St. Olaf Handbell Choirs

Annual Spring Concert

Manitou Handbell Choir
Timothy Brendler ’11, conductor

Chapel Ringers
St. Olaf Handbell Choir
Jill Mahr, conductor

Sunday, May 2, 2010
2 p.m. • Urness Recital Hall
Allegro Spiritoso

In Quietness and in Confidence

The Lord’s My Shepherd

Jubilation Fanfare

Kelly Culhane ’12, flute

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Festival Prelude on Deo Gracias

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Chapel Ringers
Jill Mahr, conductor

Arr. Kevin McChesney

Song of Assurance

Chapel Ringers
St. Olaf Handbell Choir

Syncopated Clock

Celtic Praise

Laurel Lynch ’12, violin
Madeline Giordana ’12, drum

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Jill Mahr, conductor

Lord of the Dance

My Lord is My Shepherd

Standin’ in the Need of Prayer

Dance and Air in C

Tempest

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Arr. Kevin McChesney

Fanny Crosby

Arnold B. Sherman

Rolf Lovland

Laurel Lynch ’12, violin

Arr. Kevin McChesney

Cathy Moklebust

Arr. Kevin McChesney

Arnold B. Sherman

Kevin McChesney

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David Anderson ’12, Charlotte, N.C.
Ben Binder ’11, Roseville, Minn.
Russell Draeger ’11, Owatonna, Minn.
Bryan Hulse ‘13, Overland Park, Kan.
Susan Johnson ‘10, Salem, Ore.
Alyssa Lund ’13, Buffalo, Minn.
Molly McCarty ’12, Dana Point, Calif.
Emma Naragon ’12, North Manchester, Ind.
Dan Perucco ’13, Negaunee, Mich.
Karl Robson ’12, Brainerd, Minn.
Lauren Shively ’10, Kirkland, Wash.
Kaleb Sutherland, ’12, Farmington, Mo.
Sadie Swehla ’12, San Diego, Calif.

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Lydia Bundy ’13, Azusa, Calif.
Elizabeth Crofton ’12, Paradise Valley, Ariz.
Heather Eikenbary ’12, Waupaca, Wis.
Kelsey Hall ’13, Portland, Ore.
Emily Heninger ’10, Bettendorf, Iowa
Isabelle King ’12, Boulder, Colo.
Martina King ’10, Boulder, Colo.
Elizabeth Lampman ’11, Hudson, Wis.
Naomi Miessler ’13, Northfield, Minn.
Sara Modahl ’13, Port Washington, Wis.
Greta Morgenthaler ’11, Lakewood, Colo.
Amanda Rorem ’11, North Mankato, Minn.
Caitlin Woolums’11, Denver, Colo.
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Leanne Barck ’10, Northfield, Minn.
Timothy Brendler ’11, Seaside Park, N.J.
Amanda Burgdorf ’13, Buffalo, Minn.
Kelly Culhane ’12, Hartland, Wis.
Thore Dosdall ’12, Morris, Minn.
Claire Folts ’13, Hershey, Pa.
Sarah Gingerich ’11, Conway, Ark.
Madeline Giordana ’12, Hudson, Wis.
Elizabeth Kerstein ’11, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
Jenna Moon ’10, Rochester, Minn.
Maria Squadroni ’10, Buffalo, Minn.
Linnae Stole ’10, Eden Prairie, Minn.
Michael Wineman ’11, St. Paul, Minn.

The St. Olaf College handbell program was founded in 1983, with the establishment of one choir, under the direction of Robert Thompson, professor of Organ. In 1985, the choir was taken over by Norman Heitz, who equipped the group with the five octaves of bells that are used today. Some years later, the group was handed over to Karl Zinsmeister. Since 1995, the program has been under the direction of Jill Mahr and has grown to include three handbell ensembles. Jill Mahr directs the St. Olaf Handbell Choir and the Chapel Ringers. The Manitou Handbell Choir is student-directed.

The handbell choirs play on five octaves of Malmark handbells and hand chimes. Members are selected by audition in the fall. They rehearse once a week for 70 minutes. The groups perform for chapel and church services on campus, various off campus performances, and combine to present a concert each spring.

Jill Mahr is an instructor in handbells and flute at St. Olaf College. She has been the director of the handbell program at St. Olaf for fifteen years. Ms. Mahr also directs two youth handbell choirs (Ring Forth and Brio) and two chime choirs (The Grace Notes and Half Steps) at her church, Bethel Lutheran, in Northfield. She is a former secretary of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) Area VII. Ms. Mahr teaches flute privately in her home and is principal flute in the Mankato Symphony. She resides in Northfield with her husband, Timothy, and their two daughters, Jenna and Hannah.