

October 2023

Syracuse Vocal Ensemble



Established 1973

The Syracuse Vocal Ensemble

Julie Pretzat, Artistic Director
presents

An American Tapestry

*American choral music from Billings to recent commissions,
celebrating a diverse group of composers and musical styles.*

***Saturday, October 28, 7:30pm**
Park Central Presbyterian Church
504 E. Fayette Street, Syracuse

Sunday, October 29, 3:00-5:00pm
SUNY Oswego Sheldon Hall Ballroom
72 Sheldon Avenue, Oswego

**Celebrate our 50th Anniversary season with music performed by past
and present SVE members followed by a reception at Park Central.*

Tickets are \$10 at the door
cash/check/Venmo/Paypal only
Under 18 and SUNY Oswego students free

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Dr. Pretzat explains:

"I have always loved early American hymn and folk tunes and was exposed to the arrangements by Alice Parker quite early in my choral career. I had the good fortune to participate in a few of Alice's shape note sing-along workshops at the Westminster Choir College when I was there working with Robert Shaw. When we agreed to cap off the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Syracuse Vocal Ensemble by re-performing some of our commissioned works, it seemed a natural fit to put together an all-American program. I had a difficult time deciding what music to select - there are so many great composers and pieces! It was important to me that we were as representative of America as we could be, while choosing music in the choral canon. We have included pieces by two women - Amy Beach and Judith Zaimont and by two black American composers - R. Nathaniel Dett and Moses Hogan. Furthermore, I could not ignore the unique work of Charles Ives, dubbed "an American original." Woven throughout the program are several Shaker tunes, each of which has a calming and centering character about them."

Julie Pretzat

Check It Out:

Link to an article on Dr. Pretzat in the Oswego Campus Newsletter:

<https://www.oswego.edu/news/story/%E2%80%98american-tapestry%E2%80%99-concert-represents-swan-song-longtime-music-educator-suny-oswego-leader>



Join us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration



October 28th at
Park Central
Church

- Past and Present Members of SVE. join together to sing Steven Paulus' *The Road Home*
- The concert is followed by a Reception in the Fellowship Hall