



## 助理指揮: 周宗亨

### Assistant Conductor: Alex Chow



周宗亨是美籍臺灣臺南市人，出生於一個熱愛音樂的家庭。父親是男高音，曾任多個教會詩班的指揮。母親才華橫溢，自學鋼琴，成為教會詩班的司琴。在這樣的音樂環境下，他8歲開始學習小提琴，很快成為臺南「3B弦樂團」的一員，之後被選入郭美貞指揮帶領的「中華兒童交響樂團」，代表臺灣到菲律賓巡迴演出。宗亨多年來一直保持著對音樂的熱愛，繼續參與就讀學校的合唱團。在大學期間，也於新竹基督長老教會中開始擔任詩班指揮。

宗亨畢業於臺灣國立交通大學電子工程系，之後於亞利桑那大學，獲得電機和計算機工程博士學位。退休前，他是一名軟體工程師和資深技術經理。近幾年，他結合了自己對音樂和影片製作的熱愛以及在軟體設計上的技術，為「奧斯汀龍吟合唱團」、奧斯汀三所華臺語教會及跨地域性的基督徒聯合詩班，各製作了數部「虛擬合唱」的作品。

宗亨是「奧斯汀龍吟合唱團」指揮葉美伶老師的丈夫。他們的女兒諳恩也彈鋼琴與小提琴，曾擔任「龍吟」2014-2021的伴奏。全家生活充滿了音樂和藝術。宗亨感謝上帝的恩典，讓他不僅能欣賞到世界的美好，更能體會到人與人之間從上帝來的愛。

Alex Chow is a Taiwanese American born in a music loving family. His father was a tenor and a conductor serving several church choirs for decades. His mother is a talented and mostly self-taught pianist who became a regular church pianist. Under such a musical environment, Alex started his violin studies at the age of 8 and soon became a member of the *Tainan 3B String Orchestra* and later the elite *Chinese Youth Symphony Orchestra*, directed by Helen Quach, representing Taiwan to perform in an international concert tour in the Philippines.

Alex has continued his music passion and engagement throughout his years. He was a member of the choir of every school he attended. During his time at university, he started to serve in Christian churches as a choir conductor.

Alex graduated from the National Chiao Tung University in Taiwan. He later studied at University of Arizona and received a Ph.D. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Before his retirement, he was a software engineer and a senior technical manager. He was able to combine his passion for both music and video production and his technical skills in software programming to produce several virtual choir performances for Austin Chinese Choir and also the one for a joint church choir consisting of three Asian Churches in Austin.

Alex is happily married to Emily who is the conductor of Austin Chinese Choir. Their daughter, Anne, also a pianist and a violinist, was one of the pianists of Austin Chinese Choir between 2014 and 2021. His family enjoys a life full of music and arts. Alex is grateful for the grace from God that he is able to appreciate the beauty of not only the world but also God's love among people.