



## **Inversion presents Nova in its inaugural concert Star Stuff**

Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 4 PM

Austin Public Library | 710 W César Chavez St, Austin, Texas 78701

Juli Orlandini, Nova Director  
Benjamin Dia, Piano

Trevor F. Shaw and Katrina Saporantos, Vocal Coaches

### WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you for attending the inaugural concert of Nova, Inversion's brand new youth choir! We have a small founding ensemble, but I cannot possibly relay just how lucky we are with the eight voices you'll hear tonight! Not only have these kiddos absorbed new music with grace and beauty, they have come to us from a wide variety of backgrounds and locations. I am so proud of their hard work, dedication, and courage in piloting this, our first concert—thank you for supporting them today!

Inversion, as an organization, is dedicated to championing, commissioning, and performing new music. Nova is no exception! It is an extreme privilege for us to be bringing new repertoire for the often-neglected "SAB" voicing into the world! You'll hear premieres of music from in-house composers

Adrienne Inglis, Suzette Emberton, and Trevor F. Shaw, as well as a mix of music from other living composers.

Additionally, several singers will be sharing solo repertoire, both from the classical and pop spheres! I would be remiss not to mention the incredible opportunity these kids have had to work with two world-class voice teachers, Katrina Saporantos and Trevor Shaw. I am personally thrilled to hear their offerings today!

You'll also notice some supporting voices from Inversion's professional roster joining the youth. Nova has afforded these young voices the opportunity to make music with professional, gigging artists. We hope this "taste of the musician's life" has offered the kids valuable experience and insight into the world of a professional artist—we know it is a unique opportunity for them! Our concert theme tonight is derived from the classic Carl Sagan quote: "We are made of star stuff." It's a humbling fact—we are in fact made of the same matter as the stars. But there's obviously more here, and these kids have proven to me over and over the more profound meaning behind Mr. Sagan's words. This is truly a special group of young humans: I am proud of them; I am blessed to know them; and I am deeply touched by their efforts over the past month. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for coming out to support Nova.

And now, TO THE STARS!

-Juli



# Program

**Stars Through the Rain** by Adrienne Inglis (ASCAP) and Walter Torres (BMI)  
– world premiere

**Hold Me, Rock Me** – Words and Music by Brian Tate  
Ruby Manning, Kaleigh Manning, soloists

**Begin** by Juhi Bansal  
Abigail Lewis, soloist

**A Million Dreams** from “The Greatest Showman” by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul  
Kaleigh Manning, soloist

**Satellites** by Trevor F. Shaw (ASCAP)— world premiere

**Venus** by Abigail Lewis – world premiere  
Singers from Inversion Ensemble

Selections from "**27 Haiku**" by Steven Mark Kohn

**Part of Your World** from “The Little Mermaid” by Alan Menken  
Makenna Ewing Barta, soloist

**let's touch the sky** by Suzette Emberton (ASCAP) – world premiere

**Sweet Radiant Mystery** by Catherine Dalton

**Waving Through a Window** from “Dear Evan Hansen” by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul  
Ruby Manning, soloist

**Ad Astra** by Jacob Narverud

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## **SINGERS**

### **NOVA**

Abigail Lewis  
Devlin 'Makenna' Ewing Barta  
Jonah Papovich  
Kaleigh Manning  
Malachi Lewis  
Ruby Manning  
Sunidhi Ayyagari  
Tucker Hymel-Pratt

### **INVERSION ENSEMBLE**

Artha Weaver  
Deirdre Spainhour  
Gregory Hilliard Jr.  
Jennifer Wang  
Michael Follis  
Suzette Emberton  
Trevor F. Shaw

## **STAFF**

Trevor Shaw, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor  
Katrina Saporsantos, Administrative Director and Associate Conductor  
Adrienne Inglis, Outreach and Artist Manager  
Carol Brown, Production Manager  
Juli Orlandini, Associate Conductor

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