# MASTER CHORALE

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# ORATORIO PROJECT



# **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

Angelica Rowell

What is the Oratorio Project?

Principal's Welcome Message Choir Director Remarks

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### 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.

# IMAGINE A CITY SONG CYCLE

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

# IMAGINE A CITY SONG CYCLE MELODIES AND LYRICS WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY

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