

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

# Spring Choral Concert

A "musical hug"



May 25, 2021 • 6 PM  
HS South Front Lawn

# Spring Choral Concert

Directed by Mrs. Emily Kaster

Accompanied by Christopher Marino

## *Sisi Ni Moja*

Words and Music by Jacob Narverud

## *Wade in the Water*

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Soloists: Colin Williams, '22, Rosemary Shay, '24, and Kaitlyn Gronau, '21

## *Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World*

Arranged by Roger Emerson

Soloist: Kaitlyn Gronau, '21

## *This Is Me (from The Greatest Showman)*

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, Arr. Mac Huff

Soloist: Erin Brambilla, '22

## *Turn the World Around*

Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman, Arr. Mark Hayes

## *Imagine*

Performed by South Songbirds

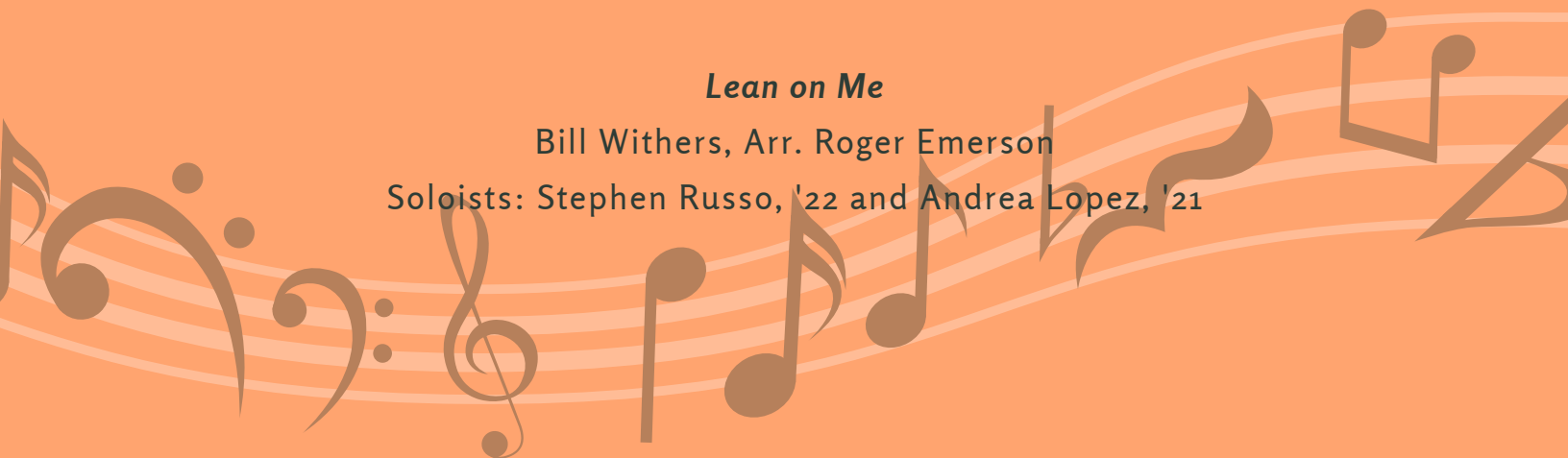
Words and Music by Jon Lennon, Arranged by Deke Sharon

Soloists: Francesa Stix, '21, Andrea Lopez, '21, & Kaitlyn Gronau, '21

## *Lean on Me*

Bill Withers, Arr. Roger Emerson

Soloists: Stephen Russo, '22 and Andrea Lopez, '21



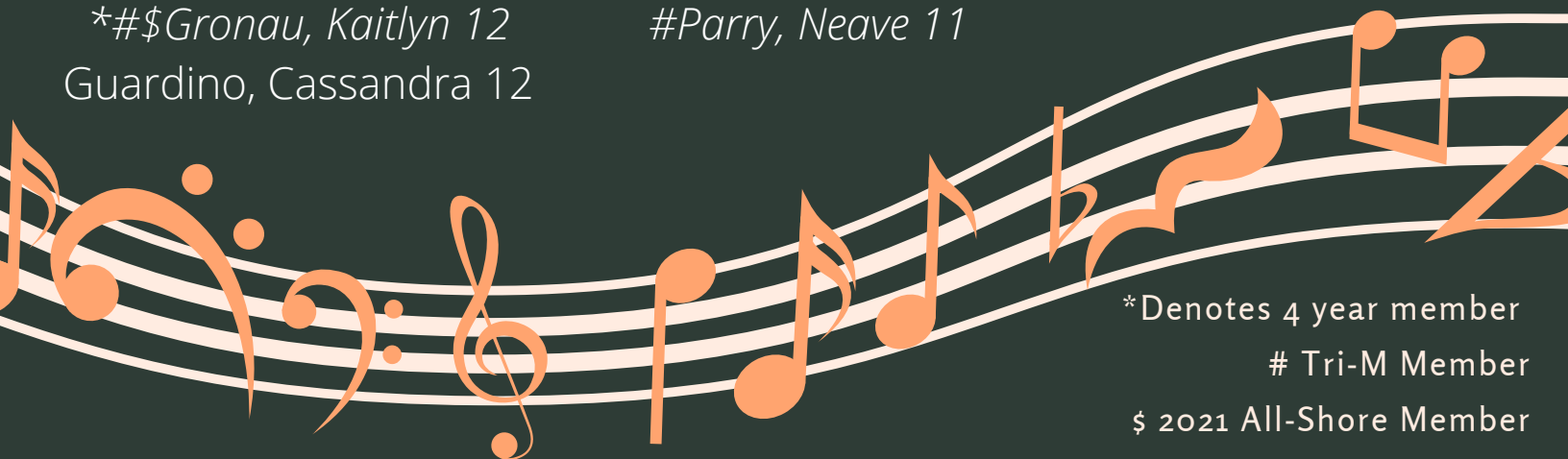
# Midd South Chorale

Anderson, Sophie 9  
Araneo, Julia 10  
#\$Banerjee, Olly 11  
Beresford, Ashley 10  
Boudreau, Gillian 10  
Boyce, Randolph 11  
Brambilla, Erin 11  
Burke, Keira 10  
\*Closs, Kelly 12  
DeSordi, Devin 10  
Deltuvia, Julie 10  
DeOliveira, Michael 9  
DeStefano, Kayla 11  
#Dorozynski, Vincent 11  
Dunn, Maria Abigail 12  
Eagone, Olivia 12  
Ermita, Jacqueline 9  
Garrett, Caroline 10  
Gonyou, Alanah 11  
Gonzales, Taryn 9  
Grant, Madison 10  
\*#\$Gronau, Kaitlyn 12  
Guardino, Cassandra 12

Haas, Olivia 12  
Hedin, Alyssa 12  
Huerta, Bryan 11  
Keane, Michael 9  
Kelty, Brian 10  
Kenney, Zoe 9  
\*Kirby, Brooke 12  
Knowles, Victoria 9  
LaRocco, Andrea 11  
Last, Hailey 11  
\*#\$Lopez, Andrea 12  
#Macdonald, Elena 11  
#Macedo, Kai 11  
Maglione, Andrea 9  
Memoli, Carter 9  
Moreno-Lino, Efrain 9  
\*#\$Nolan, Abigail 12  
O'Neil, Justin 11  
Palmer, Morgan 12  
#Park, Elliott 11  
#Parry, Meredith 11  
#Parry, Neave 11

Rand, Katherine 10  
Rodriguez, Samantha, 9  
Russell, Sophia 9  
#Russo, Stephen 11  
Shaloum, Ethan 11  
Shay, Rosemary 9  
\$Stix, Francesca 12  
Tangalos, Mary 10  
Tobacco, Dustin 10  
Trevean, Matthew 9  
#Williams, Colin 11  
Willis, Sanaa 9

(Not all singers are able to attend this evening's concert)



\*Denotes 4 year member  
# Tri-M Member  
\$ 2021 All-Shore Member  
South Songbirds

# Why I do Choir...

...because music makes me happy and it helps to express my emotions and thoughts. I sing and dance everyday! -Kelly, '21

...because I like to create art with other people. - Gillian, '23

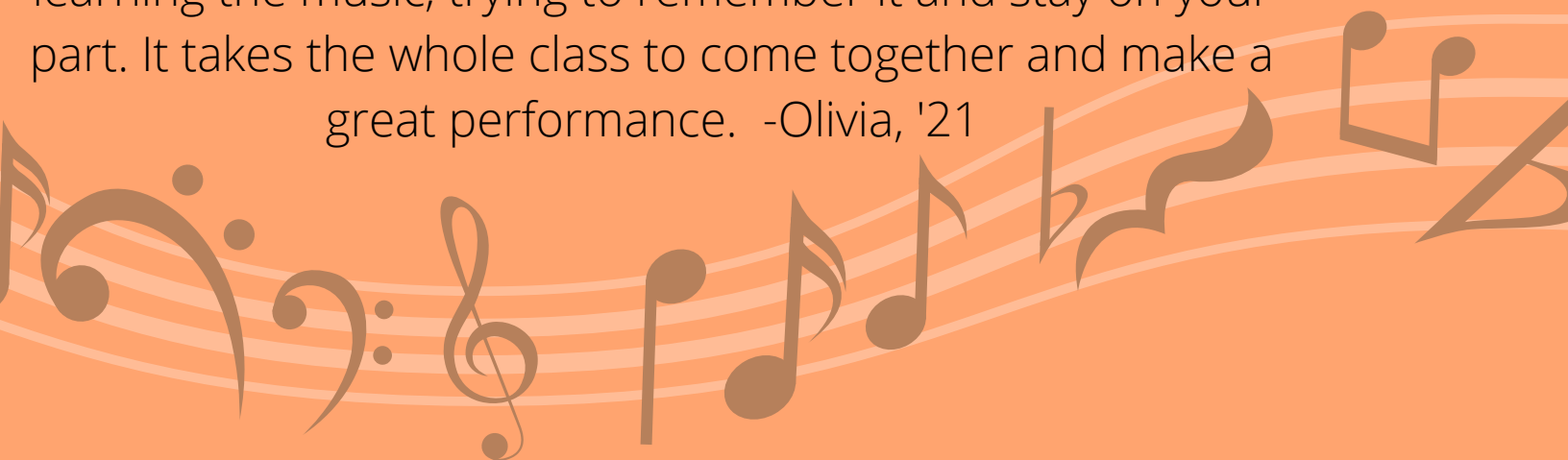
...it makes me feel included; it's one big family that loves to share stories and have fun, but they are also serious about their work. It's fun when we're all rehearsing together, and it's nice to take a break from the heavy school subjects once in a while.  
- Kiera, '23

...it introduces so many new opportunities and connects me to so many wonderful people who have the same interests as me. -Caroline, '23

I find that I do not have a lot of courage to sing on my own, and singing in a choral group makes me feel like I can put forth my full effort and passion without everyone's eyes being on me.  
-Anon, '22

I have grown so much through the experiences I have had at South through choir and I have met some people that have had such a positive impact on my life. Choir is something that I have pursued for 4 years, which has pushed me to join other vocal groups that can help me express my love further for singing. Singing relaxes the body and mind, and I would not be where I am today without being a part of the choir. As a senior, I am sad to leave this program, but I am happy that I was able to contribute my voice to the choir while I could. - Kaitlyn, '21

Even though all of us are singing we are working. We're learning the music, trying to remember it and stay on your part. It takes the whole class to come together and make a great performance. -Olivia, '21



# Why I do Choir...

...as a way to express myself in goofy ways that would normally be considered weird. However, as I grew older I appreciated simply sharing the gift of song with the audience and I would have it no other way as long as I could help provide good service for the audience.

-Colin, '22

I love being able to actually take a class for something I love to do, and I love being surrounded by people who share the same passion.

-Elena, '22

I joined choir because I know that it is a judgment-free class. I know that I will be surrounded by people who are funny, talented, and creative people. This class also helps me de-stress if I am having a stressful day. The class environment is very happy and energetic and I always leave the room with a smile on my face.

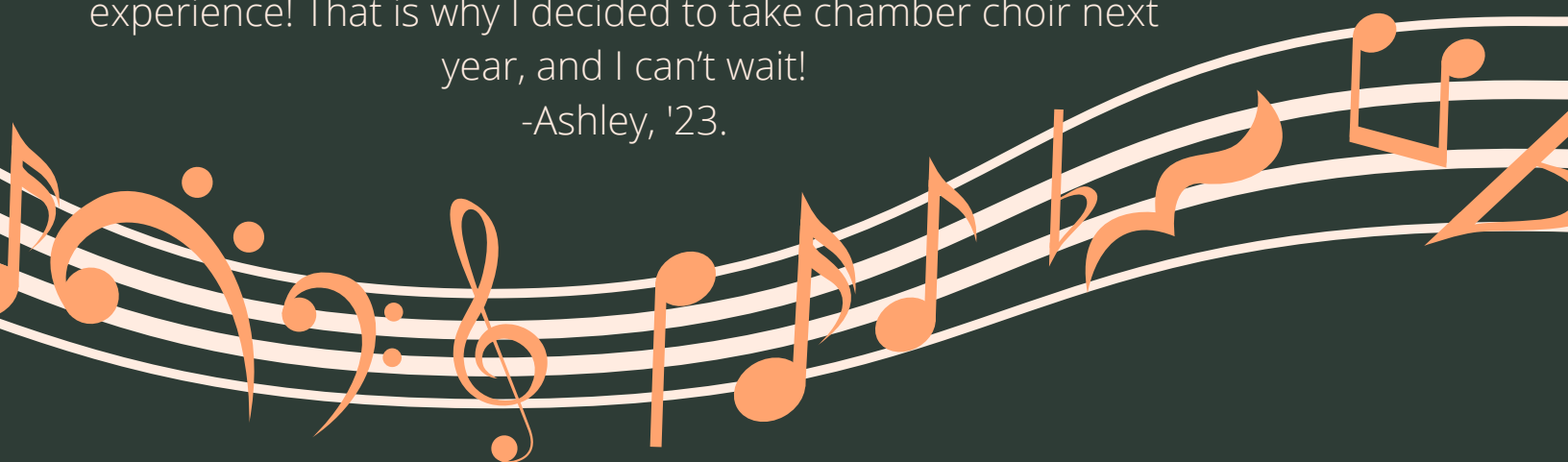
-Neave, '22

The reason I do choir is because it gives me a place where I can not only find a place of mental rest, but also an opportunity to learn in an engaging way. When in a math, science, or history classroom, everything has to be taught a certain way and everything is done by the “book”. However, in choir there is never any pressure to be the best in the class. The only thing you have to do is to be yourself and to become a better musician.

-Elliot, '22

With all my other classes choir was the most enjoyable class to go to. Even though choir has been very different this year due to covid. However, we still made the best of it! And I started to get to know the wonderful people in my class. I regret not taking choir freshman year as it would have been a wonderful experience! That is why I decided to take chamber choir next year, and I can't wait!

-Ashley, '23.



# *Why I do Choir...*

It's a really simple reason, but it's both a break from difficult or boring classes and it's something that I enjoy a lot.  
-Kai, '22

...as a means to aid me in being more open in singing...Through this process, I uncovered an underlying passion and hobby.  
-Bryan, '22

Being in choir is like singing in the car with just a group of people, everyone just enjoying the music and having a blast. - Olivia, '21

Choir is also a class that I think is one of the most important on my schedule. And you may be questioning this, or wondering how I could think that choir is one of my most important classes... This is because even though I am an honors student, and that alone is supposed to set me apart from my class and the overall very large bunch here at South, I can't help but constantly feel like in all of my classes I can't express myself the way I can in my choir class, especially throughout this pandemic. With constant worry about the next test or quiz, I constantly get lost, forgetting that I am a teenager and that sometimes I need to just take a step back, take a deep breath, and not stress over little things like anticipating an assessment that may or may not happen in 2 weeks about a lesson that I haven't even learned yet. And for me, and many other students, choir, and all of the other art and music programs here at South are that reminder to breathe.

-Taryn, '24



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