



CSUSB Presents

# CONSIDERING MATTHEW SHEPARD



Featuring the CSUSB

## CHAMBER SINGERS

Dr. Lesley Leighton, Conductor

APRIL 28, 2026

12:00 PM / PA 102

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Lesley Leighton, conductor

Alastair Edmonstone, pianist

Wendi Shaffer, clarinet

Considering Matthew Shepard: A Choral Suite

Craig Hella Johnson, composer

Texts by Craig Hella Johnson & Michael Dennis Browne

PLEASE HOLD APPLAUSE UNTIL THE END OF THE WORK

## PROGRAM

Speaker A: Noah Meece

Speaker B: Hazel May Mendez

Ordinary Boy

Narrator: Sariah Stewart

Judy: Jocelyn Correa-Arellano

Matt: Jalonis Taylor

Tenor: Mikey Sosa

We Tell Each Other Stories/I Am Open

Soprano Solo: Abigail Metzger

Speaker C: Kendall Williamson

Speaker D: Adam Arroyo

Fire of the Ancient Heart

Baritone: Luis Bautista

Voice 1: Noah Meece

Voice 2: Hazel May Mendez

Speaker E: Luis Bautista

Stray Birds

Tenors & Basses of the Chorus

Deer Song

Soprano 1: Abigail Metzger

Soprano 2: Wendi Shaffer

Soprano 3: Monica Sanchez  
Sopranos & Altos of the Chorus

The Innocence  
Tenor: Jalonis Taylor  
Tenor: Gabriel Orozco

Speaker F: Adam Arroyo

Meet Me Here  
Solo: Jocelyn Correa-Arellano

Speaker A: Noah Meece

All Of Us  
Soprano 1: Abigail Metzger  
Soprano 2: Wendi Shaffer  
Soprano 3: Monica Sanchez

## PEOPLE OF THE CHORUS

Cristian Alonzo  
Luis Alvarado  
Adam Arroyo  
Luis Bautista  
Samantha Bustos  
Angel Calvillo  
Anna Ciani  
Jocelyn Correa-Arellano  
Cesar Garcia  
Sunny Gunn  
Day Honore  
Trinity Luster  
Adrienne Magno  
Erica Martinez

Isa Martinez  
Noah Meece  
Mersiah Menchaca  
Hazel May Mendez  
Abigail Metzger  
Gracie Moore  
Matthew Morales Martinez  
Ethan Nickell  
Tony Noble  
Daniel Nunez  
Siri O'neill-Navarro  
Gabriel Orozco  
Matthew Ortega  
Kayte Otanez

Jessica Paez  
Anthony Reynaga  
Joshua Ruiz  
Jorge Sanchez  
Monica Sanchez  
Allie Schafer  
Wendi Shaffer  
Mikey Sosa  
Sariah Stewart  
Jalonis Taylor  
Aaron Ventura  
Jason Villalobos  
Kendall Williamson

# PROGRAM NOTES & TEXTS



## About the CSUSB Chamber Singers



The Chamber Singers is a vocal ensemble of 30-50 voices, focusing on a variety of repertoire that ranges from the classical canon (pieces composed by Palestrina, Bach, Mozart, Duruflé, Orff, i.e.), to modern works by Whitacre, Collier, Betinis, and Lang to music theatre and film. The group sings one complete masterwork from the classical canon each year, in addition to programs of modern repertoire and premiere works written by new composers. For the past two Decembers this group has sung with the choir prepared by Lesley Leighton at Walt Disney Concert Hall for film composer and conductor David Newman, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic in the live-to-screen performances of Home Alone.

If you loved singing in your high school choir, junior high choir, church or community choir, you are ready and will love singing with us! You don't have to be a music major; you just need to love singing with others and making music together! Join us in Chamber Singers (MUS 3860)!

We rehearse Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM.