



**Soprano    Alto**

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| Addison Bloss     | Alyssa Axtman   |
| Amy Dornan        | Abigail Bjork   |
| Abbey House       | Raegan Brown    |
| Lauren Kinstle    | Jade Carroll    |
| Theresa Landis    | Allie Fegan     |
| Lauren Mushong    | Taylor Fox      |
| Ava Nykamp        | Madalyn Kennedy |
| Isabelle Parks    | Jillian Monroe  |
| Sydney Poirier    | Samantha Loser  |
| Emily Schroeder   | Sarah Neill     |
| Elle Shantz       | Eve Quigley     |
| Rowan Sharp       | Sydnee Schraubn |
| Olivia Stachowiak | Abbie Schultz   |
| Ella Tighe        | Kayla Wilson    |
| Kendall Weiss     | Emmerson Zant   |

**Tenor    Bass**

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| Jaden Benit     | Christopher Feutz   |
| Micah Frost     | Brady Haskins       |
| Avery Nienhuis  | Jonathan LaVerdiere |
| Samuel Nyenhuis | Nikolas Pease       |
| Liam Peterson   | Taylor Pogue        |
|                 | Owen Scott          |
|                 | Owen Taylor         |
|                 | Levi Vande Wege     |

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## 2023 Spain Concert Tour Program



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**Barcelona • Montserrat • Valencia  
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**Mandy Mikita Scott, Director of Choirs  
Jed Scott, Director, EuroAces  
Melanie Dorn Kraut, Associate Director**



The **Rockford High School Choirs** are known throughout their region for consistently exemplary performances. With roughly three hundred students participating in five curricular choirs, as well as multiple extracurricular choirs, opportunities abound for small and large group singing. The Rockford Choirs are conducted by Mandy Mikita Scott, Melanie Dorn Kraut, and Jed Scott, with along with middle school educators Renee Vande Wege and Matt Vermeer. Since 2010, they have had ten ensembles selected to perform at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association All-State Recital. Featured conference

performances include: Michigan Music Conference (Treble Chorus, 2012; Freshman Choir, 2018), and ACDA-Michigan (Advanced Treble Ensemble, 2016; The Rockford Aces, 2017). Over the past fifteen years, they have commissioned or co-commissioned over thirty-five choral works, including pieces from Alice Parker, Michael McGlynn, Andrea Ramsey, Jeffrey Cobb, Jed Scott, Sean Ivory, Rollo Dilworth, Z. Randall Stroope, Anders Edenroth, and many others. This is their third international tour: their past performance destinations include Austria, Czechia, Hungary, and Latvia (2014) and Italy (2018). You can learn more at [www.rockfordchoirs.com](http://www.rockfordchoirs.com).



**Mandy Mikita Scott** (she/her) is in her twentieth year of teaching, and her fifteenth at her alma mater, Rockford High School (Rockford, Michigan), where she is Director of Choirs and teaches around 200 students daily in four ensembles. She feels privileged to be on a choral educator team with her husband, Jed Scott, who directs the Rockford Aces and volunteers much of his time to support the choir program. Mandy studied at Western Michigan University with Joe Miller and Steve Zegree and received her Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Miami with Jo-Michael Scheibe. She has led her choirs to perform in Carnegie Hall, the National Cathedral, the World Choir Games in Riga, Latvia (where they earned Gold Medals in their categories) and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. Mandy was the Michigan High School SSAA State Honors Choir conductor in 2014, and has served terms on both the MSVMA Full Board as High School Repertoire chair and Executive Board as the Director of Sight Reading and Music Selection. She has also served on the ACDA-Michigan Board. Mandy was recognized as Eric Whitacre Teacher of the Week in December, 2019, and has three times been a finalist for Michigan Vocal Music Teacher of the Year. She and Jed have three amazing children.



**Jed Scott** (he/him) is best known for his genre-agnostic approach to composing, arranging, and conducting vocal music, combining elements of contemporary and classic choral music with vocal jazz and contemporary a cappella. He is an active freelance arranger and composer with a busy commission schedule and is published with several leading publishers. His music is performed by choral ensembles throughout the United States. He is also the director of the Michigan Choral Commission Consortium, which is dedicated to facilitating the creation of new choral music commissioned for Michigan choirs. Jed has conducted the **Rockford Aces**, an extracurricular TTBB chamber ensemble, since 2008. The group has won numerous awards, including gold and silver medals at the 2012 and 2014 World Choir Games. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor in the Grand Rapids Community College Music Department, where conducts Shades of Blue Vocal Jazz Ensemble. He is a frequent adjudicator and guest clinician and has prepared choirs for the Grand Rapids Symphony. He blogs daily about creativity, education, and music at [www.jedscott.com](http://www.jedscott.com).



**Melanie Dorn Kraut** (she/her) directs the Freshman Choir and teaches Music Appreciation at Rockford High School. An alumna of Calvin University, Melanie studied with Dr. Pearl Shangkuan and Dr. Joel Navarro while obtaining her BME in Vocal Music. Before teaching at Rockford, Melanie spent a decade teaching middle school and high school choir in Southern California where her choirs performed at district and state-level festivals, community events, and church services across the state. Melanie has served as a singer, accompanist, choir board member, and assistant director with the Inland Master Chorale (Redlands, CA) and the Calvin Alumni Choir (Grand Rapids, MI) and is an active member of her state music associations. She believes with all her heart that singing is for everyone and that music has the power to transform lives. Melanie lives in Rockford with her favorite musician - her husband - and their two young children.

# Concert Program

*program to be selected from the following*

## Rockford Touring Choir

- Ave Maria ..... Attributed to Tomás Luis de Victoria
- Battle of Jericho.....Trad. Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan
- Daemon Irrreplit Callidus ..... Gyorgy Orbán
- Earth Song..... Frank Ticheli
- \*‡Ev'ry Night When the Sun Goes In .....Trad. Appalachian Blues,  
Arr. Alice Parker
- The Lord Bless You And Keep You ..... Peter Lutkin
- Love is Love ..... Abbie Betinis
- Oy es día de placer .....Tomas Pascual, Arr. Jody Noblett
- \*Towards A Brighter Future ..... Nelson Mandela, Jed Scott
- Unclouded Day..... Josiah K. Alwood, Arr. Shawn Kirchner

## EuroAces

*(tenor-bass voices)*

- \*I Can' Tarry .....Arr. Stacey V. Gibbs
- \*Psalm of Life Canon ..... Jed Scott
- Some Nights..... fun., Arr. Andy Beck
- \*Stand By Me ..... Arr. Jed Scott

## EuroTrebles

*(soprano-alto voices)*

- Be Like the Bird ..... Abbie Betinis
- Lift Thine Eyes .....Felix Mendelssohn
- Mother I Feel You..... Windsong
- truth ..... Andrea Ramsey

\* commissioned and/or premiered by The Rockford Choirs

‡ world premiere on this tour