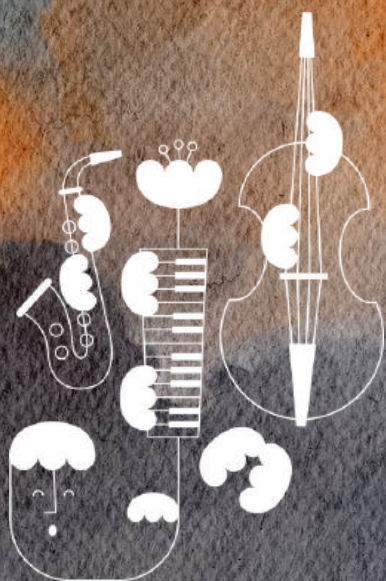


English-Speaking Music Ensembles
Winter Concert 2024

Underneath the Stars

Künstlerhaus am Lenbachplatz

Saturday 7 December @ 6pm



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Programme – Underneath the Stars

Singers

Fum Fum Fantasy Traditional Catalonian Carol, arr. Audrey Snyder

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Daniel Elder

Underneath the Stars Kate Rusby, arr. Jim Clements

Pat-a-Pan Traditional French Carol, arr. Mark Burrows

Resident Alien Big Band

The Man With the Bag Harold Stanley, Irving Taylor, Dudley Brooks
arr. Rick Stitzel

La Vie En Rose Edith Piaf, arr. John Ferguson

Nothing from Nothing Billy Preston, Bruce Fisher, arr. John Wasson

Black Coffee Paul Francis Webster, Sonny Burke,
arr. Jon Hardin

A Big Band Christmas Traditional, arr. Carl Strommen

-- Intermission --

Singers

Eatnemen Vuelie

Frode Fjellheim, arr. Emily Crocker

Walking in the Air

Howard Blake, arr. John Leavitt

Bogoroditse Devo

Sergei Rachmaninov, ed. Richard Apperley

Let the River Run

Carly Simon, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Orchestra & Singers

Gloria in Excelsis Deo R V 589 Mov. 1

Antonio Vivaldi

Orchestra

L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2 Mov. IV. Farandole

Georges Bizet

Pizzicato Polka

Johann Strauss Jr.

Annen-Polka

Soloist: Julia Chalfin

Johann Strauss Jr.

Music from FROZEN

Robert Lopez, Kristen Anderson-Lopez
arr, Bob Krogstad

Conductors



Julia Chalfin (Singers)

Julia grew up surrounded by music, dance and theater. She sang in choirs and played flute in orchestra all through her childhood. She received a bachelor's degree in Music at Skidmore College and master's degree in Vocal Performance at Ithaca College before moving to Germany to pursue her postgraduate studies in Vocal Performance at Richard-Strauss-Konservatorium in Munich. Since 2008 Julia has been nurturing two parallel careers – performing as a soloist and teaching early music education. Since joining ESME in 2023 as the Fall Season conductor, Julia has been enjoying the harmony and beauty of so many voices joined together, it's a powerful feeling of community indeed.



Davy Kazan (Resident Alien Big Band)

Davy has had a passion for music from a very young age. When deciding on how he could contribute to the school band, he chose to take up the saxophone. Involving himself in many bands and small ensembles throughout his school and university years, he found that his real love was for jazz. These days Davy is an IT professional but brings this passion and enthusiasm to the Resident Alien Big Band. He joined ESME in the summer of 2012 and stepped into band leader role in 2016. Davy would like to thank all the band members for their dedication and support.



Prof. Dr. M. Orhan Ahiskal, (Orchestra)

String performer of the Year in Turkey at the 2016 Donizetti Classical Music Awards, violinist Orhan Ahiskal is celebrated for his versatile artistry, spanning Baroque to avant-garde compositions. Praised for his warm stage presence and dynamic performances, he has been described as “a violinist of the highest caliber” and “a first-class soloist”. A soloist with orchestras and a passionate chamber musician, he has given over 400 recitals in over 30 countries.

Through his HitTheRoad Cultural Journeys, Ahiskal offers a unique blend of music, history, and education with lectures, master-classes, documentaries, and music-themed city tours, inspiring music-curious individuals worldwide. An orchestral pedagogue, he has been conducting youth and conservatory orchestras for over 30 years.



Singers

Conductor Julia Chalfin

Soprano

Hanna Algora
Yaça Boustani
Lilian Chibuzo
Genevieve Cory
Sonsoles Hernanz
Sophie Heugenhauser
Alina Karimova
Katherine LaClair
Maria Alejandra Leon Florez
Laura Mora Garay
Eva Netzhammer
Lolita Niles
Eylül Özgün Küçükiravul
Enrica Salsa King
Yasmin Tal
Özgür Selvi Tasdan
Morgan Siegel
Helen Wedekind
Isabel Wilkinson

Tenor

Arturo Apu Chinchilla
Duncan Brown
David Brugman
Federico Dávila Kurbán
Pavel Detistov
Victor Galea
Linus Heckemann
Francesco Ippolito
Ismael Juarez
Finley Klee
Eiki Mori
Johnny Odrian
Thomas Padel
Simon Pfanzelt
Bernd Plank
Sahil Ratra
Matthias Swoboda
Siegfried Wagner

Bass

Felix Auld
Didier Caneilles
Stefano Ceolin
Jorge Cristóbal
Luis de la Osa de la Rosa
Gustav Finley
Francesco Gori
Mark Hammond
Dang Huynh
Federico Jenichen
Thomas Flower
Christian Popp
Rodrigo Queiro
Rohan Ramasamy
Curtis Rossi
Ahmet Hamdi Tokel

Alto

Jolanta Barszczewska-
Godenir
Emily Burnell Petrou
Daniela Castro Herrera
Kate Denis-Smith
Frances Hughes
Jana Huß
Veronika Iskra
Anne Janssen
Helen Korytowski
Elmira Mahmoud Janloo
Rona Murray
Sabine Pröllochs
Betsy Riley Harclerode
Carly Russell
Vanessa Russier
Emily Tuffley
Kathryn Thostenson
Fiona Walsh
Linda Westernhagen
Jacqueline Xiong

Piano

Léa Vernisse

* Not all are performing this evening



Resident Alien Big Band

Band Leader Davy Kazan³

Saxophone

Alister Clarke
Elaine Cole¹
Michael Dickensheets
Alessandra Fusco³
Thelonious Kazan
Michael Mosch³
James Myles⁴

Rhythm

Mayya Bychkova
Pung Worāthiti Manosroi⁴
Bent Schönemann
Daniel Schulz³
Raimund Sönning³

Vocalists

Mijra Baechle-Gerstmann
Elaine Cole
Carina Little



Trumpet

Elio di Bernardo
Pavel Detistov
Thomas Eingartner²
Christian Kiefhaber
Matti Ukkola³

Tech

Richard Bromham
Raimund Sönning

Trombone

Brian Eve³
Ryenne Leong³
Ilya Meignan-Masson³
Chris Roth³



1. Flute Solo on "Pat-a-Pan"
2. Percussion on "Pat-a-Pan" and "Let the River Run"
3. Accompanying Orchestra in "Music from FROZEN"
4. Ringers

Orchestra

Conductor Orhan Ahiskal

Violin 1 Christian Brandel^{1,2,3}
Niels Killius
Ayako Ito
Sybille Fischer
Lasse Stüben
Julia Dougherty
Shivali Mehta
Elisabet Tremps

Violin 2 Maia Schmidt
Léa Vernisse
Santiago Gómez
Paraskevi Malakozi²
Katharina Kreilein
Ponno Jonatan
Russel Que

Viola Camille Esposito
John Fitzgerald²
Alina Acosta

Cello Victor Galea²
Richard Bromham
Kerry Wake-Dyster
Barthélemy Pecquet
László Fáskert
Klaus Maier
Clara Mueller

Double Bass Finley Klee

• not performing this evening

Flute Liselotte Wolters
Ana Canteli
Elisa Herkner
Alissa Wiengarten
Skye Kim

Piccolo Elaine Cole

Oboe Jane Ross
Michael Dickensheets
Martha Sikorski



Clarinet Birgit Heydenreich
Hsiu-Ju Lin
Maximilian Messelken

Bassoon Birgit Miederhoff
Elaine Cole

Saxophone Rebecca Sadler

French Horn Karl Shimizu

Trumpet David Freer^{2,4}
Eberhard Francesco Lorenz

Trombone Matthew Keasling

Harp Katharina Möschel⁵

Piano Roland Weingut

**Timpani/
Percussion** Bent Schönemann³

1. Concertmaster

2. Accompanying Singers on "Walking in the Air"

3. Accompanying Singers on "Eatnemen Veulie"

4. Accompanying Singers on "Let the River Run"

5. Ringer



Thank You

A big thanks goes out to **all the members who devote much of their free time to running the organisation** and who do all of the hard work involved in putting on such a concert. We would also like to thank all members who help **publicise and advertise** events, run our **social media** and **websites**, **organise rehearsals** and **socials**, **produce rehearsal materials** and basically do everything else involved in keeping us going. You know who you are! Furthermore, we would like to thank all of our **non-members** who help out by **taking photographs** and **transporting equipment**. Last but not least, a big thank-you to you, our **audience and amazing supporters**, for coming to see us tonight.

Who we are

ESME e.V. is a non-profit organization of enthusiastic musicians who perform in three ensembles — the ESME Orchestra, the ESME Singers & the Resident Alien Big Band. ESME e.V. boasts over 150 passionate members from more than 30 countries.

Get in touch

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ESME Spring Showcase
10 May 2025 @ 4 pm
Einstein Kultur

ESME Singers Joint Concert
with Rheinland-Pfalz International Choir
Spring 2025: TBA

ESME Summer Concert
Summer 2025: TBA

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