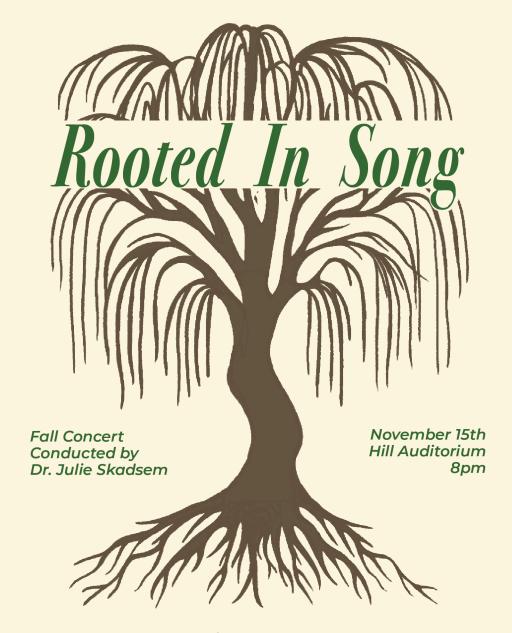
# The University of Michigan Women's Glee Club Presents



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## The University of Michigan Women's Glee Club welcomes you to our 2025 Fall Concert!

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### Land Acknowledgement

As we perform *Rooted in Song* for you this evening, we would like to acknowledge and honor this land's current and ancestral ties to the Anishinaabeg: The Three Fire Confederacy, which consists of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations along with the Wyandot, Seneca, Delaware, and Shawnee nations. The University of Michigan resides on lands dispossessed from these and many other Indigenous nations through the Treaty of Fort Myers in 1817. In this treaty, the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations made "the largest single transfer of land" to the University of Michigan under the agreement that the children of these nations would receive an education. We recognize the deceptive nature of this treaty and the University's role in upholding the colonial forces that continue to oppress indigenous people today. We acknowledge that the University of Michigan continues to benefit from the dispossession of this land, and we support indigenous communities in their fight against colonization.

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### University of Michigan Women's Glee Club History

With records dating back to 1893, the Women's Glee Club began under the direction of Mrs. Augusta Hastreiter of the School of Music. Known as the "Girls' Glee Club," the club blossomed in its early years, quickly gaining a positive reputation on campus and throughout Ann Arbor. At the start of the 20th century, the Glee Club continued to grow with Nora Crane Hunt as director from 1910 to 1935.

The club matured in sound and repertoire, changing its name to the "Women's Glee Club" in the early 1940s and kicking off an era of great strength for the organization. Directors Marguerite Hood and Bill Sawyer promoted high musical standards and an active schedule, including performances at nearby Camp Custer to boost the morale of civilians and armed forces during World War II.

Sadly, the club was forced to disband in the subsequent post-war period due to the lack of a director. In 1976, LSA student Kim Smith discovered the rich history of the Women's Glee Club and resurrected the group. The following year, director Rosalie Edwards began her career with the club and would be tirelessly devoted to its growth and improvement for years to come. Since 1994, the club has continued to thrive under the direction of the School of Music faculty, expanding its horizons through community outreach and both national and international tours.

Recent directors Dr. Sandra Snow and Gabriela Hristova have shown dedication to performing exceptional repertoire and encouraging musical excellence, a tradition which current director Dr. Julie Skadsem continues. Under her direction, the Women's Glee Club has been a participant and featured ensemble in multiple international choral festivals including the International Hadyn Festival in Vienna, Austria, in 2009, the Ihlombe South African Choral Festival in 2012, and an International Choral Festival in Curitiba, Brazil, in 2015.

In addition to its international endeavors, the Women's Glee Club continues to be a force domestically and within the local community. The club engages with Ann Arbor by performing "Blues," our traditional Michigan songs, at tailgates on football Saturdays. Additionally, the Women's Glee Club participates in community outreach and legacy-building at the annual Vocal Arts Day, an event hosted by the Michigan glee clubs that invites over 800 high school students from around the state of Michigan to participate in a full day of rehearsing, performing, and team-building.

Gleeful spirit is a reflection of the Women's Glee Club as it exists today: a collection of young singers of all different majors with different experiences, backgrounds, and stories that share a love of music. Our diverse membership, passion for excellence, and rich history make the Women's Glee Club a unique and dynamic student group on campus.

### A Letter from the President

Good evening and welcome to the University of Michigan Women's Glee Club's Fall Concert, "Rooted in Song." We are beyond excited to share the culmination of our semester of hard work with you tonight.

This evening's program was inspired by the cultural backgrounds of some of our members and will explore their "roots." Preparing for this concert has allowed us to learn from one another and to celebrate the many



backgrounds that, when woven together, create the Women's Glee Club you'll see tonight.

Tonight's programming was made possible through the dedication of our Conductor Dr. Julie Skadsem, our Assistant Conductor Gukhui Han, and our accompanist Mariah Boucher. Not only have they provided invaluable musical guidance, but have helped us connect more meaningfully with the repertoire.

We are honored that you have joined us tonight. We thank you for your continued support, and invite you to enjoy the University of Michigan Women's Glee Club in "Rooted in Song."

Sincerely, Hailey Mydock *WGC President*, 2025-26

## ROOTED IN SONG

Saturday, November 15th, 8:00 PM - Hill Auditorium

#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB

DR. JULIE SKADSEM, Conductor GUKHUI HAN, Assistant Conductor Dr. Mariah Boucher, Pianist

### Act I

The University
I Don' Feel No Ways Tired arr. Stacey V. Gibbs
Arirang
<b>Lejanas Voces</b>
Three Mexican Folk SongsDavid Conte
I. La Martiniana
Audrey Hammer, Soloist
II. La Bruja
III. La Llorona
Noah Carr & Laura Clapp, Violins
David Blankenship, Double Bass
Mira Buerk, Guitar

Anya Raman, Soloist

### **INTERMISSION**

### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB

### Act II

Love is Love is Love is Love		
I Am In Need of Music		
Apple Tree		
Laudes Atque Carmina		
Yellow and Blue		
Varsity and the Victors		

#### The University

Founded in the wilderness, In eighteen seventeen: In excellence and strength it grew nourished by a dream.

The University of Michigan;
The people said, "Be free to teach, to serve, to probe the unknown;"
Our University.

She looks beyond today's pale light, She seeks in fields diverse. New knowledge found within her halls has changed the universe.

#### Arirang

아리랑, 아리랑, 아라리요. 아리랑 고개로 넘어간다. 울 어머니 야위신 손등과 발등 위 에, 그 모든 슬픔, 그 모든 아픔 그 사랑 새겨있네. 간절히 간절히 매일 밤 눈물로 기 도하시는 내 어머니. 아름다운 어머니. 말할 수 없는 어머니 은혜, 그 사 랑 한이 없다. 아름다운 나의 사랑, 내 어머니. 아리랑 고개로 넘어간다. 아름다운 나의 어머니, 사랑해요.

#### I Don' Feel No Ways Tired

Oh, I am seekin' for a city, hallelujah, I am seekin' for a city, hallelujah, fo' a city into de kingdom, hallelujah, fo' a city into de kingdom, hallelujah.

Oh, Lord, I don' feel no ways tired, childun, oh, glory hallelujah, fo' I hope to shout glory when dis worl' is on fiyer, oh, glory hallelujah.

Dere's a bettuh day a comin', hallelujah, dere's a bettuh day a comin', hallelujah. When I leave dis worl' of sorrow, hallelujah, fo' to jine dat holy numbuh, hallelujah. Oh, Lord, Lord, I don' feel no ways, don' feel tired. childun, oh, no, fo' I hope to shout glory when dis worl' is on fiy'r. Oh, glory hallelujah!



Arirang, Arirang, Arariyo.
Crossing over to the Arirang pass.
Engraved on the thin skin on the back of my mother's hands and thin skin on the top of her feet, is all the sorrow, all the pain, and all the love.
My mother prays with earnest tears for me every night.
Beautiful mother.
Indescribable mother's grace, your love is boundless.
My beautiful love, my mother.
Crossing over to the Arirang pass.

My beautiful mother, I love you.

"Arirang" is a traditional Korean folk song that originated from the mountains of Jeongseon, Gangwon Province. It has evolved over centuries, becoming an unofficial national anthem that expresses themes of separation, longing, and resilience and continues to represent unity and shared identity for both North and South Koreans. Its sorrowful, beautiful tone evokes a powerful mix of hardship, perseverance, and hope in its listeners. I feel a personal connection to this song, as it reminds me of my mom and makes me feel connected to her, although she may be far away.

-Sophie Crawford

#### Lejanas Voces

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Lejanas voces en el campo de la hierba entre mi corazón y el infinito. II.

Distant voices on the grass of field between my heart and the infinite.

H.

Lejanas voces, las escucho dentro de mí. Como si aún me cantaran las más hermosas melodías. II.

Distant voices,
I hear them inside of me.
As if they still sang to me
The most beautiful melodies.

"Lejanas Voces" ("Distant Voices"), written by Carlos Cordero (b. 1992) with text by him and Lilian Boscán de Lombardi, is a piece on "missing the special people in your life." I wanted to suggest a piece for this program that represented my Latine heritage, and "Lejanas Voces" is that and so much more to me. It represents my family, whom I feel close to despite being over a thousand miles away. It represents my late grandmother, whom I feel close to as I imagine her on the "field of grass," speaking with me in her native language as we always did, despite my own Spanish being so clumsy. And it represents this group, which I know I will hold close for the rest of my life.

-Andrea Bustillo

#### I: La Martiniana

Niña, cuando yo muera, no llores sobre mi tumba. Cántame un lindo son, ay mamá, cántame la Sandunga.

Lucero de la mañana el rey de todos los sones canta la Martiniana, ay mamá, que rompe los corazones.

No me llores, no, no me llores, no, porque si lloras yo peno en cambio, si tu me cantas yo siempre vivo y nunca muero, en cambio, si tu me cantas yo siempre vivo y nunca muero.

Si quieres que te recuerde, si quieres que no te olvide canta sones del alma, ay mamá, música que no muere. Little girl, when I die don't cry over my grave Sing me a beautiful song, oh mother sing to me "La Sandunga."

Star of the morning, the king of all songs, sings the Martiniana, oh mother that breaks hearts.

Do not cry for me, no, do not cry for me, no, because if you cry I will keep suffering.
On the contrary; if you sing to me
I will always live, I will never die,
on the contrary; if you sing to me
I will always live, I will never die.

If you want me to remember you, if you want me to never forget you, sing happy songs, oh mother, music that will never die.

#### II: La Bruja

¡Ay!, qué bonito es volar, a las dos de la mañana, a las dos de la mañana ay qué bonito es volar, ay mamá.

Subir y dejarse caer en los brazos de una dama, en los brazos de una dama, que hasta quisiera llorar, ay mamá.

Me agarra la bruja y me lleva a su casa, me vuelve maceta y una calabaza. Me agarra la bruja y me lleva al cerrito, me vuelve maceta y un calabacito.

Que diga y que diga, que dígame usted, cuántas criaturitas se ha chupado ayer, ninguna, ninguna, ninguna, no sé, yo ando en pretensiones de chuparme a usted.

Ay, me espantó una mujer en medio del mar salado, en medio del mar salado, ay me espantó una mujer, ay mamá.

Porque no quería creer lo que otros me habían contado lo de arriba era mujer y lo de abajo pescado, ay mamá. Oh how lovely it is to fly at two in the morning, at two in the morning, how beautiful it is to fly, oh mother.

To fly and let yourself fall into the arms of a lady, into the arms of a lady, and I even want to weep, oh mother.

The witch grabs me and takes me to her house, she turns me into a flower pot and a pumpkin. The witch grabs me and takes me to the hilltop, she turns me into a flower pot and a pumpkin.

Oh tell me, tell me, you, how many little ones have you sucked on?
None, none, none, don't you see, I mean to suck on you.

Oh. a woman scared me in the middle of the salty ocean, in the middle of the salty ocean, Oh, a woman scared me, oh mother.

Because I could not believe what others had told me the upper part was a woman and the bottom was a fish, oh mother.



David Conte arranged "Three Mexican Folk Songs" for the San Francisco Symphony for their Día de los Muertos concert. The opening lyrics, "Niña cuando yo muera / no llores sobre mi tumba / cántame un lindo son, ay mamá" (Little girl, when I die / don't cry over my grave / sing me a beautiful song, oh mother) reflect the cultural belief that death is not an ending but a transformation. Loved ones live on through memory and music. I love that these songs broaden our perspectives on the afterlife, encouraging us to honor those who came before us and celebrate their legacy.

-Lauren Brace

#### III: La Llorona

Salías del templo un día, llorona, cuando al pasar yo te vi. Hermoso huipil llevabas, llorona, que la virgen te creí.

Llorona de azul celeste.

Dicen que no tengo duelo, llorona, porque no me ven llorar. Hay muertos que no hacen ruido, llorona, y es más grande su penar.

Llorona de azul celeste.

You were going out of the temple, llorona when I saw you passing by.

A beautiful huipil you were wearing, llorona, that I thought you were the virgin.

Llorona of heaven's blue color.

People say I'm not in mourning, llorona because they don't see me cry: There are dead ones that don't make noise, llorona, and whose suffering is so much greater.

Llorona of heaven's blue color.

#### **Tuttarana**

The text of this piece is comprised of onomatopoeic syllables based in the Hindi language — it has no specific words.

- Reena Esmail, Composer

#### Love is Love is Love

Love is love is love is love
Oh, love, is love, is love is love
Love, love, love, all we need is love, love
love, all we need is
Ubi caritas et amor
Where there's love,
love is love

Where there's love and charity



"Tuttarana," composed by Reena Esmail, blends Indian classical music with Western. The title itself is a combination of the Italian word tutti, meaning "all," and a Hindustani classical term tarana, referring to a fast-paced musical composition. This piece uses rhythmic, Hindi-based phonetic syllables, such as in a tarana, but transforms the typically solo performance style into an ensemble setting. Having been deeply involved in both Hindustani classical and Western classical music for most of my life, this piece resonates as an embodiment of the collaborative spirit of music.

-Somya Jha

### I Am In Need of Music

Lam in need of music that would flow Over my fretful, feeling fingertips, Over my bitter-tainted, trembling lips, With melody, deep, clear, and liquid-slow. Oh, for the healing swaying, old and low, Of some song sung to rest the tired dead. A song to fall like water on my head, And over quivering limbs, dream flushed to glow!

There is a magic made by melody: A spell of rest, and quiet breath, and cool Heart, that sinks through fading colors deep To the subaqueous stillness of the sea, And floats forever in a moon-green pool, Held in the arms of rhythm and of sleep.

#### **Apple Tree**

All of my life
I've been hunting
I've been a girl,
I've been a boy.
Digging my feet into the
ground like an apple tree
Wanting to live with a
purpose,

Skin is a word, love is not a sin. People are bad, people are good. Just like the moon is a stone But it's a star when it's dark and now she's hiding.

If you've seen what a heart is, you've seen its color.

If I ever knew how we could guide it,
I would take care of its children, become their mother.

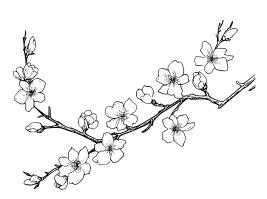
If I ever knew how we could hide it, hide it.

Let her save the world, she is just a girl.
Let him save them all, he is just a boy.
Let her save the world, she is just a girl.
Let him save them all, he is just a boy.

Hunger is quiet if you do it right. Hunter is loud and predictable, scaring away every prey so they are gone before the hunter arrives.

Would you be kind and put away your sword? You cannot cut away what we got. You cannot kill what we are. We are not here in physical form. You've seen where the knife is, its dark location. If I ever knew how we could fight it I would cut into our anger, make pure emotion. If I ever knew how we could hide it, hide it.

Can you carry the weight of mortality? The explosions around you are your symphony.



#### Laudes Atque Carmina

Laudes atque carmina Nec hodié nec cras Sed omnia per tempora, Dum locum habeas.

Tibisinct dulcissima o universitas; At hostes, pol, perniciter Eant eis korakas.

O, Gloria, victoria
O decus omnium
O, salve, universitas
Michiganensium
Michiganensium.

#### Yellow & Blue

Sing to the colors that float in the light, Hurrah for the Yellow and Blue! Yellow the stars as they ride through the night, And reel in a rollicking crew: Yellow the fields where ripens the grain, And vellow the moon on the harvest wain: Hail Hail to the colors that float in the light. Hurrah for the Yellow and Blue! Hurrah for the Yellow and Blue!

# Varsity and the Victors

Men of Michigan onto victory Ev'ry man in ev'ry play Michigan expects her varsity to win today. Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Win for Michigan!

Varsity,
Down the field,
Never yield,
Raise high your shield.
March onto victory for
Michigan,
And the maize and blue,
Oh Varsity,
We're for you,
Here for you,
To cheer for you.
We have no fears
for you,
Oh Varsity!

Now for a cheer they are here, Triumphant! Here they come with banners flying. In stalwart step they're nighing. With shouts of victory crying. We hurrah, hurrah, we greet you now Hail!

Far we their praises sing, For the glory and fame they've brought us. Loud, let the bells them ring For here they come with banners flying. Far we their praises For the glory and fame they've brought us. Loud, let the bells them For here they come with banners flying. Here they come. Hurrah!

Hail! To the victors valiant, Hail! To the conq'ring heroes, Hail! Hail! To Michigan, the leaders and best!



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### Dr. Julie Skadsem, Conductor

Dr. Julie Skadsem is Associate
Professor of Choral Music Education
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Michigan where she conducts the
Women's Glee Club and teaches
courses in conducting, choral
techniques and vocal methods. She
has earned degrees in choral music
education from St. Olaf College (B.A.),
Florida State University (M.M.E.), and
the University of Missouri-Kansas
City (Ph.D.).



Before coming to Michigan in the

fall of 2006, Skadsem was Associate Professor of Music Education at the University of Alabama where she taught courses in choir, conducting and music education, and was the Founding Director of the Birmingham Children's Choir. She taught vocal music (7-12) in Ironwood, Michigan and is an active clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor. She is a member of the VoiceCare Network and is certified in Dalcroze eurhythmics, Orff-Schulwerk and Kodaly.

Dr. Skadsem has performed regionally and internationally with the University of Michigan Women's Glee Club (WGC) over the past 19 years. Under her direction the WGC has been able to complete a European tour in Vienna, Austria as a participant and featured ensemble in the International Haydn Festival, as well as tours to South Africa, Canada, Brazil and Italy. Conference performances include the fall ACDA MI conference in 2011 and the Central Division ACDA Conference in 2012 and 2014. Dr. Skadsem's research areas are in choral rehearsal pedagogy and conducting, and she presents regional and national workshops on these topics.

When not making music, Dr. Skadsem enjoys spending time with her children Heidi, Jessica, Isaac, Sophia, and Hailey, her grandchild Evelyn, and a menagerie of pets.

### Gukhui Han, Assistant Conductor

Gukhui Han is a conductor and pianist currently pursuing her DMA in Choral Conducting at the University of Michigan under Dr. Eugene Rogers, where she serves as Graduate Student Instructor for Opera Chorus and the Women's Glee Club—an ensemble she immediately fell in love with.

Before coming to Michigan, Han built a multifaceted career as both a conductor and pianist. She served as Lecturer in Choral Music at California State University, Los Angeles;



Conducting Teacher at the Los Angeles Children's Chorus; and Collaborative Pianist at Chapman University, California State University, Long Beach, and with the Long Beach Camerata Singers. She also held Music Director positions at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach and St. John's Episcopal Church in Rancho Santa Margarita.

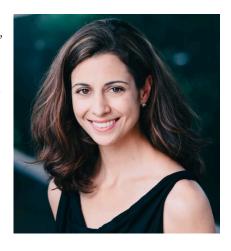
As a pianist, Han's collaborative artistry led her to the final round of the Wigmore Hall Song Competition in London and to prestigious programs such as the Fall Island Vocal Art Seminar, SongFest, the Franz-Schubert-Institut, and the Aspen Music Festival, where she collaborated with artists including Elly Ameling, Martin Katz, Roger Vignoles, and Jake Heggie.

As a conductor, she has been recognized as a Choral Scholar and Fellow at Chorus America's Conducting Academy, sung with Berkshire Choral International, and participated in orchestral conducting programs in Vratsa, Bulgaria, and Zagreb, Croatia.

She is fortunate to have mentors such as Robert Istad, Alan Smith, and Kenneth Griffiths. Han holds MM and DMA degrees in Collaborative Piano from the University of Cincinnati and the University of Southern California, and an MM in Choral Conducting from California State University, Fullerton.

### Dr. Mariah Boucher, Pianist

Described as "unique and riveting" by Harmonie magazine, American pianist Mariah Boucher has distinguished herself as a leading collaborator, specializing in chamber music and vocal coaching. Mariah has performed in venues across the United States, including the Aspen Music Festival, Bay View Music Festival, Detroit Institute of the Arts, and West Michigan Symphony Series.



As a strong performer of new music, she has worked closely with contemporary composers, including Gabriela Lena Frank, Pierre Jalbert, Evan Chambers, Michael Daugherty, Roger Zare, and Logan Skelton.

Mariah has also worked with the Kresge Literary Fellow Terry Blackhawk, presenting her poetry with newly commissioned music at the Art X Festival, as well as poets Marsha Music and Justin Rogers. Mariah received both her Masters of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan in Collaborative Piano, where she studied with Martin Katz and Logan Skelton.

As an opera and art song coach, she works with singers at the South Bend Lyric Opera as well as the Bayview Music Festival. Mariah currently serves as a Collaborative Pianist/Vocal Coach at the University of Michigan.

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