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ANTON ARMSTRONG ’78

“Helen was instrumental in forming my understanding of being a servant-artist-teacher,” says Armstrong, whose teaching style has evolved over his 40-year conducting career. He began with a take-charge attitude, but now sees himself as a catalyst who strives to create whole musicians, not just musical moments. “I want to bring out the best in my students, as musicians and as individuals,” he says.

In addition to conducting the St. Olaf Choir and the Collegiate Chorale, Armstrong teaches conducting, choral pedagogy, and vocal performance courses. He is the artistic director of the St. Olaf Christmas Festival, an event featuring over 500 student musicians. He and his music faculty colleagues are responsible for the growth and quality of St. Olaf’s acclaimed choral program.

Armstrong is committed to sharing the experience of making truly beautiful choral art with others, and his work has influenced thousands of singers. He leads choral workshops throughout the world and is a frequent guest conductor of choirs with singers ranging in age from young children to senior-aged choristers. He is the founding music director of the Oregon Bach Festival’s Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy. He is editor of the Anton Armstrong Multicultural Series of Earthsong Publications and co-editor of the St. Olaf Choral Series, two endeavors that bring new music to choirs worldwide.

Armstrong previously taught at Calvin College and is a graduate of the American Boychoir School, St. Olaf College, the University of Illinois, and Michigan State University. His honors include the 2006 Robert Frost Cherry Award for Great Teaching, the American Boychoir School’s first Distinguished Alumni Award, and a Distinguished Alumni Award from Michigan State. In June 2013, Armstrong received the Saltzman Award from the Oregon Bach Festival. The festival’s highest honor, the Saltzman Award, is bestowed upon individuals who have provided exceptional levels of leadership to the organization. In 2014, the St. Olaf Choir and Armstrong received a regional Emmy award for the 2013 PBS television program Christmas in Norway with the St. Olaf Choir.

Armstrong has shared his choral knowledge and conducting prowess in locations from New Zealand to Israel and South America to Scandinavia and at such events as the World Symposium on Choral Music. During the 2017–18 season, Armstrong will be the guest conductor of the Republic of Korea’s 2018 Jeju Island International Choir Festival and Symposium and a member of the Choral Jury for the first Tokyo International Choir Competition in Japan.

These international experiences greatly shape the repertoire performed by the St. Olaf Choir, further expanding a world of music for the singers.

“We are constantly examining repertoire from a global perspective, but the core of our being is still a proclamation of the Christian Gospel — a message of faith, love, and truth,” Armstrong says. “I want the power of music — that Spirit — to transform those who perform and those who will hear the message. For me, that is a very powerful reason for doing what we do.”

ANTON ARMSTRONG, now in his 28th year of conducting the St. Olaf Choir, believes that it takes the whole person — body, mind, spirit, and voice — to sing and rejoice. This belief was inspired by his mentor Helen Kemp, professor emerita of voice and church music at Westminster Choir College and one of the most influential people in Armstrong’s life. He credits Kemp with shaping his calling as a vocal music educator and conductor.
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Martin Luther (1483-1546)
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Alleluia †  Ralph Manuel (b. 1951)
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† Available on St. Olaf Records  * Optional selection
Haec est dies (This is the Day)
Jacobus Gallus (1550–1591)
(Concordia Publishing House)
SUNG IN LATIN

Haec est dies, quam fecit Dominus:
This is the day, the day the Lord hath made:
exsultemus et laetemur in ea.
we will all rejoice, be glad in it.
Alleluia.
Alleluia.

— Psalms 118:24

Ah, Holy Jesus
Johann Crüger (1598–1662)
setting by John Ferguson (b. 1941)
(MorningStar Music Publishers)

CHARLES GRAY, VIOLA

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected.
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I crucified thee.

— Johann Heermann
trans. Robert Bridges

Can I See Another’s Woe?
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Martin Luther (1483–1546)
Setting by John Muehleisen (b. 1955)
(Muehleisen Music)

Can I see another’s woe,
And not be in sorrow too?
Can I see another’s grief,
And not seek for kind relief?

Can I see a falling tear,
And not feel my sorrow’s share?
Can a father see his child
Weep, nor be with sorrow fill’d?

Can a mother sit and hear
An infant groan an infant fear?
No, no! never can it be!
Never, never can it be!

And can he who smiles on all
Hear the wren with sorrows small,
Hear the small bird’s grief and care,
Hear the woes that infants bear,

And not sit beside the nest,
Pouring pity in their breast;
And not sit the cradle near,
Weeping tear on infant’s tear;

And not sit both night and day,
Wiping all our tears away?
O, no! never can it be!
Never, never can it be!

He doth give his joy to all;
He becomes an infant small;
He becomes a man of woe;
He doth feel the sorrow too.

Think not thou canst sigh a sigh
And thy maker is not by;
Think not thou canst weep a tear
And thy maker is not near.

O! he gives to us his joy
That our grief he may destroy;
Till our grief is fled and gone
He doth sit by us and moan.

— On Another’s Sorrow (William Blake)
Fürchte dich nicht (BWV 228)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
(C.F. Peters Corp.)
SUNG IN GERMAN

Fürchte dich nicht, ich bin bei dir,
Fear not, I am with you!
Weiche nicht, denn ich bin dein Gott!
Yield not: for I have redeemed you.
Ich stärke dich, ich helfe dir auch,
I strengthen you and I also help you;
Ich erhalte dich durch die rechte Hand
I uphold you by the right hand
Meiner Gerechtigkeit.
Of my righteousness.
— Isaiah 41:10

Fürchte dich nicht, denn ich habe dich erlöst.
Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
Ich habe dich bei deinem Namen gerufen,
I have called you by your name.
Du bist mein!
You are mine!
— Isaiah 43:1

Herr, mein Hirt, Brunn aller Freuden,
Lord, my shepherd, source of all joys,
Du bist mein, ich bin dein,
You are mine and I am yours:
Niemand kann uns scheiden.
No one can separate us.
Ich bin dein, weil du dein Leben
I am yours, for you have given
Und dein Blut, mir zugut
Your life and your blood
In den Tod gegeben.
In death for my sake.

Du bist mein, weil ich dich fasse,
You are mine, because I embrace you,
Und dich nicht, o mein Licht,
And do not allow you, O my light,
Aus dem Herzen lasse.
Out of my heart.
Laß mich, Laß mich hingelangen,
Let me, let me arrive
Da du mich, und ich dich
Where you me, and I you,
Lieblich werd’ umfangen.
May gently embrace.
— Paul Gerhardt
trans. Ron Jeffers

~ II ~

Gloria (Misa Criolla)
Ariel Ramirez (1921-2010)
arr. Padre Jesus Gabriel Segade (1923-2007)
(Lawson-Gould Publishers)
SUNG IN SPANISH

Gloria a Dios en las alturas
Glory to God in the highest
Y en la tierra paz a los hombres que ama el Señor.
And on earth peace to his people loved by God.
Te alabamos. Te bendecimos. Te adoramos.
We praise you. We bless you. We adore you.
Glorificamos. Te damos gracias
We glorify you. We give you thanks
Por tu inmensa gloria.
For your great glory.

Señor Dios, Rey celestial.
Lord God, Heavenly King.
Dios Padre Todopoderoso.
God the Almighty Father.

Señor, hijo único Jesucristo,
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten son,
Señor Dios, cordero de Dios, Hijo del Padre,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Tú que quitas los pecados del mundo,
You who take away the sins of the world,
Ten piedad de nosotros.
Have mercy on us.
Tú que quitas los pecados del mundo,
You who take away the sins of the world,
Atiende nuestras súplicas.
Hear our prayers.
Tú que reina con el Padre,
You reign with the Father,
Ten piedad de nosotros.
Have mercy on us.

Gloria a Dios en las alturas y en la tierra
Glory to God in the highest and on earth
Paz a los hombres que ama el Señor.
Peace to his people that love the Lord.

Porque Tú sólo eres Santo,
For you alone are Holy,
Sólo Tú Señor Tú sólo,
You alone are the Lord,
Tú solo altísimo Jesucristo,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

Con el Espíritu Santo,
With the Holy Spirit,

En la gloria de Dios Padre. Amén.
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

— Ordinary of the Mass
trans. Louise Dobbs

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O most high, almighty, good Lord God,
to Thee belong praise, glory, honour, and all blessing!
Praised be my Lord God with all His creatures;
and specially our brother the sun, who brings us the day,
and who brings us the light:
fair is he, and shining with a very great splendour.
O Lord, to us he signifies Thee!
Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon,
and for the stars, the which God has set clear and lovely in heaven.
Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind,
and for air and cloud, calms and all weather, by which Thou uphonest in life all creatures.
Praised be my Lord for our sister water,
who is very serviceable to us, humble, and precious, and clean.
Praised be my Lord for our brother fire, through whom Thou givest us light in the darkness, and he is bright and pleasant, and very mighty and strong.
Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and clouds, Praised be my Lord for our brother the sun, Praised be my Lord!
Praised be my Lord for our mother the earth, which doth sustain us and keep us, Praised be my Lord for our mother the earth, which bringeth forth divers fruits, and flowers of many colours, and grass.
Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for His love’s sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation, blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, for Thou, O most highest, shall give them a crown!
Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from whom no one escapeth. Woe to him who dieth in mortal sin! Blessed are they who are found walking by Thy most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to do them harm. Praise ye and bless ye the Lord, and give thanks unto God, and serve God with great humility!

— St. Francis of Assisi
trans. Matthew Arnold

This is the Day
Stanford E. Scriven (b. 1988)
(Santa Barbara Music Publishing)

This is the Day in which God’s most excellent favors have been poured out upon all. In which His most mighty grace, hath been infused into all created things. It is incumbent upon all peoples of the earth, to reconcile their differences, and, with perfect unity and peace, to abide beneath the shadow of the Tree of His care and loving-kindness.

— Bahá’u’lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá’u’lláh, p. 5. Wilmette, IL: Bahá’í Publishing, 2005

Praise to the Lord
Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665
arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)
(Augsburg Fortress)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Wonder anew What the Almighty can do If with His love He befriend thee!
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him. Halleluja!

— Joachim Neander
trans. Catherine Winkworth

~ INTERMISSION ~
To Music

David Conte (b. 1955)
(E.C. Schirmer Music Co.)

Music, I yield to thee
As swimmer to the sea,
I give my spirit to the flood of song!
Bear me upon thy breast
In rapture and at rest,
Bathe me in pure delight and make me strong;
From strife and struggle bring release,
And draw the waves of passion into tides of peace.

Remembered songs most dear
In living songs I hear,
While blending voices gently swing and sway,
In melodies of love,
Whose mighty currents move
With singing near and singing far away;
Sweet in the glow of morning light,
And sweeter still across the starlit gulf of night.

Music, in thee we float,
And lose the lonely note
Of self in thy celestial ordered strain,
Until at last we find
The life to love resigned
In harmony of joy restored again;
And songs that cheered our mortal days
Break on the coast of light in endless hymns of praise.

Sure On This Shining Night

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)
(Peer Music)

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.

The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.

Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
Wandering far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

— James Agee

The Seal Lullaby

Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)
(Shadow Water Music)

Oh! hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us,
And black are the waters that sparkled so green.
The moon o’er the combers, looks downward to find us
At rest in the hollows that rustle between.

Where billow meets billow, then soft by thy pillow;
Ah, weary wee flipperling, curl at thy ease!
The storm shall not wake thee, nor shark overtake thee,
Asleep in the arms of the slow-swinging seas.

— Rudyard Kipling

Feast of Lanterns

Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936)
(Lawson-Gould Publishers)

In spring for sheer delight I set the lanterns swinging through the trees,
Bright as the argosies of night,
That ride the clouded billows of the sky.
Red dragons leap and plunge in gold and silver seas,
And, o, my garden gleaming fair and white,
Fairer than argosies of night,
That ride the clouded billows of the sky,
And, o my garden, gleaming fair and white,
You are fairer than all the argosies of night,
You have outshone the far, faint moon on high.
In spring!

— Yuan Mei
trans. L. Cranmer-Byng

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With What Shall I Come

Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)
(earthsongs)

Charles Gray, violin

With what shall I come before the Lord
And bow myself before God on High?

Shall I come with burnt offerings with calves a year old?
Give my first born for my transgression,
Fruit of my body, for the sin of the soul?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams;
With tens of thousands of rivers of oil.
With what shall I come?

God has told you, O mortal.
God has told you what is good;
To do justice; to love kindness;
To walk humbly with your God.

With justice I come before the Lord.
With kindness I come before the Lord.
With love shall I come before the Lord.
With these shall I come.

— Micah 6:6-8

Sanctus (Mass)
Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)
(G. Schirmer)

Sung in Latin and Hebrew

Holy is the Lord God of Hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!
Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloriae tuae.
All the heavens and earth are full of His glory.
Osanna! Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Osanna in excelsis!
Hosanna in the highest!

Kadosh Adonai ts’vaot, M’lo chol haaretz k’vodo.
Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Singing Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
All the heavens and earth are full of His glory.
Kadosh Adonai ts’vaot, M’lo chol haaretz k’vodo.
Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Baruch ha’ba B’shem Adonai!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Sanctus!
Holy!

— Ordinary of the Mass and Isaiah

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Arirang *
Korean Folk Song
(Neil A. Kjos Music Co.)

Sung in Korean

Refrain:
Arirang, Arirang, Arariyo,
Arirang, Arirang, Arariyo,
Arirang gogaero neom-eoganda.
Crossing over Arirang Pass,

Nareul beorigo gasineun nim-eun
My dear who abandons me here
Siblido motgaseo bablyeongnanda.
Shall not walk far before their feet grow weary.
Cheongcheonhaneul-en byeolde manhko
Just as there are many stars in an unclouded sky,
Urine sallimsal-i maldo manhda
There are also many dreams in our hearts.

Pungnyeon-i ondane pungnyeon-iwayo
A bountiful harvest is coming, yes, a bountiful harvest
Igangsan samcheoni pungnyeon-iwayo
A bountiful harvest is coming to our beautiful land,
far and wide.

— Korean Folk Song
trans. Kenneth Jennings

Children of the Heavenly Father *
arr. Robert Scholz (b. 1939)
(Augsburg Fortress Publishers)

Children of the heav’nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nesting bird or star in heaven
such a refuge ne’er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne’er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

— Caroline Sandell Berg
trans. Ernest W. Olson

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**Gloria**  
*André J. Thomas (b. 1952)*  
*Heritage Music Press*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to all those of good will.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee,  
We adore Thee, we glorify Thee,  
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to all those of good will.

Lord God, King of heav’n, Father, Almighty One.  
Glory be to Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, the Father’s only Son,  
Oh Thou who takes away all the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Receive our prayers.  
Thou who sits at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty in heaven,  
have mercy on us!

For only Thou art holy, only Thou art the Lord.  
Only Thou art holy, only Thou art most high.  
In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,  
in the name of the Holy Ghost,  
in the glory of the Father,  
Amen.

— *Ordinary of the Mass*

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**Ride On, King Jesus**  
*African American Spiritual*  
*arr. Moses G. Hogan Jr. (1957-2003)*  
*(Hal Leonard)*

*Refrain:*  
Ride on, King Jesus,  
ride on, the conquerin’ King,  
Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on,  
No man can a-hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun.  
But now my race is almost done.

*Refrain*

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.  
The ribber of Jordan he did cross.

*Refrain*

He’s the King and the Lord of all.  
He’s the first and the last.  
He’s the Lord of Lords.  
Jesus is the Prince of peace.

*Refrain*

— *African American Spiritual*

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**We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace**  
*African American Spiritual*  
*arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)*  
*(Augsburg Fortress Publishers)*

Lord, we shall walk in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
If Jesus, himself shall be our leader,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there.  
If Jesus, himself shall be our leader,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

— *African American Spiritual*

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**Beautiful Savior**  
*Silesian folk tune*  
*arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)*  
*(Augsburg Fortress Publishers)*

*Optional selection*
All students, regardless of major, can participate in St. Olaf’s 19 music ensembles and are eligible for music scholarships. St. Olaf offers a bachelor of music and/or bachelor of arts degree in one of the nation's best music programs and its students regularly perform for audiences across the country and around the world.

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1,000+ students participate in at least one music ensemble

- 8 choirs
- 2 orchestras
- 2 concert bands
- 3 jazz ensembles
- 1 early music ensemble
- 3 handbell choirs

500+ student musicians participate in the annual Christmas Festival

**WHERE WE GO**

- 28 U.S. cities toured by music ensembles in 2017–18
- 10 countries visited on recent international tours (Argentina, China, Cuba, France, Italy, Japan, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Uruguay)

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The St. Olaf Christmas Festival is broadcast live each year and downloadable versions are available for purchase at stolafchristmas.com.

- 80+ choral and instrumental concerts are streamed live and archived per year.

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

St. Olaf’s music ensembles regularly garner national recognition.

**ST. OLAF CHOIR**

- Won two 2014 regional Emmy Awards for the PBS television broadcast of Christmas in Norway with the St. Olaf Choir
- Toured Japan and South Korea in 2017

**ST. OLAF BAND**

- Performed at the 2013 College Band Directors National Association national conference
- Performed at Carnegie Hall in 2016
- Toured Australia and New Zealand in 2018

**ST. OLAF ORCHESTRA**

- Won the 2013 American Prize in Orchestral Performance among colleges and universities
- Toured Argentina and Uruguay in 2016

**ST. OLAF JAZZ**

- Named the best undergraduate large jazz ensemble by Downbeat magazine in 2011
- Toured Cuba in 2016
The St. Olaf Choir includes 14 members who are returning to their home states of Oregon, Washington, and California on this tour. These students were drawn to St. Olaf for its academic rigor, its supportive community,

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and its commitment to the liberal arts. The college offers a conservatory-style music education replete with around-the-world performance opportunities blended with depth of study in the broadest range of academic fields.
SOME PEOPLE still think of Anton Armstrong ’78 as the “new” conductor of the St. Olaf Choir, even though he’s been at the helm for 28 years. Kenneth Jennings ’50 led the choir for 22 years, from 1968 to 1990. Prior to Jennings, the renowned ensemble had only two other conductors: F. Melius Christiansen (1912–43) and Olaf Christiansen ’25 (1941–68).

Each conductor has built upon the choir’s foundational ideals of sharing choral music that stirs the souls of listeners. They’ve worked tirelessly to expand the ensemble’s outreach and sound, both globally and culturally, striving to open new doors while respecting the choir’s legacy.

Today the St. Olaf Choir, which celebrated its centennial in 2012, is a leader in the United States and the international music community. The ensemble tours annually throughout the U.S. and extensively worldwide. They collaborate with numerous professional ensembles, and continue to set the pace in choral repertoire and pedagogy.
CHARLES GRAY | violin, viola

CHARLES GRAY has taught violin, viola, and chamber music at St. Olaf College for 33 years and is often a featured soloist with the college’s music ensembles. He also directs the St. Olaf Summer Music Academy and conducts a 45-piece orchestra at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota. This is Gray’s 16th tour with the St. Olaf Choir, including six appearances at Carnegie Hall. Gray attended Wheaton College, the University of Michigan, and the Eastman School of Music. His principal study was with Paul Makanowitzky, Sylvia Rosenberg, Atar Arad, and the Cleveland String Quartet. He was a regular performer with the Minnesota Orchestra from 1991 to 2011. He is a former member of the Rochester Philharmonic (New York), and the Grand Rapids Symphony (Michigan), and former concertmaster of the Bloomington Symphony (Minnesota). Gray was named the Minnesota Master String Teacher of the Year by the American String Teachers Association in 2008.

“The choir’s palate is broader and more colorful, retaining its characteristic sound while adding a lot of spice,” Armstrong says. The ensemble also has begun to move, as members sway back and forth — sometimes choreographed, sometimes not — during certain pieces.

Under Armstrong’s leadership, the choir continues to expand its tour horizons, engaging capacity audiences in major concert halls throughout the United States and worldwide. The ensemble has toured internationally 14 times. Last spring, the choir returned to Asia for a two-week tour of South Korea and Japan.

The choir’s many honors include being chosen as American Public Media’s sole American representative at the prestigious European Broadcasting Union’s Choral Competition, at which it was named one of four finalists. The choir’s 2013 PBS Christmas special, filmed in Norway, won two Upper Midwest Regional Emmy awards. In March 2017, the St. Olaf Choir was invited to perform the St. Olaf Christmas Festival program at the National Conference of the American Choral Directors Association, held at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

While Armstrong embraces the choir’s rich legacy and tradition, his eyes are firmly fixed on the future. As technology advances and audiences connect with choral music in new ways, Armstrong is confident that the St. Olaf Choir will remain at the forefront of choral singing.

“We seek to be a transforming force in society through choral performance, bringing understanding, mercy, justice, peace, and hope to a world that desperately cries out for these things.”

SYMBOLOF A LIVING TRADITION

Many of the St. Olaf Choir’s traditional purple robes, new in 2015–16 with a purple Norwegian cross insignia, are sponsored by friends of the college in celebration of the ensemble’s legacy. The sponsorships represent a powerful connection across generations of singers.

Robe sponsorships are available for $3,000 per robe, and sponsors can choose who they’d like to honor or memorialize. Each gift is recognized with a personalized embroidered label sewn into the robe, and donors and honorees are listed on the choir’s site at stolaf.edu/stolaf-choir.
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St. Olaf College welcomes gifts to endowments and scholarships that support its renowned music ensembles for various activities including international touring, special projects, and recording. Additionally, gifts to St. Olaf’s annual giving program, the St. Olaf Fund, support faculty, staff, and students in their daily learning and living on the Hill. These gifts can be directed to the St. Olaf Choir for immediate needs, such as in support of new robes, travel, high school choral workshops, artistic collaborations, and performance opportunities.

The following funds support the St. Olaf Choir and its student members:

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“One of my favorite experiences on the tour was singing What Wondrous Love Is This to our tour guides on the day we left Japan for South Korea. It was such a personal performance for two people with whom we had built relationships.”

Naomi Porter ’18
Lake Oswego, Oregon
Music Education

“International travel tours can be impossible for some students to afford, so scholarships secure the participation of all ensemble members on our tours. The scholarship I received certainly took a huge financial burden off my family’s shoulders.”

Aaron Mussner ’19
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Religion and Music

“Our tour of Japan and South Korea was the most amazing two weeks of my life, and I’m so grateful that I got to go. I’ve always liked Japan and Japanese culture, but I completely fell in love with it when I was there. I changed my academic plan so that I could take Japanese classes and hopefully teach in Japan one day.”

Paulo Gladney ’18
Union City, California
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