

# Featured Local ACDA Member Choral Composers

We will continue to feature three members of the Maryland/DC ACDA Chapter who compose choral music on each of our upcoming newsletters. For the second edition, we are pleased to feature the following three local choral composers.

## Amy Broadbent



**Amy Nicole Broadbent** has garnered recognition as a dynamic and versatile musical force. Amy's compositions and arrangements have been performed at the White House, Washington National Cathedral, and Basilica of the National Shrine, and broadcast nationally. She is the Assistant Conductor of the U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters, the official chorus of the U.S. Navy; as assistant conductor for the Victorian Lyric Opera Company, her conducting was hailed as "stellar... a balletic piece of choreography" (*Ruby Griffith Award*). As a soprano, she is a sought-after interpreter of both early music and contemporary works, and is a founding member of vocal quartet The Polyphonists. She holds degrees from the University of Maryland.

Featured Composition:

*Wartime Christmas* (SATB)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4AYg0DqU6gs>

Copies can be purchased by contacting Amy through her website: [amy-broadbent.com](http://amy-broadbent.com)

# Stephen Caracciolo



**Dr. Stephen Caracciolo** is a choral conductor recognized for his passionate artistry, creative teaching, and as a nationally known composer and arranger. His publications with MorningStar Music, ECS Publishing, Kjos, and Roger Dean have been widely performed and recorded nationally by professional, cathedral, community, and university ensembles in the United States, and have aired on the syndicated radio program *With Heart and Voice* and Twin Cities Public Radio and Television. Dr. Caracciolo holds degrees from Capital University, Westminster Choir College, and the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. He currently serves as an Associate Professor of Music at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) as well as the Artistic Director of **Lancaster** Chorale, Central Ohio's premier professional chamber choir.

Featured Composition:

*Songs of Innocence*

I. *Nurse's Song* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30w36mvCfbY>

II. *The Lamb* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5ZIvo7hrvU>

III. *The Echoing Green* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_1z7zP2BkY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_1z7zP2BkY)

IV. *Cradle Song* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdjRYqKHt3o>

Copies may be purchased from the publisher: <https://lorenz.com/shop/church-choral/anthems/songs-of-innocence>

# Michael Wu



**Michael Wu** is Artistic Director for Strathmore Children's Chorus (SCC), to which he has added a Bloom by Strathmore Sing Out! Program to bring choral music to more children in Montgomery County in partnership with the county school system, and a touring ensemble for SCC that has collaborated locally and internationally. He is a full-time teacher at Landon School, Bethesda, and he also directs music at Faith United Methodist, Rockville.

Wu earned his doctorate in choral conducting from George Mason University, and he holds degrees from Northwestern University and Peabody Conservatory. He is Past President of the Maryland/DC ACDA.

Featured Composition:

*Bethlehem Today* (2-Part Treble)

Visit the publisher's website for a demo recording, perusal score, and to purchase copies:

<https://www.halleonard.com/product/48020957/bethlehem-today>