

“The sound when we sing out is empowering and uplifting. I hope that everyone gets more comfortable singing together and really goes for it, because when people do, it’s a pretty magical feeling.”

“I sing because it is a part of my life and has been since I was little. Singing makes me feel happy and I have always enjoyed it. I keep singing because it lets me connect with the people around me in a different way.”

“I sing for many reasons, first because it’s a wonderful feeling to work on a skill, and then to look back and see how far you’ve come. I also love the way that singing can bring people together. You don’t need to train for years to be able to sing at least “Happy Birthday” or something simple. Your voice is the universal instrument, something that is always with you.”

“I love being able to hear all the parts when singing, and understanding the work it takes each person to create the sound for that song. For me, I feel that singing gives me a voice that is different from everyone else and allows me to portray emotions that I wouldn’t feel by just talking.”

“The power of sharing voices—there is such strength and ability to tell stories when singing with numbers, I definitely forgot what it was like. Music is really powerful and I think singing within a choir exemplifies that—we are all coming together to sing a story in different ways but with the same message.”

“I can feel that I’m really pushing myself to improve because I’m inspired by how the people around me sound and I am also aware of how my voice is a part of a larger whole and how each person contributes to the voice of the group.”

“Music and singing relieves any stress or anxiety that I am feeling. I keep singing because it is the medicine that takes away the pain and brings me joy.”

“I chose to sing in choir again because I love singing. I love having the time in my school day to sing with my classmates and learn about music. I also love the conviviality of all of us singing together in choir and it makes me want to continue singing in choir. I am trying to do my best. I always try to be the best singer/musician I can be in that current moment.”

“The reason I choose choir time and time again is because of how much I enjoy singing with everyone there and the beautiful sounds that we create together as a whole that not just one person alone can create. I sing because of the connection, freedom, and euphoria that music provides me.”

“I sing because I cannot imagine doing anything else.”

Punahou Music Department Presents

# Chorale & Elements

**FALL CONCERT 2021**

**Michael Lippert**  
*Director*

**Sachi P. Hirakouji**  
*Accompanist*

**November 17, 2021**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Dillingham Hall**

## Elements

*I Lift My Voice (Justice Choir Songbook)* ..... **Andrea Ramsey**  
*The Beat of a Different Drum* ..... **Sarah Quartel**  
*Amazing Grace* ..... **words by John Newton, American folk melody**  
**arr. Francisco J. Núñez**

Taylor Amby  
Makenna Arakawa  
Eric Chi  
Penelope Dye  
Natsumi Goedicke  
Charlie Ho  
Sayler Hsiung

Noah Jefts  
Kayle Kaneshiro  
Ava Mackie  
Asa McCauley  
Phoenix Nguyen-Eden  
Gabriel Ryan-Kern

Morgan Sadang  
Kurtis Sato  
Lauren Takemoto  
Isaac Verbrugge  
Garrick Yanagawa  
Kainoa Young



## Chorale

*Your Heart Goes With Me* ..... **Francisco J. Núñez**  
*Sing to Me* ..... **words by Ella Wheeler Wilcox**  
**music by Andrea Ramsey**  
*I Shall Wear a Crown* ..... **Thomas Whitfield**  
**arr. Trey McLaughlin**

Chronos Baker  
Andrew Bell  
Jasmine Choi  
Sahara Coleman-Mattes  
Nicole Dao  
Kira Goode  
Sophia Hilton  
Lauren Lee  
Solomon Lee  
Julia Leong

Wolf Marsen  
Ty McCutcheon  
Piper McDermott  
Julia Miles  
Lily Monaco  
Zoe Monaco  
Kensington Ono  
Gus Ralston  
Emma Rappoport  
Phoebe Reilly

Étienne Salle  
Brennan Sing Chow  
Tarin Tabuyo  
Jason Takao  
Meg Taylor  
Emiko Uohara  
Luke Van Rafelghem  
Danielle Yamashiro

**Presence:** body, mind, spirit, voice • **Tenacity:** hold firm • **Community:** I am not alone • **Aloha**

## Sing to me

*A compilation essay by Chorale and Elements, Fall 2021*

*Sing me a song full of hope and of truth,  
Brimming with all the sweet fancies of youth!  
Say, though my sorrow I may not forget,  
I have not quite done with happiness yet.  
Sing to me, sing to me!  
—Emma Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919)*

“The most significant surprise of singing together again is how at home I feel. The togetherness and harmony of a singing ensemble has always remained one place I call home. I remember taking choir before the pandemic and how much fun it was to be able to just sing together and create something beautiful. While that was difficult last year, I hoped this year would be different, and it was.”

“The best thing about being back together is being able to sing with friends. I’ve sang in choir with a lot of these people before, and I’ve always thought it was super fun. After not being able to sing with them, it’s super refreshing being back.”

“I finally get to hear all the parts together, which is what makes me love choir so much. Last year, you could only hear some parts, as we were outside and spread out, and the year before was purely online, so being able to hear us all together is the best part.”

“For me, one significant surprise of singing together is how fun it is. I never realized truly how fun it is singing as a group, and it makes me appreciate that we are able to do this. Singing makes me feel happy. When I hum songs that I enjoy or touch me in a way, I feel good and happy because I enjoy it.”

“I forgot the overwhelming beauty that comes with everyone singing together. All the harmonious voices fill the room with so much light and emotion—it makes me feel less alone.”

“I want to feel the bright energy and beautiful sounds we make as a community. The most surprising thing about singing with others again are the harmonies. I love to hear everyone harmonize with each other to create a deep and rich blend of pitches for the lyrics. The harmonies and beautiful notes of the piano makes me happy that I joined choir.”

“I sing a lot, but when you’re at home and no one can hear you, it loses purpose. When you are in a group, all of you sharing and contributing to the outcome, it gives you a clear path for all to follow.”