

# ANIMATE 2019

## GUEST ARTISTS



### **MARIA FEE, visual artist**

Maris Fee is an artist with an M.F.A. in Painting, M.A. in Theology, and she is a Ph.D. candidate of Theology and Culture at Fuller Seminary. As an adjunct professor, she delves into topics surrounding theology and art through courses like Visual Arts and the Christian and Capstone Theology and Art. In the latter, she navigates seminarians through their theological negotiations via a creative medium. Maria's own visual art practice explores ideas of fragmentation, metizaje (cultural mixing), alienation, and hospitality.



### **ZAC HICKS, worship leader**

Zac Hicks, (D.Min. candidate, Knox Theological Seminary; M.Div., Denver Seminary; B.A., Biola University) is Canon for Worship & Liturgy at Cathedral Church of the Advent (Birmingham, AL), blogger at zachicks.com, and author of *The Worship Pastor* (Zondervan, 2016). Zac's passions include exploring the intersection of old and new in worship and thinking through the pastoral dimensions of worship leading. He is a songwriter, having recorded seven albums to date. Zac has contributed articles and posts to *Worship Leader Magazine*, *Reformed Worship*, *Desiring God*, *The Gospel Coalition*, and *Doxology & Theology*.



### **ANNIE LEE, worship leader**

Annie Lee is Assistant in Liturgy and Worship at Cathedral Church of the Advent in downtown Birmingham, AL. A recent graduate of Samford's Music and Worship program, Annie has a heart for the reconciliation and unification of different traditions, generations and cultures in worship. She is featured on Advent Birmingham's most recent recording, *Our Strivings Cease*. Annie is frequently caught planning trips to Disney World and talking about her dog, Chipper.



### **ERIC L. MATHIS, adult track leader**

Eric Mathis is Associate Professor of Church Music and Worship Leadership, and Executive Director at the Center for Worship and the Arts at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. An ordained minister, Eric holds degrees in music and theology, the most recent of which is a PhD with a concentration in Christian Worship and Preaching from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Eric enjoys reading, writing, speaking, and in general, being with groups of people. When he and his wife, Brittany, have spare time, you can find them cooking, reading, traveling, hanging out with youth from their church, or watching way too many shows on Netflix.



### **ANDREW PETERSON, singer / songwriter**

Andrew Peterson singer-songwriter and recording artist, has released 18 records over the last 20 years. His music has earned him a reputation for writing songs that connect with his listeners in ways equally powerful, poetic, and intimate. He has also followed his gifts into the realm of writing, and he is the author of the four-book, *Wingfeather Saga*. Peterson's twenty years of creative output as a songwriter and novelist has served to articulate and shape the longings of hundreds of thousands of fans, turning and training their desires towards eternal things. His poetic and theologically rich expressions have been always honest, sometimes painful, ever restless, ever hopeful, ever human.



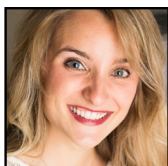
### **PROPAGANDA, spoken word poet**

Propaganda's music is about both divergence and connection. The rapper, raised and bred in Los Angeles, sees the intersection of all things and celebrates it in each song. His music is like the man himself, the result of many elements coming together. Prop graduated from college with degrees in illustration and intercultural studies and spent six years teaching high school and had a hand in founding two charter schools in LA, one of which had a focus on the arts. By 2007, he quit teaching to pursue music full-time and began touring as a solo artist. *Crimson Cord*, his 2014 album, managed to top several Billboard Charts.



### **MATT SCHNEIDER, preacher**

Matt Schneider is the Canon for Parish Life and Evangelism at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, AL. He is a convert from atheism to Christianity originally from the San Francisco Bay Area. He holds a B.A. in communications and an M.A. in English. After a brief career as a college writing instructor, he answered a pastoral calling and worked in campus ministry at Georgetown University prior to seminary and ordination. Matt received his M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and served churches in Connecticut and South Carolina before coming to the Advent in 2014.



### **HAYDEN WALKER, preacher**

Hayden Walker is a Bible teacher who is passionate about communicating the gospel and helping students know and love Jesus. Originally from Arkansas, she received a B.A. from Ouachita Baptist University, and a M.Div. from Beeson Divinity School. Hayden is a recipient of the James Earl Massey Preaching Award. She currently serves as a fellow of the Robert Smith Jr. Preaching Institute. In the past, she has served on staff at churches in Arkansas and Alabama. Hayden lives in Birmingham with her husband, Cody, and son, Rhett.