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HIDDEN MUSIC 2018

ALL TICKETS / INFO: <https://conspirare.org/event/hidden-music-2018/>

4/19/18 (6:00pm-9:30pm, doors at 5:30pm) Thursday

AUSTIN: Brazos Hall, 204 E 4th Street, Austin, TX 78701

Conspirare holds its highly anticipated Hidden Music Gala on April 19, 2018. Hidden Music launches the celebration of Conspirare's 25th anniversary and serves as Conspirare's primary fundraiser. The evening will feature [Lauren Snouffer](#) and Craig Hella Johnson in performance and an appearance by an ensemble of Conspirare Symphonic Choir singers. The evening will transport attendees into the "garden of spirit" and begin a year-long retrospective look into Conspirare's past 25 years and create the foundation for a visionary future.

Lauren Snouffer, a native of Austin with ties to Westlake ISD, is celebrated as one of the most versatile and respected sopranos on the international stage. She has previously appeared with Conspirare as a featured soloist in programs that became Grammy®-nominated recordings: Pablo Neruda: *The Poet Sings* and *Threshold of Night*. She first joined the Conspirare roster while in high school for Conspirare Christmas. Snouffer reflects that, "When I was a teenager growing up in Austin, Craig Johnson provided some of my first professional singing experiences, inviting me to be part of Conspirare when I was only in high school. Now that I have been singing professionally for several years, it is a thrill and an honor to circle back to where my journey began." The Hidden Music program will include arias of extraordinary beauty and virtuosity by Handel and Rossini and beloved songs from musical theatre and distinguished American composers, creating a night of radiant singing. Craig Hella Johnson will be at the piano.



Craig Hella Johnson said, "Lauren is an incredibly special singer and an extraordinary, sensitive, and generous artist. It has been a joy to be a witness to her development in becoming a world class vocalist. She has gained the respect of some of the musical world's most respected composers and conductors. I am super excited for this opportunity to make music with her. Beyond all of the acclaim, most importantly, she continues to be our dear friend Lauren, and to share her love of Conspirare and of Austin wherever she goes."

Hidden Music is Conspirare's annual benefit and includes cocktails, show, and dinner at the intimate and delightful Brazos Hall. Nick Mayo returns as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Hidden Music raises nearly 15% of Conspirare's annual budget and supports the world-class, Grammy® award winning music.

Upcoming Conspirare Events

Texas Young Masters Ceremony

4/19/2018, 7 pm Zach Scott Topfer Theater, Austin (Presented by the Texas Cultural Trust)

Singers from Conspirare and Conspirare Youth Choirs join Texas Young Masters alumni, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, and Cruz Ortiz for an awards ceremony and concert honoring the 2018 Texas Young Masters.

Info: <https://txculturaltrust.org/young-masters/event/>

Big Sing! Hymns and Gospel Songs

5/3/18, 6pm Redeemer Presbyterian Church, AUSTIN

Join us for Conspirare's final Big Sing! of the 17-18 season. Craig Hella Johnson leads the audience in a variety of tips and techniques and will lead the songs in a program featuring hymns and gospel songs. This free community event is open to everyone, regardless of musical training and experience.

Info: <https://conspirare.org/event/big-sing-hymns-and-gospel-songs/>

Conspirare Youth Choirs: Dreamcatcher

5/12/18, 7:30pm, University Presbyterian Church, AUSTIN

Celebrate with us as we complete our 13th Season of singing! Our popular spring concert will feature music from films: the stunning score from the film *Les Choristes* by Coulais, as well as other lush and brilliant works of Frode Fjellheim, John Corigliano, Astor Piazzolla and Eric Whitacre.

Info: <https://conspirare.org/event/dreamcatcher-2018/>

Bernstein *Mass*

06.29.18 and 06.30.18 at 8:00pm, Long Center for the Performing, Arts AUSTIN

Conspirare joins Choir 48 of the African Children's Choir, Austin Children's Choir, Austin Symphony Orchestra, Bernstein100Austin Youth Chorus, Chorus Austin, Jubliant Sykes, Members of Austin Opera, Members of Ballet Austin, Members of The University of Texas at Austin Marching Band, Mitch Watkins, Panoramic Voices, and conducted by Austin Symphony Orchestra's Peter Bay for Bernstein's [Mass](#) presented by Merick Strategies. MASS will cap a city-wide season of music and community.

About Conspirare

Conspirare is a professional choir under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson. Inspired by the power of music to change lives, the Grammy®-winning vocal ensemble engages singers from around the world who join forces to deliver extraordinary live musical experiences and recordings. Johnson and Conspirare were awarded the 2014 Best Choral Performance Grammy® for *The Sacred Spirit of Russia* – one of eleven recordings released on harmonia mundi.

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