs of love.*

### Waldesnacht (forest night)

*Wondrously cool woodland night,  
Whom I greet a thousand times:  
After the uproarious tumult of the world,  
O how sweet is your rustling!*

*Dreamily I nestle my weary limbs  
In your tender moss,  
And it seems to me as if once more  
I were free from all my insane anguish.*





### Timm Adams, Artistic Director

Timm Adams has had the honor of conducting this ensemble since 2000. He is currently Associate Professor of Music at Rockford College in Rockford, IL, where he teaches a variety of voice, music, and musical theatre-related courses, conducts three choirs, and musical directs the Performing Arts Department's main stage musicals. A conducting student of Dr. K. L. Renas and a voice student of Dr. John Van Cura, he holds degrees from Liberty University and Baylor University and has studied under the tutelage of Dr. Eph Ely, Dr. René Clausen, Dr. Robert Young, and the renowned Dr. Robert Shaw. Mr. Adams has also enjoyed an extensive career in theatre, as an actor, director, and musical director, and has performed throughout the United States in summer stock, regional theatre, and in numerous revues.

#### Soprano:

Marion Amling  
 Erica Beall\*  
 Allie Beechick  
 Jennifer Booth  
 Beth Campbell  
 Caroline Eichler  
 Amy Keipert  
 Erin O'Leary  
 Viktoria Rill  
 Lily Wirth

#### Tenor:

Ross Cabin  
 Dennis Costanzo  
 Michael Gibson  
 Christopher Henricks  
 Clifton B. McReynolds\*  
 Steven Millard  
 Scott Perdue  
 David Rubin

#### Bass:

Jim Carter  
 Bill Fortune  
 Erich Kurschat  
 Elliott Nott  
 Hans Royal-Hedinger\*  
 Kyle Shiver-Simpson  
 Trent Stewart  
 Uvon Tucker  
 Justin Tuffy  
 Nathan Waller

#### Alto:

Monica Blacconeri  
 Sammi Block  
 Julia Brueck\*‡  
 Toria Burrell  
 Amy Butterer  
 Margaret Jungels  
 Dominique Martin  
 Megan McHugh  
 Joanna Tomassoni  
 Kim Vachon  
 Tracy Weisman

\* Denotes Section Leader  
 ‡ Associate Conductor





## About Us

Chicago Chamber Choir is passionately committed to creating a moving experience for our audience by performing exceptional choral music that celebrates the unlimited potential of the human voice. We are an ensemble of highly accomplished volunteer singers, dedicated to the choral art, who desire to be part of a vibrant musical community. From the very beginning, CCC has shown a commitment to bringing its music to individuals and groups in the Chicago-land area that might be overlooked by the performing arts community. Founded in 1996, the choir has performed in Chicago's inner-city schools, retirement homes, homeless shelters, and rehabilitation centers. For more information, visit our website: [www.ChicagoChamberChoir.org](http://www.ChicagoChamberChoir.org).



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1. <b>Lux Aurumque</b> (Eric Whitacre) Amy Keipert, <i>soprano</i>	3:17
2. <b>Awake, O North Wind from Wedding Cantata</b> (Daniel Pinkham) Kevin Anderson, <i>piano</i>	1:49
3. <b>McKay from An American Thanksgiving</b> (Arr. by Carol Barnett)	3:28
4. <b>La Passeggiata</b> (Gioachino Rossini, ed. by Kenneth Jennings) Jennifer Booth, <i>soprano</i> ; Kevin Anderson, <i>piano</i>	6:07
5. <b>The Water is Wide</b> (Arr. by Patrick D. Quigley) David Rubin, <i>tenor</i>	3:19
6. <b>Hail, Gladdening Light</b> (Charles Wood)	3:03
7. <b>Waldesnacht</b> (Johannes Brahms)	2:16
8. <b>A Bit of Earth from Secret Garden</b> (Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon, arr. by Clifton B. McReynolds) Ross Cabin, <i>tenor</i>	4:11
9. <b>Full Fathom Five</b> (Ralph Vaughan Williams)	3:07
10. <b>Famine Song</b> (VIDA, arr. by Michael Culloton) Sammi Block, <i>mezzo-soprano</i> ; Elliott Nott, <i>bass</i> Duet by Joanna Tomassoni and Dominique Martin, <i>mezzo-sopranos</i>	5:53
11. <b>La Lluvia (The Rain)</b> (Stephen Hatfield)	2:41
12. <b>Water Night</b> (Eric Whitacre)	4:32
13. <b>For the Gift of Water</b> (Daniel Pinkham)	1:44
14. <b>Jeremiah's Fire</b> (Rollo Dilworth)	3:34
15. <b>Sure On This Shining Night</b> (Morten Lauridsen) Kevin Anderson, <i>piano</i>	5:13
16. <b>What a Wonderful World</b> (George David Weiss & Bob Thiele, arr. by Rene Clausen) Monica Blacconeri, <i>mezzo-soprano</i> ; Hans Royal-Hedinger, <i>baritone</i> ; Erica Beall, <i>soprano</i>	5:00
<b>Total time</b>	<b>59:14</b>





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