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**CHAPTER 2** 

# MYTHS and HYMNS Chapter 2: Work



### Music and Lyrics by **ADAM GUETTEL**

Additional Lyrics by Orchestration by Ellen Fitzhugh Don Sebesky and Jamie Lawrence New Choral Arrangements by Ted Sperling

Production Conceived, Supervised, and Conducted by

#### **TED SPERLING**

Orchestra

Chuck Wilson, Ted Nash, Dan Willis, John Winder: woodwinds Larry Lunetta, Tony Kadleck: trumpet

Steve Bargonetti: guitar
Douglas Romoff, Carlos Henriquez: bass
Norbert Goldberg, Cliff Almond: drums
Adam Guettel: harmonica and guitar
Todd Ellison, Andrew Resnick: piano
Ted Sperling, conductor

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#### WORK

#### **Up and Down and Over and Over**

**MasterVoices** 

Ted Sperling, Director

#### **Children of the Heavenly King**

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Erik Freer, Visual Artist

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#### **Build a Bridge**

#### Michael McElroy, Soloist

Ted Sperling, *Director*Adrienne Rogers, *Textile Artist*Ray Charles White, *Visual Artist* 

#### <u>Sisyphus</u>

Introduction by John Lithgow
Daniel Breaker, Soloist (Sisyphus)
MasterVoices

Anne Kauffman, *Director* Manik Choksi, *Animator* 

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#### MEET THE ARTISTS

#### **TED SPERLING, Conductor**

One of today's leading musical artists, Tony Award-winning Maestro Ted Sperling is a classically trained musician whose 35-year career has spanned from the concert hall and the opera house to the Broadway stage. He has led such symphony orchestras as the New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Boston Pops, the Iceland Symphony, Czech National Symphony, and BBC Concert Orchestra. He has also served as Music Director and conductor for the revival of *My Fair Lady* at Lincoln Center Theater, and won the 2005 Tony and Drama Desk Awards for his orchestrations of Adam Guettel's *The Light in the Piazza*, for which he was also Music Director. With MasterVoices, Maestro Sperling has led acclaimed productions of rarely-heard gems as both director and conductor, including the 2018-19 season's sold—out three—performance run of *Lady in the Dark* at New York City Center. Mr. Sperling graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale University, and received the Faculty Prize at The Juilliard School. He currently teaches orchestral playing and conducting at NYU.

#### **ADAM GUETTEL, Composer & Lyricist**

Adam Guettel is a composer/lyricist living in New York City. His upcoming musical, The Days of Wine and Roses, will have its first production on Broadway next season. Another new musical, Millions, is also slated for production soon. In 2019 he was nominated for a Tony Award for his score to the hit Broadway play, To Kill a Mockingbird. His musical, The Light in the Piazza, premiered on Broadway in April 2005 and went on to receive six 2005 Tony Awards including two for Mr. Guettel – Best Original Score, Best Orchestrations, and a Grammy nomination for best cast recording. The Light in the Piazza also received five Drama Desk Awards, including two for Mr. Guettel – Best Music and Best Orchestrations. Accolades for Mr. Guettel include the Stephen Sondheim Award (1990), the ASCAP New Horizons Award (1997), and the American Composers Orchestra Award (2005). He received an honorary doctorate from Lehman College in 2007. In 2019 he was made an honorary member of The Royal Academy of Music in London.

#### **ELLEN FITZHUGH,** Additional Lyrics

Ellen Fitzhugh has received Tony (Original Score, *Grind*) and Drama Desk (Outstanding Lyrics, *Grind*) award nominations, as well as an Emmy nomination (Outstanding Achievement in Music and Lyrics, *Shining Time Station/PBS*), and written lyrics with numerous film score composers, including the renowned Henry Mancini. She is also the lyricist of several Off-Broadway musicals, including *Herringbone* ('81); *Diamonds* ('84); *The Griffin and the Minor Canon* ('88); *Paper* 

Moon ('93); Luck, Pluck, and Virtue ('95); Don Juan DeMarco ('98); Paradise Found (2010); and Just One "Q" (librettist, 2016). She also wrote lyrics for the Disney film, The Great Mouse Detective ('86) and the video, The Brave Little Toaster Goes to Mars ('98). Ellen's recent activities include two new pieces, as librettist for Broadbend, Arkansas for Transport Group, with Ted Shen, and Los Otros for Inner Voices, with Michael John LaChiusa.

#### **DON SEBESKY,** Orchestration

Don Sebesky is one of the most respected composer-arrangers in music today. His sensitivity and versatility have enabled him to produce an enormous body of work, ranging from jazz to symphonic to pop. Through his many collaborations, he has received 31 Grammy nominations (3-time winner), 3 Tony nominations (winner 2000), 2 Drama Desk Awards, 3 Emmy nominations, and 4 Clio Awards. He has worked with the London and Chicago Symphonies, Boston Pops, New York Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic of London, and the Toronto Symphony. Theater credits include *Porgy and Bess* (London), *Sweet Charity, Kiss Me Kate* (2000 Tony Award), *Bells Are Ringing, Cyrano, Will Rogers Follies*, and *Sinatra At Radio City*. Besides Sinatra, Don has arranged for hundreds of other recording artists including <u>Streisand</u>, <u>Bennett</u>, <u>Buble</u>, <u>Liza</u>, <u>Seal</u>, <u>Prince</u>, and many more. Recordings include nine under his own name, all of which were Grammy nominated. Sebesky is the author of the orchestration textbook, *The Contemporary Arranger*.

#### **JAMIE LAWRENCE, Orchestration**

Jamie Lawrence's compositions and arrangements have been honored with five Emmy Awards and ten Emmy nominations. He most recently scored the upcoming musical feature film headed to SXSW, Best Summer Ever. Jamie produced and orchestrated the score for the HBO documentary Arthur Miller: Writer, directed by Rebecca Miller and her other films, Maggie's Plan, The Private Lives of Pippa Lee, and The Ballad of Jack and Rose, starring Daniel Day Lewis. He has scored numerous documentary films -- many of them for HBO: Death on a Factory Farm, The Alzheimer's Project - "Momentum in Science", and Dealing Dogs. Jamie is the Music Director and principal arranger for the Tony Awards broadcast and has written all the original music for the show for the past fifteen years. As an orchestrator he has penned arrangements for numerous musical luminaries: Jessye Norman, Quincy Jones, Smokey Robinson, Audra McDonald, and Herbie Hancock.

#### **Down and Up and Over and Over**

#### **MASTERVOICES**

MasterVoices (formerly The Collegiate Chorale) was founded in 1941 by legendary American choral conductor Robert Shaw and has been under the artistic direction of Tony Award-winner Ted Sperling since 2013. Known for its versatility, the group's

repertoire ranges from choral masterpieces and operas in concert to operettas and musical theater. It is also known for highly theatrical performances of rarely heard works such as *Lady in the Dark* by Kurt Weill and Ira Gershwin, Scott Joplin's *Treemonisha* and Rossini's *Moïse et Pharaon*. As the country's first interracial and interfaith chorus, the group performed at the opening of the United Nations and has sung and recorded with esteemed conductors including Arturo Toscanini, Leonard Bernstein and Zubin Mehta. Concerts regularly feature world-class soloists including Anthony Roth Costanzo, Bryn Terfel, Deborah Voigt, Eric Owens, Kelli O'Hara, and Victoria Clark, along with collaborations with such creative minds as Vogue Editor-at-Large Hamish Bowles and acclaimed choreographer Doug Varone. Roger Rees was the group's Artistic Associate from 2003–2015.

#### **Children of the Heavenly King**

#### **ANTHONY ROTH COSTANZO, Soloist and Director**

Anthony Roth Costanzo has appeared with many of the world's leading opera houses including the Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, San Francisco Opera, English National Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Opera Philadelphia, Los Angeles Opera, Canadian Opera Company, Glyndebourne Opera Festival, Dallas Opera, and Teatro Real Madrid. In concert he has sung with the New York Philharmonic, Berlin Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, London Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, and National Symphony Orchestra, among others. He has performed at a wide-ranging variety of venues including Carnegie Hall, Versailles, The Kennedy Center, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Sawdust, Joe's Pub, The Guggenheim, The Park Avenue Armory, and Madison Square Garden. Costanzo has begun working as a producer and curator in addition to a performer, creating projects for The New York Philharmonic, National Sawdust, Opera Philadelphia, the Philharmonia Baroque, Princeton University, WQXR, The State Theater in Salzburg, Master Voices and Kabuki-Za Tokyo. Costanzo graduated from Princeton University and received his masters from Manhattan School of Music.

#### **ERIK FREER, Visual Artist**

Erik Freer is an American graphic designer, visual artist, director, and writer. Freer works collaboratively within art and design at the intersection of culture, technology, and commerce. He is Design Director at Neue Galerie New York, Museum of German and Austrian Art in Manhattan, and has served as lecturer and guest critic at The New School, School of Visual Arts, Pratt Institute and Yale University. Freer received his M.F.A. from the Yale University School of Art, B.A. from Eugene Lang College, and B.F.A. from Parsons School of Design.

#### At the Sounding

#### **AILYN PÉREZ,** Soloist

Hailed by the New York Times as "a beautiful woman who commands the stage" and "a major soprano," Ailyn Pérez is in demand at the world's leading opera houses and cultural capitals. She won the 2012 Richard Tucker Award, thereby becoming the first Hispanic recipient in the award's 35-year history. Notable engagements of the current season include Ailyn's highly anticipated role debut as Magda in Puccini's La Rondine at the Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, which she reprises in concert with Teatro di San Carlo. Ms. Pérez stars in a new production of Verdi's Falstaff by Mateja Koležnik at the Bayerische Staatsoper. In concert, she will be featured as the soprano soloist in Saint-Saëns' Oratorio de Noël with the Bayerisches Staatsorchester, conducted by Antonello Manacorda, and she sings a selection of arias under the baton of Lorenzo Viotti with the Gulbenkian Orchestra.

#### **NICHOLAS PHAN, Soloist**

Hailed "one of the world's most remarkable singers" (Boston Globe), American tenor Nicholas Phan is increasingly recognized as an artist of distinction. He performs regularly with the world's leading orchestras and opera companies, and with a repertoire spanning nearly 500 years, is also an avid recitalist and advocate for art song and vocal chamber music. He co-founded Collaborative Arts Institute of Chicago, devoted to promoting this underserved repertoire. Phan's album *Clairières*, songs by Lili and Nadia Boulanger, was nominated for a 2021 Grammy Award, and his album, *Gods and Monsters*, was nominated for a 2018 Grammy. His discography also includes a Grammy-nominated recording of *Pulcinella* with Pierre Boulez and the Chicago Symphony. Phan has created programs for broadcast on WFMT and WQXR and served as guest curator for projects with the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, Laguna Beach Music Festival, Apollo's Fire, and San Francisco Performances. His programs often examine themes of identity, highlight underrepresented voices from history, and strive to underline the relevance of music from all periods to the currents of today. www.nicholas-phan.com

#### <u>Build a Bridge</u>

#### **MICHAEL McELROY, Soloist**

Michael appeared on Broadway in: Sunday in the Park with George (2017 revival), Disaster! (Vocal arranger), Next To Normal, Rent, The Wild Party, Big River (Tony Nomination), The Who's Tommy, Miss Saigon, Patti LuPone on Broadway, Street Corner Symphony (vocal arranger), and High Roller Social Pleasure Club. New York

Philharmonic: Candide. National Tour: Next to Normal, Rent, Big River Sarafina. Off-Broadway: Some Men (Second Stage Theater), Blue (Roundabout), Violet (Original Cast, Playwrights Horizons, Drama Desk Nomination), Thunder Knocking on the Door (Minetta Lane), Richard III (NYSF). Michael is the Founder/Musical Director of Broadway Inspirational Voices (BIV). In 2019 Michael accepted the Tony Award Honor for Excellence in the Theater on behalf of BIV from the American Theater Wing. Michael was nominated for a Grammy in 2005 for Joy to the World arrangement of BIV's first holiday CD, Great Joy: A Gospel Christmas. Michael is Associate Arts Professor in the New Studio on Broadway Musical Theater Acting Studio in Undergraduate Drama at Tisch School of the Arts. He is also Director of Diversity Initiatives for Undergraduate Drama Department. He received his BFA in Drama from Carnegie Mellon and was just awarded the 2020 Alumni Achievement Award. Michael is a 2021 Artist In Residence for the inaugural year of Little Island and a founding member of Black Theatre United (blacktheatreunited.com).

#### **ADRIENNE ROGERS, Textile Artist**

The creative possibilities inherent in hand-knitting have always intrigued Adrienne Rogers. She develops works that are rooted in tradition but have a modern aesthetic. She strives to create works that elicit a visceral response and can stand alone as objects of enduring beauty. Rogers' approach to knitting is at once avant-garde and primal. The muted colors and rich textures seem drawn from nature: the surface of water, river rocks, and cloudscapes. Her designs emphasize the spare beauty of repeating geometric shapes. Her pieces have appeared in *Town and Country, Architectural Digest, Vogue Living Australia, Selvedge* and *Interiors*. She has exhibited with the Harrison Gallery in Williamstown, Massachusetts and The Textile Study Group of New York. She was interviewed on National Public Radio's *Leonard Lopate Show*. Her work is included in international contemporary craft collections. She received awards at the Smithsonian Craft Show and the British Crafts Council show, Origin.

#### **RAY CHARLES WHITE, Visual Artist**

Subtly breaking with the traditional ideas of photography, White's work incorporates ephemeral and transient moments often within nature shifting between representation and abstraction. His work explores the conventions and constraints of photography while asking questions about time, memory, and subjectivity. Former curator of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Henry Geldzahler, wrote: "It was David Hockney, who, in many sessions of working and talking, emphasized to Ray that one of the true subjects of photography is the ebb and flow of the life of the moment, the continuum of time and space in which photographer and subject find themselves." White studied at both the School of Visual Arts and The New School for Social Research in New York City. White's work has been exhibited widely and is included in the collections of the Tate Gallery, Dia Art Foundation, and the Norton Museum of Art.

#### **Sisyphus**

#### JOHN LITHGOW, Introduction

John Lithgow has long been regarded as one of America's most distinguished performers. He has made an indelible impression on audiences with his work in film, television, and the theater. Lithgow is a prolific actor with two Tonys, six Emmys, two Golden Globes, and two Oscar nominations. He has starred in the hit TV series 3rd Rock from the Sun, Dexter, and The Crown, and in critically acclaimed films such as The World According to Garp, Terms of Endearment and Bombshell. On stage, he has appeared in over twenty Broadway productions including The Changing Room, M. Butterfly, and most recently, Hillary and Clinton. Last year, he starred in HBO's Perry Mason and is in the upcoming FX drama series The Old Man. In addition to the New York Times bestsellers Dumpty and Trumpty Dumpty Wanted a Crown, he has written several best-selling children's picture books and an acclaimed memoir, Drama, an Actor's Education. His recordings for kids have landed him four Grammy nominations.

#### **DANIEL BREAKER, Sisyphus**

Daniel Breaker is best known to Broadway audiences for his portrayals of Donkey in *Shrek the Musical* and the leading role in Stew's *Passing Strange*. He was nominated for the Tony and Drama Desk Awards for these performances and won the Obie Award for *Passing Strange*. He also played Aaron Burr in *Hamilton* on Broadway and Chicago. His TV appearances include guest roles on *Billions, The Unbreakable Kimmie Schmidt and Mozart in the Jungle*. Daniel has appeared off-Broadway at the Public Theater, Lincoln Center Theater, Playwrights Horizons, and Second Stage, and has appeared frequently at South Coast Rep and the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, DC. A graduate of the Juilliard School, Daniel is married to director Kate Whoriskey.

#### **ANNE KAUFFMAN, Director**

ANNE KAUFFMAN: Fire in My Mouth (New York Philharmonic), The Lucky Ones (Ars Nova), Hundred Days (NYTW, Under the Radar Festival/The Public Theater, La Jolla Playhouse, Z Space, The Know Theater), Mary Jane (NYTW & Yale Rep), Assassins (Encores! Off-Center), Marjorie Prime (Lortel Nomination, Drama League Nomination); Detroit, Maple and Vine (Playwrights Horizons); The Nether, Smokefall (MCC); Buzzer (The Public); You Got Older (Drama Desk Nomination, P73 Productions); Somewhere Fun, God's Ear (New Georges and Vineyard Theater); Stunning, Slowgirl (LCT3). She is the Artistic Director of Encores! Off Center, Resident Director at Roundabout Theater, Artistic Associate and Founding Member of The Civilians, a Clubbed Thumb Associate Artist and co-creator of the CT Directing Fellowship, a New Georges Associate Artist, an SDC Executive Board Member and Trustee of SDCF. Kauffman's awards include three Obies, the Joan and Joseph Cullman Award, the Alan Schneider Director Award, a Lucille Lortel Award, and the Joe A. Callaway.

#### **MANIK CHOKSI,** Animator

Manik Choksi is an actor, musician, and animator. Broadway: *Great Comet*. Off-Broadway: *Great Comet*, Ars Nova; *Indian Ink*, Roundabout; *Bunty Berman Presents* (Lortel Nomination), New Group; *God Bless You Mr. Rosewater*, Encores!; *King Tot* and *D*, *Deb*, *Debbie*, *Deborah*, Clubbed Thumb; *Huck & Holden*, Cherry Lane. Regional: *Moby Dick* and *Moby Dick*, A.R.T.. Film/TV: *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*; *New Amsterdam*; *Good Fight*; *Mindhunter*; *Elementary*; "Happyish"; *One Life To Live* (Vimal Patel), *Home*, *Passing Season*. Composer: *The Ramayan* (Artist in Residence at Ars Nova), *Those Lost Boys*, *Food Odyssey*, 3LD. Education: The Juilliard School.

#### Life Is But a Dream

#### **SHOSHANA BEAN, Soloist**

Shoshana Bean's four independent solo releases have topped the iTunes charts in the US and UK in peak positions including #1, and her latest release *Spectrum* landed her at #1 on the Billboard Jazz Charts. Shoshana has sold out solo concerts around the globe, lent her voice to countless films and television shows, amassed millions of views on YouTube, toured with Postmodern Jukebox, performed alongside David Foster, Ariana Grande, Brian McKnight and sang backup for Michael Jackson for his 30th anniversary concert at Madison Square Garden. She arranged vocals for Jennifer Lopez's *American Idol* performance of *I Luh Ya Papi*, and her music has been featured in television shows on NBC, MTV, Oxygen, Bravo and Showtime. Bean made her Broadway debut in the original cast of *Hairspray* and starred as the very first replacement for Elphaba, the green-skinned witch, in *Wicked*. Most recently, she starred as Jenna in *Waitress*, Fanny Brice in *Funny Girl* and Cee-Cee Bloom in the new musical adaptation of *Beaches*, for which she earned a Jeff Award Nomination for best lead actress in a musical.

#### **Every Poodle**

#### **DOUG FITCH, Director**

Doug Fitch is a visual artist working in media including architecture, opera, puppetry, sustenance, and design. Philadelphia-born, he graduated in Visual Studies from Harvard University, studied cooking at La Varenne in Paris and design at Institut d'Architecture et d'Etudes Urbaines in Strasbourg. He has mounted projects for major institutions across North America and Europe. Career highlights include the 2010 production of Ligeti's *Le Grand Macabre* for the New York Philharmonic and

remounted at Hamburg's ElbPhilharmonie; Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen* for NY Phil; *Hansel and Gretel* at LA Opera; *Turandot* at Santa Fe Opera; *Gloria, A Pig Tale* at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Fitch also created a series of multi-sensory experiences ("Orphic Feasts"), featured in the book *Orphic Fodder: Experiments in Dining*. Fitch is also an architectural designer, designing homes and furniture, often for musicians, including Joshua Bell and Alan Gilbert. He wrote the books *Organs of Emotion* and *With Skin and Hair*. He lives in New York, working as a visual artist, designer, and director.

#### **TOMMY NGUYEN,** Animation and Editing

California born Brooklyn based artist who has shown internationally. Recently a fellow at the Kunststiftung Sachsen-Anhalt, he creates installations and happenings that reimagine our infinities of possibilities. He is a frequent collaborator with the artist, designer, and director Doug Fitch. Together they are currently working on a documentary performance, *Viktor and Charley*, and a Vietnamese Water Puppet show. He teaches sculpture and animation at Pace University and is a video and effects mentor at the Pace Performing Arts theatre program.

#### **AOSHUANG ZHANG, 3D Design**

Aoshuang Zhang is a visual artist based between New York and Beijing who is passionate about new forms of storytelling. She has worked across a variety of media including theatre, film, installation, and visual programming. Aoshuang thrives in collaborative environments and strives to create experimental immersive experiences. She holds a BA, MFA, and Ph.D. from Beijing's Central Academy of Drama and is the first Mainland Chinese student to graduate from NYU Tisch Design for Stage & Film (MFA). She is the Artist-In-Residence of the NYU Future Reality Lab.

#### **YOAV GAL,** Graphics Compositor

Yoav Gal is a composer of operas and musical plays, designer of toys, and father of two. His work is available at toy.theater.

#### AGNES LOUKINE, Digital Media Synchronization

Agnes Loukine is an up-and-coming artist who works with almost anything she can make art out of. She has a side in tech theater for stage management, lighting design, and prop making.



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