

# GOLDEN BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Director Maggie Wheeler

Welcome To Our 29th Concert

## LOVE WILL LEAD US ALL

ASL Interpreters Michelle Banks & Jill Sege

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**With Live Performance**

**by**

**COCO LOVE ALCORN**



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Special Video Appearances by

Lili Haydn & Arnaé Batson

# OUR GUESTS



## COCO LOVE ALCORN

Newly awarded the Canadian Folk Music Award for Best Contemporary Singer Of The Year, Coco combines diverse musical influences including jazz, R&B, pop, folk, and Gospel. Her love of improvising, and willingness to engage fearlessly with the audience has made Alcorn an established presence on the Canadian music scene. Alcorn's career has spanned more than 20 years, 9 solo albums, cross-Canada tours, collaborations, festival appearances, award nominations. Coco also leads the Wonderland Singers, an online community choir and creative singing workshop series.

## ASL Interpreters

### MICHELLE BANKS

Is an award-winning actress, writer, director, producer, choreographer, motivational speaker, and teacher from Washington, DC.

Michelle was one of the first two Deaf African-American actresses to interpret for the Broadway play, *HAVING OUR SAY* by Emily Mann. Her original one-woman show, *REFLECTIONS OF A BLACK DEAF WOMAN*, received rave reviews at venues throughout the country, including Victory Theatre Center, National Black Theatre Festival, the Los Angeles' Women's Theater Festival, Ohio Wesleyan University, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Michelle founded Onyx Theatre Company in New York City, the first deaf theater company in the United States for people of color. Her work with Onyx for eleven years earned the Cultural Enrichment Award from Gallaudet University and the Distinguished Service Award from New York Deaf Theatre. Her other achievements include Program Coordinator for Deaf West Theatre's Professional Acting Summer School, Director of American Sign Language for Arena Stage, Broadway, and Centerstage, the Outstanding Achievement Recognition Resolution of 1996 from the Council of the District of Columbia, an Individual Achievement Award from the National Council on Communicative Disorders, and the Laurent Clerc Award from Gallaudet University for her social contributions to the Deaf community. Currently, she is the Artistic Director of Visionaries of the Creative Arts (VOCA) based in Washington, DC. [www.visionariesofthecreativearts.org](http://www.visionariesofthecreativearts.org) [www.michelleabanks.com](http://www.michelleabanks.com)



### JILL SEGE

Jill has been a nationally certified interpreter since 1999. She loves interpreting music, theatre and in legal, health and government settings. She is also an attorney in Maryland who has practiced in the areas of family, criminal and civil rights.

Participating in this choir has provided her special time as an Aunty with her niece and nephews who are longtime faithful members.

## Special Video Appearances

### LILI HAYDN

Grammy winner Lili Haydn's six critically acclaimed major label recordings as a solo artist have been NPR favorites. Also known for her legendary collaborations, she has played violin, sung and opened for everyone from Herbie Hancock, Sting, Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, Roger Waters, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and George Clinton's P-Funk All Stars to name a few. Lili's film composing career has blossomed into 18 feature films/documentaries to her credit and the hit Netflix series *Ginny & Georgia*. Lili is celebrating this month's releases of Oscar winner Freida Lee Mock's documentary *RUTH: Justice Ginsburg in Her Own Words*, Oscar nominee Michele Ohayon's Netflix documentary *Strip Down Rise Up*. Lili has been a life long activist and believes music and stories have the power to heal and uplift; important now more than ever.



### ARNAÉ BATSON

Arnaé Batson is a GRAMMY nominated singer, songwriter and culture carrier who serves as artistic director of Voices Raised LA Vocal Collective, a grassroots acapella vocal ensemble created to sing at peaceful progressive protests for civil and environmental equity.

Arnaé is also founder of The SSING Network™ (Sharing Songs ~ Inspiring Neighborhood Gatherings), a non-profit that promotes harmonious connection through heart-healing communal acapella singing.



# LOVE WILL LEAD US ALL



## 1. CRACK THE SKY by Maggie Wheeler

[goldenbridgechoir.com](http://goldenbridgechoir.com)

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

Dr. Martin Luther King

## 2. MORE LOVE by Lili Haydn

[www.lilihaydn.com](http://www.lilihaydn.com)

## 3. GONNA GET OVER by Coco Love Alcorn

[www.cocolovealcorn.com](http://www.cocolovealcorn.com)

[www.wonderlandsingers.com](http://www.wonderlandsingers.com)

## 4. JUSTICE by Arnaé Batson

[www.thessingnetwork.com](http://www.thessingnetwork.com)

## 5. MY HAND IN YOURS by Maggie Wheeler

## 6. THAT'S WHAT'S UP by Christian Letts & Alex Ebert

Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros

<https://www.edwardsharpeandthemagneticzeros.com>

Animation & Artwork by Kyle Hollingsworth

<https://www.kylecreativeart.com>

Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros (led by singer Alex Ebert) draws from roots rock, folk and gospel. Their first studio album 'Up From Below' featured the popular single "Home." The band also operates Big Sun, a non-profit focused on funding and developing co-ops and land trusts in urban areas around the world.

\*This arrangement of the song was inspired by the wonderful Lennon & Maisy Stella.





## 7. UNBREAKABLE by Coco Love Alcorn

## 8. RIGHT HERE by Sam Turton

[www.samturton.com](http://www.samturton.com)

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Sam Turton is a singer-songwriter and expressive therapist from Guelph, Ontario, Canada ([feelingawareness.ca](http://feelingawareness.ca)). Bringing people together through voice and feeling is the central purpose of his work. "Right Here," an anthemic favorite of singalongs and choirs, is part of the legendary "Rise Again" songbook, and can be found on Spotify, Amazon, and on Sam's "AT HOME" CD via his music website.

\*This beautiful song was introduced to me by my friend Patti Powell who was kind enough to create a wonderful guitar track for the choir to sing with. [www.pattipowellchoirs.com](http://www.pattipowellchoirs.com)

## 9. THIS LOVE WILL CARRY Music & Lyrics by Dougie Maclean

Arrangement: Helen Yeomans

[www.helenyeomans.co.uk](http://www.helenyeomans.co.uk)

Dougie MacLean, is a Scottish singer-songwriter, composer, multi-instrumentalist and record producer.

Helen Yeomans is the founder and leader of Glorious Chorus. She writes and/or arranges all the songs that the choir sings and runs workshops around the UK and abroad teaching her award-winning compositions. Helen is also the director of Thula Mama, teaching songs to mothers and babies, and has franchised groups around the UK.

## 10. THE RIVER by Coco Love Alcorn

## 11. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN by Maggie Wheeler

This song was inspired by the 32 beautiful weeks of 'Together In Song' gatherings which I began hosting in March of 2020 when the world was asked to shelter at home. In those many months over 4000 people joined us from the US and around the world. 80 song leaders joined me to lead songs and lift spirits. By singing together we were able to stay connected and afloat in uncharted waters.



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Special thanks to Deborah Fryman who stood by my virtual side throughout this choir season.

With her support, exceptional organizing skills, creative collaboration and laughter we continued to invent new ways forward.



Many thanks to Kyle Hollingsworth for her wonderful animation and artwork on That's What's Up!!!

<https://www.kylecreativeart.com>

AND AS ALWAYS

**Thank you to all of the beautiful people who make up the  
GOLDEN BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHOIR  
for joining us in song !**

Our choir is a member of the UBUNTU CHOIRS NETWORK,  
(ubuntuchoirs.net) an emerging community of choirs who believe that singing is everyone's  
birthright and that together we can make a difference in this world through our singing.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR NEXT SESSION  
PLEASE JOIN THE MAILING LIST**

**AT:**

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**Or reach out to [info@maggiewheeler.net](mailto:info@maggiewheeler.net)**