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# The Lakeland Civic Chorus

*Leonard DiCosimo, Director*

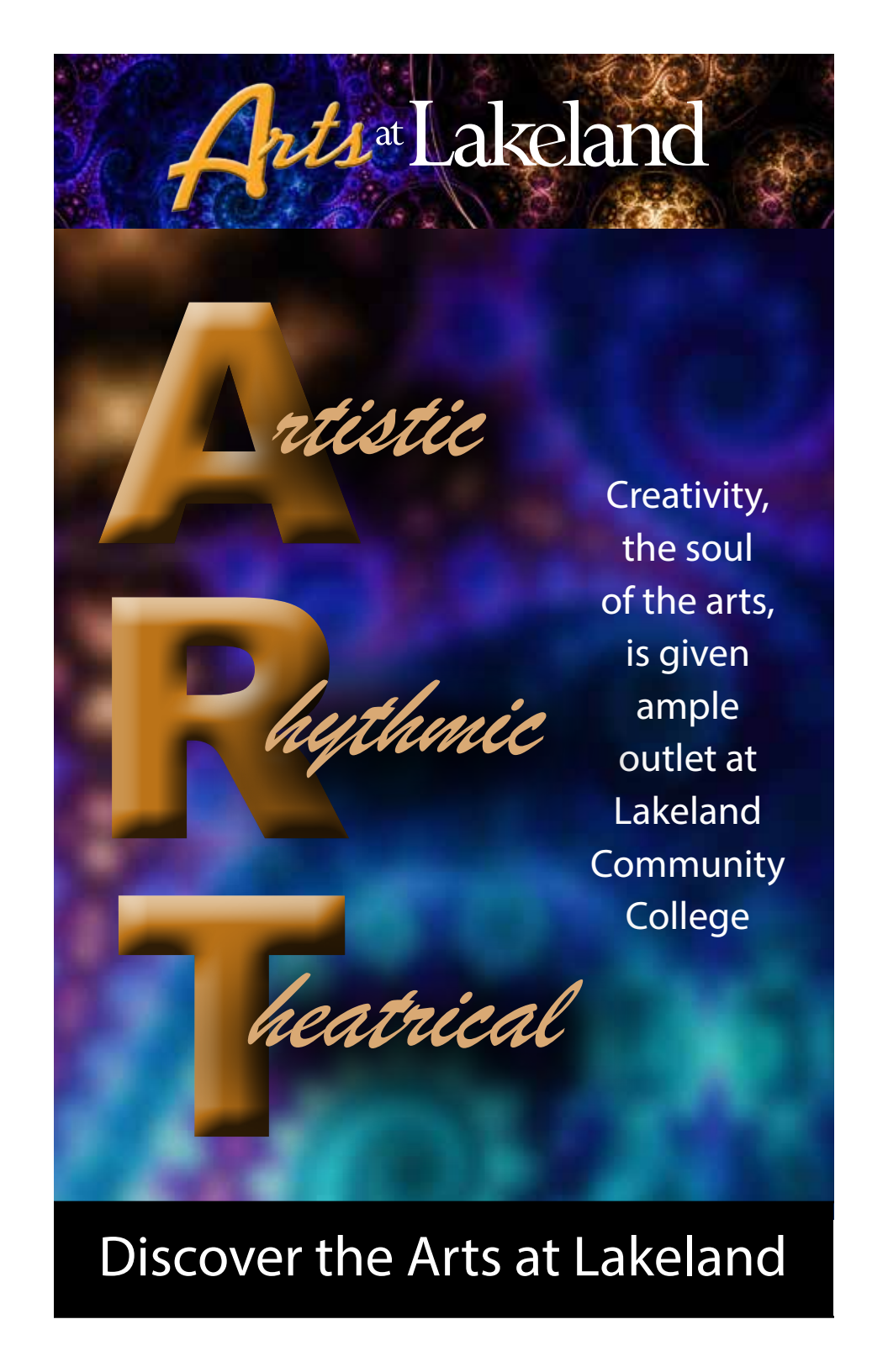
## "The Gospel Truth"

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at  
Lakeland

**Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019  
4 p.m.**

Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst Performing Arts Center in D-Building at  
Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, Ohio 44094

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of creative traditions  
and possibilities.”*



## **Civic Performance Program**

Lakeland Community College provides talented community members with many opportunities for expressing their artistic abilities in the performing arts. The college's civic performance program, which is a part of the Arts and Sciences Division, offers community members a theater program and music groups through which they can express and advance their talents. The college's four music groups include the Lakeland Civic Orchestra, Lakeland Civic Band, Lakeland Civic Chorus and Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra. Additionally, the college offers talented high school students Jazz Impact, an all-star high school music group. The Lakeland Civic Theatre program offers community members the opportunity to perform in or work backstage on several productions each year. The groups and their directors are listed below:

### **Lakeland Civic Band**

*Director, Daniel D. Crain*

### **Lakeland Civic Chorus**

*Director, Leonard DiCosimo*

### **Lakeland Jazz Impact**

*Director, Ed Michaels*

### **Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra**

*Director, Dave Sterner*

### **Lakeland Civic Orchestra**

*Director, Dr. Matthew Saunders*

### **Lakeland Civic Theatre**

*Director, Dr. Martin Friedman*

If you would like to obtain additional information on or to audition for these civic groups contact Jeri Lynn Pilarczyk at the Arts and Sciences Division:  
phone 440.525.7261 or email [jpilarczyk5@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:jpilarczyk5@lakelandcc.edu).

# **The Lakeland Civic Chorus**

*Leonard DiCosimo, Director*

# "The Gospel Truth"

## **PROGRAM**

### **Lakeland Women's Choir**

"The Gospel Train" ..... Traditional spiritual arranged by Lon Beery

"I Know the Touch of His Hand" ..... Words and music by Dorothy Dawson Lowell  
arranged by Harry R. Wilson

"Great, Gettin' Up Day!" ..... A medley of traditional spirituals  
arranged by Sally K. Albrecht

### **Lakeland Civic Chorus**

"Therefore, Music" ..... By Craig Hella Johnson

"Just A Closer Walk" ..... Traditional spiritual arranged by Daniel Kallman

"Come to the Water" ..... By John Foley and arranged by Howard Helvey

"You Can Dig My Grave with a Silver Spade" ..... Traditional spiritual  
arranged by John Carlton

### **Lakeland Chorale**

"Witness" ..... Traditional spiritual arranged by Jack Halloran

"Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks" ..... By Herbert Howells

"Little Innocent Lamb" ..... Traditional spiritual arranged by Matthew Bartholomew

### **Lakeland Civic Chorus**

"Hymn to Freedom" ..... Music by Oscar Peterson  
lyrics by Harriette Hamilton and arranged by Paul Read

**There is No Intermission**

## BIOGRAPHIES



**LEONARD DiCOSIMO** is the president of the Cleveland Federation of Musicians, Local 4 and represents a diverse clientele of musical artists including the Musicians of The Cleveland Orchestra, Playhouse Square Foundation, independent songwriters and an abundance of world class musicians that call Northeast Ohio home. He is also the director of music ministry for Pilgrim UCC in Tremont. Prior to his Lakeland appointment, DiCosimo directed choirs, taught conducting classes and music directed productions for the music theater and theater departments for eight years of

Baldwin-Wallace University.

DiCosimo played acoustic and electric bass for Playhouse Square Foundation, Great Lakes Theatre Festival and Cleveland Playhouse, served as a music director for productions at Cain Park in Cleveland Heights and worked with a variety of artists ranging from Phyllis Diller to the Fat Boys. He also sailed the high seas as a cruise ship musician. DiCosimo released two collections of origins songs and was owner of the incomparable wine and martini bar, Budapest Blonde, in Independence.



**NADA VENCL MONTGOMERY** has been the accompanist for the civic chorus since 1994 when former director, Romeo Pallante, brought her to the group. She has been a Lakeland Civic Band member since 1985 where she is the piccolo player and a soloist. For more than 20 years she has worked in the Independence Schools as accompanist for the high school under Ken Gunlicks, and currently, at the middle and high school under Gretchen Vencl Obrovac. She has also worked in the Mayfield and Orange schools, and has done some theater work.

Since 1974, her day job has been at Corlett Movers & Stg. Co., a family owned and operated business in Cleveland. Nada is a life member and the secretary of the Association of Concert Bands – an organization dedicated to adult community concert bands. She has been a trustee with Windjammers Unlimited, an organization that strives to preserve traditional music of the circus, and is a member of its Conductors' Committee.

Nada is also a life member and former instructor at Sokol Greater Cleveland – a gymnastic and educational organization of Czech origin. She is the mother of two grown daughters, Gretchen and Heidi, and is delighted to be a grandmother of two handsome little boys, Nolan and Kyle. She is married to Mike Montgomery, formerly of Naperville, IL, and they reside in Independence, OH and Bradenton, FL.

### **PROGRAM NOTES**

The American spiritual is a genre of folk music that gives expression to the suffering and the belief systems of African Americans during slavery and its aftermath. Hymns, work songs and field calls of this era were combined with African rhythms, instruments and vocal styles to develop this American music. It is one of the most significant forms of the American folk style.

Spirituals, like all folk music, was created by a community over a period of time and is best understood in the cultural context in which it was collectively created and performed. This genre was born of the exploitation of plantation slavery of the United States of America. The elements of Christianity are intermingled with numerous African religious beliefs in the lyrics of this music. The Old Testament, in particular Moses leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, resonated with those ensnared in the slave experience.

Freedom songs based on spirituals have defined struggles for democracy in the United States and several countries around the world. Musical artists continue to draw upon the deep well of spirituals to create new protest songs during the twentieth century. The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s supported the efforts of civil rights activists in this country and at the end of last century in the former Soviet Union, eastern European countries and South Africa.



# **The 2018-2019 Lakeland Community College Civic Chorus**

*Leonard DiCosimo, director  
Nada Vencl Montgomery, accompanist*

## **SOPRANO I**

Carol Berger  
Rebecca Chapman  
Sue Crellin  
Heidi Edder  
Glanda Freshley  
Cathy Huffman  
Mary Wynne-Peaspanen  
Shelby Sorrell

## **ALTO**

Mary Chiriboga  
Joan Degenhardt  
Haley Drinkwater  
Jane Eslinger  
Pamela Granger  
Jean Kubrin  
Ruth Rossi  
Jan Swetel  
Suzanne Walker  
Judy Willour  
Kathy Zimmerman

## **TENOR**

Scott Caputa  
Gerald Kadis  
Don Koch  
Virginia Marino  
Debbie Pullman  
Kevin Quinlan  
Garrett Wineberg

## **SOPRANO II**

Nancy Geuder  
Cindy Gressley  
Jean Haverstraw  
Joanne Matthews  
Virginia Oatman  
Nancy Shulman  
Carolyn Wolfe  
Claudia Wollard



## **BASS**

Peter Clausen  
Ross Hawson  
Robert Kocan  
Howard McCain  
Harold Meier  
Tremaine Oatman  
Adam Pysell  
Bob Roberts

## **Come sing with the Lakeland Civic Chorus!**

We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.,  
September through May.

Students are highly encouraged to join, with or without registration.  
All Lakeland Community College music ensembles are available for college credit; however, registration for credit is not a requirement to be a member.

If you or someone you know would be  
interested in joining us, please contact us!



**The 2018-2019  
Lakeland Community College Women's Choir**

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Mr. Patrick Smytkowski, Events Scheduling

Mr. Craig Tucker, Technical Director

Lakeland Community College Production Center

### ***The Lakeland Community College Choral Ensembles Steering Committee***

Cathy Huffman, Personnel Manager/Librarian

Suzanne Walker, Tickets

Jane Eslinger, Historian

### ***Lakeland Community College Choral Ensembles Section Leaders***

Cathy Huffman, soprano

Suzanne Walker, alto

Gerald Kadis, tenor

Adam Pysell, bass

Peter Clausen, Rehearsal Accompanist

***And to our loyal audience, we thank you!***

# **A***rtistic* **Art Exhibits** **The Gallery at Lakeland**

**July 21 - Sept. 6, 2019**  
**"Creative Artists Association"**

**Sept. 11, 3 p.m. - Sept. 12, 2019, 5 p.m.**  
**"The Columbus Crossing Borders Project"** - Pop-up art exhibition  
Artist Reception: Sept. 11, 5-7 p.m. and Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
"Breathe Free" - documentary film in Room H-116  
Check [lakelandcc.edu/women](http://lakelandcc.edu/women) for screening schedule.

**Sept. 19 - Nov. 8, 2019**  
**"The Skull and Skeleton in Art VI: Folk Art to Pop Culture"**  
Curated by Mary Urbas  
Costume Party/Artist Reception/Boneyard Market/Benefit Auction:  
Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019, 6-9 p.m.

**Nov. 17, 2019 - Feb. 7, 2020**  
**"Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition"**  
Artist Reception: Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019, 7-9 p.m.  
Musical performance by the FAC-PAC  
College closed Dec. 21, 2019 - Jan. 1, 2020, and Jan. 20, 2020.

**Dec. 3 & 4, 2019, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**"13th Annual Holiday Artists' Market"**  
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[murbas@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:murbas@lakelandcc.edu) • [lakelandcc.edu/gallery](http://lakelandcc.edu/gallery)

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# Rhythmic

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**Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst**  
**Performing Arts Center**

**Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019, 4 p.m.**

**The Lakeland Civic Chorus**

Director Leonard DiCosimo presents "The Gospel Truth"

**Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, 4 p.m.**

**The Lakeland Civic Band**

Director Daniel D. Crain presents "The Wild West"

**Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, 4 p.m.**

**The Lakeland Civic Orchestra**

Director Dr. Matthew Saunders presents "Beethoven's First"

**Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, 4 p.m.**

**The Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra and**

**The Lakeland Jazz Impact**

Directors Dave Sterner and Ed Michaels present

"Jazz Royalty: The Music of Duke Ellington and Count Basie"

**Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019, 4 p.m.**

**The Lakeland Civic Chorus**

Director Leonard DiCosimo presents "The Change in Seasons"

**Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, 4 p.m.**

**The Lakeland Civic Band**

Director Daniel D. Crain presents "Happy Holidays"

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