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About Helios: a modern renaissance

Helios seeks to illuminate music of an earlier age in a way that also celebrates the aesthetic sensibilities of today. Early music does not belong in the dustbin of history, nor does it belong on a pedestal. It belongs in the light of our every day to exalt us. We do not seek to recreate the past, but rather to create an experience which connects us all.

We celebrate the triumph of our musical ancestors, composers whose innovations paved the way for music as we now know it. We celebrate the greatness of the marginalized and underrepresented composers whose female, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and Jewish voices have been neglected through the centuries. The fire that fuels Helios is the celebration of early music which has the power to transform and transport humankind. All of this is brought to the world by seven accomplished and dedicated singers who are equal partners in all aspects of artistic direction and share a love of early music.

Our Mission

We illuminate early vocal music for contemporary audiences through powerful performance.

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Danya Tiller, soprano

"I have been singing my whole life, from solos in church at age four to making up songs while riding my tricycle in the backyard of my childhood home in Tennessee. I began studying piano at age seven, and sang in choirs through college, where I 'found' my voice and my love for conducting choral music. As a choral artist and soloist with professional choirs, opera companies and orchestras nationwide, I have truly enjoyed the early music engagements the most. The highlight of my career came in the summer of 2016 conducting a festival choir in Carnegie Hall in a newly realized edition of Vivaldi's Gloria for women, and it was a truly glorious and memorable experience!"

Nina Garguilo, Soprano

"For as long as I can remember, I have been inspired by music and feel energized when I sing and perform! From belting into my Fisher Price karaoke microphone as a toddler to teaching myself piano to play and sing along to Ella Fitzgerald, music has been integrated with my soul. Some tell me that I don't talk, but sing everything I want to say! It is no surprise that I found my place at home in the vocal arts. I quickly understood my goal as a musician was to collaborate with my peers to form beautiful songs, and more importantly, communicate the text. I believe no matter the genre or style, there is nothing more beautiful than human voices coming together to unify, compliment, and lift each other up in song. As the coordinator of voice studies and Director of Choirs at Glendale Community College, I am always learning and discovering new things. I aim to change my students' and audiences' lives for the better with impeccable music, which is why I am beyond thrilled to continue with Helios. Each of my fellow artists constantly inspire me with their intellect and creativity. This season is going to be something truly special!"

Holly Sheppard, alto

"My mom will be the first to tell you I could create a great volume of sound with my voice – I got very used to hearing 'Holly, not so loud.' Music making was a major part of my family and childhood. When I decided to pursue visual arts as a career path, I wasn't sure I would be able to continue singing as I hoped. I started my artistic career for video games, but continued voice lessons and sought to join a community ensemble. I got a call about a professional choir needing a singer. Feeling completely out of my league, I swallowed my nerves and auditioned. Sixteen years later, and I am still singing with that ensemble: the Phoenix Chorale. I'm so grateful that I decided music was more important than nerves! I still work in the visual arts as Senior Environment Artist at Rainbow Studios making motocross racing games. However, that decision to show up and audition launched so many opportunities. I have had the honor to sing as a soloist or in a choral setting with many fantastic organizations over the years and I am so proud to be joining Helios! I can't wait to make music with these wonderful singers!"



James Grandjean, tenor

"I found my love of singing at the age of four and since then it has been nearly impossible to shut me up. From performing at community and church events to giving mini concerts for friends and family in my living room, music-making was always my central passion. I was also encouraged to pursue the arts by my parents, especially my late father who was a former theatre and opera critic. Some of my fondest memories include Saturday morning chores with his vinyl recording of Carmen blaring throughout the house, and accompanying him to many concerts, musicals, and operas where he would almost invariably tear up with emotion. I wanted to evoke that kind of catharsis for others, and found that I could through song. In college I discovered my love of early music when as a freshman I was cast in the titular role of Purcell's Dido and Aeneas. I found baroque music so satisfying to interpret, and I became specifically fond of the collaborative nature of renaissance polyphony. After college, I moved to New York City where I explored this love of early choral music further while working in an eight-part Schola at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Since moving to the valley six years ago, I have been lucky enough to sing with multiple organizations including the Phoenix Chorale, who I joined in 2022 for a rare and memorable performance of Thomas Tallis' challenging 40-part polyphonic masterpiece, 'Spem in alium'. There is a deeply moving magic in working with others to express the meaning of a text and create a rich tapestry of sound. I'm so humbled to be doing that this season with this fabulous group of musicians!"

Michael Tallino, baritone



"Whether trying to knock my dad's choir director stand over or listening to my grandma out-sing my grandfather's congregation (the rest of the church sang back-up), music has surrounded my entire life. After getting too cold in Alaska (you can only wear so many scarves) and discovering opera, I relocated to Arizona to study at Arizona State University and continue to perform opera mostly in Arizona and Alaska. Besides singing at every chance I get, I work out the other side of my brain for a Salesforce technology partner, Offprem Technology. I have no words to express how much pleasure I get from singing with Helios and I hope some of that wonder is communicated to you during our performance. The experience of music, shared between everyone in the venue, whether performing or listening, enriches and heals my soul."

Jordan Murillo, bass

In my life, I have always found music to be my safe space: somewhere I could always go to change my landscape, no matter where I was. I find music extremely cathartic and necessary in every capacity: whether riding my bike to school, listening to anything from Kendrick Lamar to Rachmaninoff, or listening to my mother pace the computer room singing anything from RnB to Arias. I only began singing in High school and found it to be my best musical option as I've always been terrible with instruments. I often say all of the talent in my body went to my voice, and this may sound conceited, but trust me, you've never seen me dance (or paint for that matter). Everything about choral music always piqued my interest. When I listen closely I hear a shimmer in certain choirs when a certain vowels ate placed just right. The idea that each voice has to lock in together to create one beautiful thing has always felt poetic to me. I didn't know that anything could get better than listening to choral music, until I got the opportunity in High School to sing in St. Paul's Cathedral in London. I will always remember singing Palestrina's Alma Redemptoris Mater. I sang the first line, which is a small solo, and can remember hearing my voice bouncing around the ceiling of the cathedral. I find these magic moments are a part of every single performance, and having the opportunity to find them with the singers of Helios, is an absolute honor.

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Notes

The Hurrian hymn we perform today is the oldest-known notated piece of music, dating back over 3,000 years ago to sometime around 1400 BCE. Excavated in the 1950s, the songs from which our hymn is pulled were inscribed on clay tablets. The hymn was composed to the goddess Nikkal who was revered as the spouse of the moon god in Hurrian and Hittite culture.

During the long decline of the eastern half of the Roman empire, Greece and modern-day Turkey were the home to highly prolific composers, many of whom were later recognized as saints in the Orthodox Christian religion. St. Mark of Ephesus (died 1444) and St. John Koukouzelis (1300s?) were both monastic composers of Byzantine chant in ecclesiastical Greek. Their melodies are regularly performed in Orthodox churches to this day.

St. Kassiani (known in the west as Cassia), born in the 800s, is one of the oldest known composers whose work remains performable today. Courted by Emperor Theodosius, whose pickup line was "Through Eve came sin into the world," Kassiani replied "And through a woman (Mary) came our salvation." After rejecting Theoremsi advances, Kassiani founded a monastery and composed many texts that are still sung on high feast days in the Orthodox churches.

The Byzantine/Greek influence on nearby countries is strong. The liturgical music of Bulgaria and Macedonia blends modes and styles of Byzantine chant with the Slavonic language and harmonic styles of the Slavic tradition. We are also privileged to share a Bulgarian folk song from the Eastern part of that country: while a modern arrangement, the original language and melody is likely from the 12th or 13th centuries. Special thanks to Adelina who coached our Bulgarian!

Chant developed in the Rus principalities and Slavic countries independently of Gregorian and Greek chant styles. Znamenny, Valaam chant, Demestvenny and more developed in what is now Ukraine, Russia, and Finland. These chant styles, and the old Church Slavonic they are composed in, continue to be used in churches in the region today. Rachmaninoff particularly loved Znamenny chant, incorporating many of these chants into his famous All-Night Vigil and Liturgy choral compositions. Diletsky was a composer of possibly Polish origins, who composed in Kyiv when it was the capital of Rus principalities.

Finland also represents a rich history of folk and sacred music with influences from both eastern and western styles. Our concert concludes with a brief set highlighting the angelic songs and one of our favorite western composers, Caterina Assandra.

Your support and patronage make programs like this possible. We guess that most of the music is brand new to our audience and we hope you love it as much as we do. Thank you for helping us to highlight these rich and beautiful musical traditions!

Anniversary Concert Fundraiser (or air miles!)

Our April 2025 Anniversary X concert will include something special!

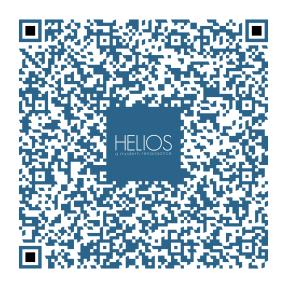
We are bringing back as many former Helios members as possible, several from out of state and one from out of country.

We need your help to make this happen!

Funds raised will go towards stipends and hopefully travel costs for our singers.

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Program

Hurrian Hymn to the Goddess Nikkal Anonymous

ca. 1400 B.C.E. tsive sinute tsuturive ubugarat

x ashastaniyaza

humarohat uveri

sret unozo

fezal tadiv

fandanita kre kurkurta

izalla ulali kapki ulifki

adarre howedi hanoka

x-zu x-x-x-asati feve hanoko

For the ones that are offering to you prepare two offering loaves in bowls, for when I make a sacrifice before it. They have lifted sacrifices up to heaven for (their) welfare and fortune the sword symbol at right (of your throne) I have offered them. I will nullify them (the sins). tiziya unol kapsile unolt agli samsammeni Without covering or denying them I will bring them (to you), in order to comply.. talil uglal tunonida tsa-x-x-x-ka You love those who come to be (reconciled). (kaledanil Nikalla) kaledanil Nikalla It is Nikkal, who will strengthen them. nihrazal hana hanodedi atayastal She let the married couples have children. She let them be borne to their fathers. But the begetter will cry: "She has not born any child!" Why have not I as a (true) wife born children for you?"

To You Victorious Leader

To You, the victorious leader of

offer hymns of thanksgiving,

"Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!"

Today Christ is

O God-bearer (Mary)!

we your servants, delivered from evil,

invincible might, so that we may cry to You:

Born in Bethlehem

triumphant hosts,

Since You possess

invincible might,

*translation, by Theo J. H. Krispijn; "x" denotes unknown lettering

Anonymous Vozbrannov vovevode

Znamenny Chant ca. 17th century

(Slavonic transliteration) Vozbrannov voyevode pobeditelnava vako izbavlshesia ot zlih blagodarstvennaya vospisuyem Ti rabi Tvoi, Bogoroditse no yako imushchaya derzhavu nepobedimuyu ot fsiakih nas bed svobodi, da zovem Ti: raduysia, Nevesto Nenevestnaya.

Anonymous

Demestvenny Polyphony ca. 17th century

Dnes Hristo v Vifleyeme razhdayetsia

(Slavonic transliteration) Dnes Hristo v Vifleyeme razhdayetsia Devi; Today Christ is born in Bethlehem of a virgin dnes Beznachalnaiy today the One who has no beginning begins to be nachinayetsia, i Slovo voploshchayetsia; and the Word becomes flesh; sili nebesniva raduvutsia, the powers of heaven rejoice. i zemlia s cheloveki veselitsia; and the Earth with mankind is merry; volsvi Vladitse dari prinosiat... the Magi bring the Master gifts...

John | Eniteton Kyrion Koukouzelis Eniteton Kyrion ek ton uranon. Alleluia. (14th Century)

Caterina **Duo Seraphim** Assandra Duo seraphim clamabant alter ad alterum: Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. (1590 - 1618)Plena est omnis terra gloria ejus.

> Tres sunt, qui testimonium dant in coelo: Pater, Verbum et Spiritus Sanctus: et hi tres unum sunt. Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Plena est omnis terra gloria ejus.

Philippe | Factum est silentium

de Monte Factum est silentium in caelo, Dum committeret bellum draco cum Michaele Archangelo.

> Audita est vox millia millium dicentium: Salus, honor et virtus omnipotenti Deo.

Millia millium minestrabant ei et decies centena millia assistebant ei.

Tiburtio | Angelus Domini

Massaino Angelus Domini descendit de coelo, et accedens revolvit lapidem, et super eum sedit. Et dixit mulieribus: Nolite timere: scio enim quia crucifixum quaeritis: venite, et videte locum, ubi positus erat Dominus. Alleluja.

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.

Two Seraphim

Two seraphim cried to one another: Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth. The whole earth is full of his glory.

There are three who bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one. Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth. The whole earth is full of his glory.

There was silence in heaven

There was silence in heaven When the dragon fought with the Archangel Michael.

The voice of thousands of thousands was heard saying: Salvation, honor, and power to almighty God.

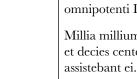
Thousands of thousands ministered to him and ten hundreds of thousands stood before him.

The Lord came down from heaven, and rolled back the stone, and sat on it. And said to the women: Do not be afraid: for I know that you seek the crucified: come and see the place where the Lord was lain. Alleluia.

(1521 - 1603)

(before 1550-1609





Anonymous

Ruskie neitsyt

Karelian Folksong arr. Anders Stenberg

Ruskie neitsyt, valkie neitsyt sano sinä, konsabo meille gostjah tulloh? Mustapiäl pietenisänä, pietenisänä minun vel'el suovattana, suovattana minun miilo pyhänpiän, pyhänpiän.

Ruskie neitsyt, valkie neitsyt sano sinä, sano sinä midäbö heille syötetäh, syötetäh? Mustapiäl leibiä de leibiä minunn vel'el kalittoo, kalittoo minun miiloi piiraidu, piiraidu.

Ruskie neitsyt, valkie neitsyt sano sinä, sano sinä midapä heille ual pannah, ual pannah? Mustapiäl posteli, posteli minun vel'el perinä, perinä minun miiloi buhovoit, buhovoit.

Ruskie neitsyt, valkie neitsyt sano sinä, kedäpä heille rinnalle, rinnalle? Mustapiäl Muarjaa da Muarjaa minun vel'el Duarjaa da Duarjaa minun miiloi itseni, itseni.

des Prez 1450/55-1521 with additions (ca. 1525-1589)

Josquin | Ave Maria...virgo serena Ave Maria, Gratia plena,

Dominus tecum, Virgo serena. Ave, cuius Conceptio, solemni plena gaudio, Caelestia, Terrestria, nova replet laetitia. Ave, cuius Nativitas nostra fuit solemnitas. Ut lucifer lux oriens Verum solem praeveniens. Ave pia humilitas, sine viro fecunditas, Cuius Annuntiatio nostra fuit salvatio. Ave vera virginitas, Immaculata castitas, Cuius Purificatio nostra fuit purgatio. Ave, praeclara omnibus Angelicis virtutibus, Cuius fuit Assumptio nostra fuit glorificatio. Whose Assumption was our glorification. O Mater Dei, Memento mei, Amen.

Readhead maiden

Redhead maiden, blond maiden you tell me, when do our visitors come? Black-haired on Friday my brother on Saturday mv lover on Sundav

Redhead maiden, blond maiden vou tell me, vou tell me what do we feed to them, feed to them? Bread for the black-haired one Karelian pasties for my brother Pies for my lover

Redhead maiden, blond maiden vou tell me, vou tell me what do we give for them to lay on? A bed for the black-haired A featherbed for my brother Hays for my lover

Redhead maiden, blond maiden you tell me, who will be alongside them? Maria for the black-haired one Darya for my brother Me myself for my lover

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee, serene Virgin. Hail, thou whose Conception, full of great joy Fills heaven and earth with new gladness Hail, thou whose Nativity became our great celebration As the light-bearing Morning Star anticipates the true Sun. Hail, faithful humility, fruitful without man, Whose Annunciation was our salvation. Hail, true virginity, Immaculate chastity, Whose Purification was our cleansing. Hail, glorious one In all angelic virtues, O Mother of God. Remember me. Amen.

Nikolai | Hvalite imia Ghospodne

Diletsky (Slavonic transliteration) Havlite imia Ghospodne 1630-1680 hvalite, rabi Ghospoda. Alliluya. Ispovedaytesia Ghospodevi, yako blag, yako v vek milost Yego. Alliluya.

Sviete Tikhi

(Slavonic transliteration)

Anonymous Znamenny Chant

Svete tikhiy svyatiya slavi Bezsmertnago Otca Nebesnago Svyatago Blazhennago Iisuse Khriste! Prishedshe na zapad solntsa vi devshe svet vecherniv povem Otca, Sina i Svyatago Dukha Boga. Dostoin vesi vo vsva vremena pet biti glasi prepodobnimi, Sine Bozhii zhivot dayay temzhe mir Tya slavit!

Kassiani Kirie ien poles

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(Greek transliteration) neh avie... Kirie ien poles amarties peripesusa vini, tin sin esthomeni Theotita miroforu analavusa taksin, odiromeni mirmirasi, pro tu entafiazmu komizi.

Imi! levusa,

O tiniks mi iparhi istros akolasias, zofodis te ke aselinos, eros tis amartias. Dekse mu tas piyas ton dakrion, O nefeles dieksayon tis thalasis to idor kamfthiti mi pros tus stenavmus tis kardias, O klinas tus uranus ti afato su kenosi katafiliso tus a hrantus su podas, apozmikso tu tus de palin, tis tis kefalis mu vostrihis, us en to paradiso eva to dilinon kroton tis osin ihithisa to fovo ekrivi.

Praise the Name of the Lord

Praise the name of the Lord; praise the Lord, O you his servants. Alleluia O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia

Gladsome light

Gladsome light of the holy glory of the Immortal Father Heavenly, Holy, Blessed, Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun and the light of evening, we praise thee Father, Son and Holy Spirit: God. It is right at all times to worship you with voices of praise. Son of God, giver of life, therefore the whole world glorifies You!

Lord the sinful woman

intonation... Lord, the sinful woman perceiving your divinity, took up the role of myrrh-bearer and with lamentation brings sweet myrrh to you before your burial.

"Alas," she cries, "for tonight is a frenzy: a dark moonless night, full of my many sins" "Accept the fountain of my tears. you who from the clouds draw out the water of the sea; bow yourself down to my heart's groaning, You who bowed down the heavens with your ineffable self-emptying. I shall kiss your immaculate feet, and wipe them with my hair; those feet which Eve heard in Paradise and hid herself from."

neh ah nah neh ayie...

Amartion mu ta plithi ke krimaton su avisus, tis eksihniasi psihososta Sotir mu; Mi ne tin sin dulin paridis, O ametriton ehon to eleos.

Wencislaus | Ego sum pastor bonus Schamotulinus 1525-1594

Ego sum pastor bonus, alleluia et cognosco oves meas, alleluia Pono animam meam alleluia pro ovibus meis. Alleluia

Anonymous | Dostoino yest

Bulgarian Chan

(Slavonic transliteration)

Dostoino yest, yako voistinu bla zhititya Bogoroditsu,

the previous selection

(Bulgarian transliteration)

Milkina mama, Milka faleshe

Hej, kulade le, moj kulade le

Hej kulade le (lele), moj kulade le

Tvurdej rabotna, mnogoj skposna.

Chula se Milka, chak v tsarigrada,

Hej, kulade le, moj kulade le, kulade le

Chak v tsarigrada, chak v charshijata

Moj le kulade le (lele), chak v charshijata.

prisno blazhenuyu, i prenyeporoshnuyu i Mater Boga nashego.

Chestnyeshuyu heruvim i slavneshuyu bez sravnyeniya serafim. bez istlyeniya Boga Slova rodshuyu, sushuyu Bogoroditsu, Tya velichaiyem.

Anonymous | Dostoino yest Text and translation are provided by

Macedonian Chant

Anonymous Hubava Milka

Bulgarian Folk Song arr. Nikolai Kaufman c. 12th century

intonation...

Who can search out the many sins And the depth of your judgement, my Savior, savior of souls? Do not despise me, your servant, for you have mercy without measure.

I am the good shepherd

I am the good shepherd, Alleluia, And I know my sheep, Alleluia,

I lay down my life, Alleluia, For my sheep, Alleluia.

It is Truly Right

It is truly right to bless you, God-bearer (Mary),

ever-blessed and immaculate, mother of our God.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious than the serabhim. without defilement, born of God's word truly God-bearer, You, we magnify.

It is Truly Right

Beautiful Milka

Milka's mother boasted about Milka Hey, Koleda, my Koleda, "She is so industrious and stylish!" Hey, Koleda, my Koleda Milka's fame spread far away All the way to Istanbul's marketplace. Hey, Koleda, my Koleda, my Koleda, all the way to the marketplace.

Otde ja zachu, Marko turgovets, Chi kupi Marko, sjakakva kupa. Kup kuprina, surma i zlato, Che si natvari, Marko gimika Hej kulade le (lele), moj kulade le Moj le kulade le (lele), Marko gimika.

Ma chi sa Marko, jasno provikna Kojto mu trjabva, tuka da dojdi. Vurvjalo malo, malo i goljamo Naj podir vurvi, hubava Milka. Hej kulade le (lele), moj kulade le Moj le kulade le (lele), hubava Milka.

Chi stupa Milka, Milka v gimijka Da si kupuva, tunka kuprina Zatvori Marko, Marko gimijka Chi si otnese, hubava Milka. Hej kulade le (lele), moj kulade le Moj le kulade le (lele), hubava Milka.

Marko the merchant heard of her He bought all kinds of goods Loads of silk, silver thread and gold, Marko loaded up his little boat. Hey, Koleda, my Koleda, my Koleda, Marko's little boat.

Marko loudly cried out, "Whatever you need, I have for sale!" Young and old came, and last of all came beautiful Milka. Hey, Koleda, my Koleda, my Koleda, beautiful Milka.

Milka stepped on to the boat to buy herself some fine silk. Marko battened down the hatches and carried off beautiful Milka! Hey, Koleda, my Koleda, my Koleda, beautiful Milka.

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Mark of Ephesus (d. 1443)

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Together you must rejoice

Together you must rejoice devout people, Singing a sweet song to the merits of Jesus Christ

Together you must rejoice devout people. Who suffered bitterly for you in close chains

Anonymous

Finnish composition from Piae Cantiones (1582)

Iucundare iugiter plebs devota debitis. Melos canens dulciter Christi Iesu meritis.

Iucundar iugiter

Iucundare iugiter plebs devota debitis, Qui te tulit acriter vinculis ab intimis.