



## 2020-2021 Virtual Season – Concert Descriptions

*(dates and times subject to change)*

### Music in the Barn

Sunday, September 20 at 7:00 PM | Virtual

Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus

José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, Opalka Family Artistic Director

Music in the Barn will continue in 2020 with a virtual format that celebrates APM's 40th anniversary and emphasizes our artistic legacy in the region. This virtual performance will feature a compilation of audience favorites from previous APM concerts, integrated with commentary from the director and others. Members of the Honorary Committee will receive a special dinner "picnic basket" delivery and a copy of a new "Best of the Barn" desserts cookbook, featuring the delicious contributions from APM singers and board members!

### A Capital Region Renaissance

**Albany Pro Musica presents "A Capital Region Renaissance"**

October 18, 2020 at 4:30 PM | Virtual and WMHT TV

Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus

José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, Opalka Family Artistic Director

New York's vibrant Capital District has been undergoing a renaissance of late, and Albany Pro Musica will open our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with a celebration of our home: a **virtual concert of Renaissance music**, featuring multiple small ensembles performing in some of the **Capital Region's most iconic and beautiful locations**, including outside the New York State Capitol building, the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall (where APM is chorus-in-residence), Schenectady's historic Stockade District, the grounds of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Lake George, Indian Ladder Farm, and Hudson Crossing Park. This concert will feature lively and lush English love madrigals by Gibbons, Greaves, Morley, Ward, Weelkes, Wilbye, and others. APM will also perform the world premiere of a neo-Renaissance composition from our honorary composer-in-residence, Steve Murray, to continue the tradition of creativity and excellence that is central to APM. The concert will include **commentary about the Capital Region's local renaissance**, featuring Opalka Family Artistic Director José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, regional philanthropist Chet Opalka, University at Albany President Havidán Rodríguez, and community leader and businessman Marcus Pryor.

## The Best of the Many Moods of Christmas

### Albany Pro Musica presents “The Best of the Many Moods of Christmas”

December 2020 | Virtual

Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus

José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, Opalka Family Artistic Director

Featuring tenor Rafael Davila

A favorite holiday tradition for families across the Capital Region, this concert is designed to inspire, celebrate, and unite us in the spirit of the season. Albany Pro Musica will present a virtual concert with **selections from two of our favorite holiday performances from recent years**, featuring the unforgettable voice of **world-renowned tenor Rafael Davila** and the world premiere of Steve Murray’s *Christmas at Sea*. The concert will be framed, as always, by the mesmerizing *O Magnum Mysterium* by Morten Lauridsen and *The Many Moods of Christmas* by Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett. Join us from your computer and sing along to traditional carols with the APM Concert Chorus and Orchestra Pro Musica! This concert will include a **behind-the-scenes conversation** with Opalka Family Artistic Director, José Daniel Flores-Caraballo and tenor Rafael Davila.

## High School Choral Festival

### Albany Pro Musica presents the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual High School Choral Festival

February 7, 2021 | Virtual

Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus

José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, Opalka Family Artistic Director

Bradley Ellingboe, Guest Composer and Conductor

This year marks Albany Pro Musica’s 21<sup>st</sup> year hosting this beloved invitational festival of regional high school choirs. This season’s festival will use a virtual format and will feature a **multi-session, online curriculum** that includes rehearsal guidance, sectionals, and music appreciation. Students and educators will complete these educational modules on demand throughout the fall of 2020 and submit individual recordings of a new composition by APM Composer-in-Residence Dr. Bradley Ellingboe, commissioned by APM for the Pro Musica International Choral Festival. The student recordings will be combined into a **“virtual choir”** performance of Ellingboe’s work, which will be premiered at the culminating event of the festival, held on February 7, 2021 for all participants. That online event will also include a **panel discussion with Dr. Ellingboe and APM’s Opalka Family Artistic Director Dr. José Daniel Flores-Caraballo**, in which the speakers will share their insights into choral composition, conducting, and performance.

## Celtic Dreams...How Can I Keep from Singing?

### Albany Pro Musica presents “Celtic Dreams...How Can I Keep from Singing?”

March 2021 | Virtual and WMHT TV

Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus

*The Musicians of Ma’alwyck*

José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, Opalka Family Artistic Director

The *Musicians of Ma’alwyck* partner with Albany Pro Musica in a virtual concert featuring **traditional Celtic and folk favorites**, interpreted for small vocal ensembles and soloists and recorded at the historic Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Visuals from the lush landscape of the Capital Region will accompany the beautiful harmonies of this exquisite musical offering. The production will also include **commentary by local experts and authors** who will discuss the artistic and economic legacy, in the Capital Region and beyond, of immigrants from Ireland and across the British Isles.

## From Despair...Light!

**Albany Pro Musica presents “From Despair...Light!”**

May 2021 | Virtual and WMHT TV

Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus

José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, Opalka Family Artistic Director

For centuries, composers have used music to help us process our feelings, thoughts, fears, and joys. As our world emerges from the tragedy that the COVID-19 pandemic has shrouded us in, Albany Pro Musica will take you on an emotional journey from **fear, conflict, and death to joy, peace, love, and redemption**. This virtual program, co-produced with WMHT, will feature the world premiere of a newly commissioned piece by APM’s composer-in-residence, Bradley Ellingboe, as well as compositions by Morten Lauridsen, Arvo Pärt, Eric Whitacre, Jake Runestad, Stephen Paulus, and Steve Murray.