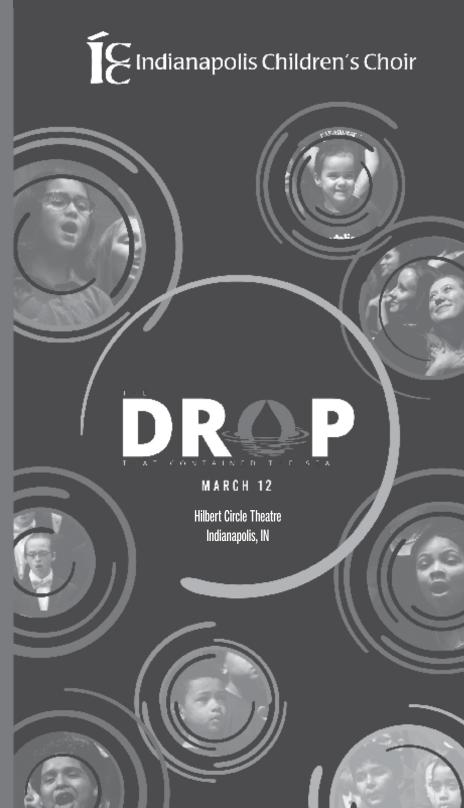
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## **WELCOME!**

#### Greetings friends,

It is my privilege to welcome you to our spring Season Concerts at the Hilbert Circle Theatre. We are excited to share our performance of **Drop** with you as we welcome spring and explore how water is one of the most powerful forces in the world.

I invite you to enjoy our 3:00 pm concert featuring our Beginning and Intermediate Level Choirs as they showcase songs about water. Today's concerts will feature two local guest artists – Michael Meurer and Lyndsay Moy, both of whom are ICC alumni. Our 7:00 pm concert will feature our most advanced choirs – Indy Voice and Master Chorale performing *The Drop That Contained the Sea* by Christopher Tin, a two-time Grammy Award winner whose body of work includes composing music for video games, orchestras, and choral groups.

Just one Drop of water contains the essence of the sea and inside every person is the essence of all humanity. Water means different things to different cultures, and *The Drop That Contained the Sea* is inspired by water in the many forms it takes. Each movement will tell the story of water – melting snow, mountain streams, rivers, the ocean, and then beginning again. As the song flows, so does the exploration of different world languages and cultures that revolves around water.

On behalf of the entire ICC family, thank you for joining us this concert season. We look forward to seeing you for the next 2022 – 2023 Concert Season performances in May!

Sincerely,

Joshua Pedde Artistic Director

## THE DROP THAT CONTAINED THE SEA

MARCH 12, 2023 · 3 P.M.

## Hilbert Circle Theatre Indianapolis, IN

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#### Choirs Performing Kantorei (KAN)

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#### WELCOME

A Great Big Sea (BLC) Newfoundland Folk Song	arr. Lori-Anne Dolloff
Shenandoah (BLC)	arr. Amy Branson Fata
Soloist: Frances Behringer	
The Jumblies (BLC)	Jill Friedersdorf and Melissa Malvar-Keylock
How Far I'll Go (BLC)	Lin-Manuel Miranda arr. Audrey Snyder
Tsas Narand Uyarna – "The Movement 5, "The Drop that Contained to Adapted from ancient Mongolian texts	Heart of Snow" Christopher Tin
	Soloist Lyndsay Moy

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The stars afar glimmer with might, the arrival of a traveler, a caravan is near.

I shall joyfully greet and bring forth freshly brewed tea.

The mountain sits at peace, adorned by a helmet of silver mist.

A snowstorm is the will of Time, the conqueror of all.
A pure heart beats at the core of each Mongol
in this world where the sun and snow live in harmony.
The love in my heart flows abundantly.

Songs of peace thaw the heart of The Wheel of Earthly Samsara.

The heart of snow.

Sesere eeve (KAN/LYR/CH) ......arr. Mark O'Leary Traditional song from the Torres Strait Islands Sesere eeve is about the effects of the wind blowing on the mountains. Quiet Sea (KAN/LYR/CH) ......Jill Friedersdorf and Melissa Malvar-Keylock Text adapted from a hymn by Augustus Montague Toplady Coasts of High Barbary (KAN/LYR/CH)......arr. Jeanne Julseth-Heinrich Traditional Sea Song Singin' in the Rain (KAN/LYR/CH)...... Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed From the film "Singin' in the Rain" arr. Mac Huff Mayim, Mayim - "Water, Water" (KAN)...... E. Amiran arr. Valerie Shields Text from Isaiah 12:3 You will draw water with joy from the wells of redemption. Movement 7. "The Drop that Contained the Sea" Adapted from the Gangashtakam by Adi Shankara

Soloist: Lyndsay Moy

Drinking only water on your bank O Goddess, free from my worldly desires, I worship Krishna. Destroyer of all our sins, who have become the staircase of heaven, with waves ever wavering, O Divine Ganga: be kind!



## THE DROP THAT CONTAINED THE SEA

MARCH 12, 2023 - 7 P.M.

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Amy Hughley, Associate Artistic Director

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Patrick Fata Sarah May

#### Narrator

Sally Perkins

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#### **Guest Soloists**

Art Reiner

Michael Meurer, tenor Lyndsay Moy, mezzo-soprano

#### **Choirs Performing**

Master Chorale (MC) Indy Voice 1 and 2 (IV)

## WELCOME The Drop that Contained the Sea – Music by Christopher Tin

#### 1. Water Prelude (COMBINED)

Sung in Proto-Indo-European – variations on the word "water"

#### 2. Haktan Gelen Şerbeti - "The Drink from God" (MC)

Sung in Turkish – adapted from a poem by Yunus Emre

The drink sent down from Truth, we drank it, glory be to God.
And we sailed over the Ocean of Power, glory be to God.
We were dry, but we moistened. We became feet, we became the head.
We grew wings and became birds and flew, glory be to God.

Beyond those hills and oak woods, beyond those vineyards and gardens, we passed in health and joy, glory be to God. To whatever lands we came, in whatever hearts, in all humanity, we planted the meanings Taptuk taught us, glory be to God. We became a trickle that grew into a river. We took flight and drove into the sea, and then we overflowed, glory be to God.

Come here, let's make peace, let's not be strangers to one another. We have saddled the horse and trained it, glory be to God.

#### 3. Temen Oblak - "Dark Clouds" (IV)

Sung in Bulgarian – adapted from a poem by Hristo Botev

A cloud of darkness has appeared from the mountains and the forest. Ah, granddad, these are troubled times! Hard the dragging of the plow. Large raindrops have begun to fall, this is no gentle drizzle now. A terrifying tempest howls – this is no gentle drizzle now. Tell me, granddad - I remember how you once walked brave and proud. Granny Stoyna was alive then – she was singing while you plowed.

"Ah, my son, why you ask? Listen to the raven croak...
But when you go down to the village you'll find out why the tears choke
an aged chieftan, following his plow.
For the village gathers all around, in the square to graze upon
my children, my young men."
A cloud of darkness has appeared, does it mean a gentle drizzle?
Everyone through the village races, but granddad won't unhitch the traces.

#### 4. Iza Ngomso - "Come Tomorrow" (MC)

Sung in Xhosa – adapted from "Keramos" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The rain will return to the cloud, the clouds bring down the rain,
I will climb where over fields and pastures green
the painted ships float high in the air.
Like a bird I fly, I'm holding on to the wind,
I'm holding on by my wings.

Come tomorrow, the rain will clear, may it be tomorrow. The day is coming. I fly, I swim all over the lands. I'm holding on to the wind over desert sands, over gulf and bay.

> Like a bird I fly, like a bird I sing. The clouds will clear. May it be tomorrow.

#### 5. Tsas Narand Uyarna - "The Heart of Snow" (MC)

Sung in Mongolian – adapted from ancient Mongolian texts

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The heart of snow.

#### 6. Passou o Verão - "Summer Has Gone (IV)

Sung in Portuguese – from Sonnet CLXXXXVI by Luís de Camões

When the turgid waters of the river flow by, they bring
the muddied runoff from the mountains;
nearby the once flowering fields are parched and dry,
and the valley is cold and unproductive.
The spring and the heats of summer are gone.
The transition of things into other things continues.
But it seems as though the Fates have abandoned their usual schemes,
forsaking this world to its mostly disordered condition.

Time has order, and it never breaks its rules, but not this world, whose chaotic strife seems almost forgotten by God. The uncertainty of customs, events, opinions, and nature makes it always seem as though this life is nothing more than what it seems to be.

#### 7. Devipravaha - "Goddess River" (IV)

Sung in Sanskrit – adapted from the Gangashtakam by Adi Shankara

Drinking only water on your bank O Goddess, free from my worldly desires, I worship Krishna. Destroyer of all our sins, who have become the staircase of heaven, with waves ever wavering, O Divine Ganga: be kind!

#### 8. Seirenes - "Sirens" (IV)

Sung in ancient Greek – from The Odyssey by Homer

Come to us here, the Achaians' renown, much honored Odysseus, drawing the ship right in, so that you to our voices may listen. This is a place past which in his dark ship no one has ever driven, before from our lips he has heard the melodious voices, but having taken delight he goes on greater in knowledge. We know all of the things that the Argive troops and the Trojans there in the broad Troäd by the gods' wills labored and suffered; we know all that is on the much-nourishing earth generated.

#### 9. Haf Gengr Hríðum - "The Storm-Driven Sea" (MC)

Sung in Old Norse – from the Poetic Edda

The sea, storm-driven, seeks heaven itself, o'er the earth it flows, the air grows sterile; then follows the snows, and the furious winds for the gods are doomed, and the end is death.

#### 10.Waloyo Yamoni - "We Overcome the Wind" (COMBINED)

Sung in Lango – from a rainmaking litany

We overcome this wind. We desire the rain to fall, that it be poured in showers quickly. Thou rain, I adjure thee fall. If thou rainest, it is well.

If our women rejoice, if the children rejoice, if the young men sing, if the aged rejoice, it is well.

A drizzling confusion, a torrent in flow.
If the rain and wind veer to the south, overflowing.
A torrent in flow, overflowing. May it fill.
An overflowing in the granary. May our grain fill the granaries.



# MICHAEL MEURER GUEST SOLOIST

Ichael Meurer is an alumnus of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. During his time in ICC, Michael participated in the Concert, Kantorei, and Touring choirs. Michael has had the opportunity to perform with the Indianapolis Children's Choir in Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Finland. He is excited to sing alongside his daughter Lyla, who is a current member of Indy Voice. Michael is a graduate of Purdue University. During his time at Purdue, he performed with the Purdue Varsity Glee Club at Carnegie Hall, and in South Africa. Michael enjoys musical theater and has performed with Booth Tarkington Civic, Footlight, and Legacy Bible Church. Michael is an Electrical Engineering manager at Hurco and active as the worship leader and choir member at Legacy Bible Church in Fishers. Mike would like to thank his wife and two daughters for their love and support.



LYNDSAY MOY
GUEST SOLOIST

Moy is an Indianapolis native and proud alumna of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Lyndsay is a leading artist with the Indianapolis Opera, an alumna of the IO Resident Artist program, and has appeared in several IO productions, most recently as Netter Fowler in Rodgers & Hammerstein's Carousel this past May. She has also portrayed Bloody Mary in Rodgers & Hammerstein's South Pacific, Kate Pinkerton in Puccini's Madame Butterfly, and the Housekeeper in Leigh's Man of La Mancha. Other operatic roles include Maurya (Vaughan-Williams' Riders to the Sea), Marcellina (Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro), Fidalma (Cimarosa's Il matrimonio segreto), Mère Marie (Poulenc's Dialogues of the Carmelites), Zita (Puccini's Gianni Schicchi), L'Architecture (Charpentier's Les Arts Florissants), L'écureuil (Ravel's L'enfant et les sortilèges), and La Badessa (Puccini's Suor Angelica), among others. Lyndsay holds a Master of Music in Voice from The Cleveland Institute of Music, as well as a Bachelor of Music in Voice and Bachelor of Arts in Painting from DePauw University. During her training at CIM, she received the Frederick

B. Prentice Award for Excellence in Voice, and at DePauw, the prestigious Performer's Certificate, along with four first-place awards from the NATS Great Lakes Region competition. Regionally, Lyndsay has also regularly appeared as an alto soloist in multiple concert works, including Handel's Messiah, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Vivaldi's Gloria, Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, Beethoven's Mass in C Minor and Beethoven's Choral Fantasy. She currently serves as Education & Community Engagement Director for the Indianapolis Opera and resides locally with her husband and two border terriers.

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