IMAGINE A CITY

Song Cycle
Friday, May 20, 2022, 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm
Van Nuys High School Auditorium

Lordes De Santiago Ramirez
Principal’s Welcome Message
Angelica Rowell
Choir Director Remarks
What is the Oratorio Project?

THE STORY

The theme for this year’s project centers around the idea of utopian cities. Choir students at Van Nuys High School worked collaboratively with professional teaching artists from the Los Angeles Master Chorale to create seven original songs to make up a song cycle. A song cycle is a group of small-scale poetic songs designed to be performed as a unit.

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Moo Moo Meadows (Green City in the Sun)
Léalta (Brotherly Love)
Chaos (Sin City) | Emily Chavez, soloist
Curse of the Wealthy (City of Palaces) | Shamuel Robledo, soloist
Sanctus (Holy City)
Phoenix Rising (Phoenix City) | Madison Braybon-Beard, soloist
Golden Lion (Lion City)
THE PERFORMERS

ANGELICA ROWELL, Conductor
LISA EDWARDS, Piano
SOFIA Razo, HANNAH ARCA, KAI JOYCE, DIEGO AGUIRRE, ALEXANDRA MARKLE
Spoken Word Artists
EMILY CHAVEZ, SHAMUEL ROBLEDO, MADISON BRAYDON-BEARD
Soloists

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MELODIES AND LYRICS WRITTEN AND
PERFORMED BY

Angelica Abellera
Diego Aguirre
Abigail Alarcon Fernandez
Hannah Arca
Melanie Atomyan
Ava Azarmi
Julian Berger-Rentie
Madison Braybon-Beard
Rosa Canas-Valadez
Genesis Candelario
Sabrina Chase
Emily Chavez
Leesly Chavez
Lydia Chavez
Marlen Cochojil-Cartagena
Monica Comayagua
Maya Diaz
Selene Elizalde
Sebastian Estrada
Emily Fabra
Lema Faryad
Leonardo Flores Alcazar
Lissette Gallardo
Genesis Gausin
Francesca Gomez
Emily Gonzalez
Fernando Gutierrez Perez
Antonio Hermanegildo
Drake Hernandez
Natalie Herrera
Vivian Irigoyen
Andres Jimenez
Kai Joyce
Zoey Lara
Jose Lomeli
Gabriela Lopez
Bre' Ana Malcolm
Alexandra Markle
Emely Martinez
Margaret Mejia Perez
Perla Melgar
Luanna Melgar-Benitez
Emilie Morales
Denise Moreno
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Kelci Hahn, Singer
Alice Kirwan Murray, Singer and Lead Teaching Artist
Brett Paesel, Lyricist

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