

St. Olaf College Department of Music presents

St. Olaf Handbell Choir

◆ *Winter Tour 2018* ◆



◆ *Jill Mahr, director* ◆

♦ Program ♦

Canticle for a Festive Day	Kevin McChesney
Summertime	George Gershwin arr. Doug Wagner
Te Deum	arr. H. Doug Wagner
Kingsfold Fantasia	Setting by Derek K. Hakes
	<i>Sarah Youngner '18, bell tree</i> <i>Garrett Bond '19, piano</i> <i>Jill Mahr, flute</i>
Le Carnaval des Animaux	Camille Saint-Saëns/arr. Sondra Tucker
Fossiles	
Lakestorm	Michael Glasgow
	<i>Claire Folson '19, violin</i> <i>Sarah Youngner '18, drum</i>
Reconciliation	Brenda Austin
Jovano Jovanke	Michael W. Joy
English Folk Song Suite	arr. Sondra Tucker
II. The Salley Gardens	
III. Seventeen Come Sunday	
Ah, Holy Jesus	arr. H. Doug Wagner
	<i>Claire Folson '19, violin</i>
City of Stars	Hurwitz, Pasek, Paul arr. Ron Mallory
Drunquen Kwartet	Michael Glasgow
	<i>Garrett Bond '19, Ben Froeschle '19</i> <i>Joseph Spellman '19, Sarah Youngner '18</i>
Spiritoso	Arnold Sherman

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Garrett Bond '19, *Medford, Ore.*
Anthony Dungan '20, *Eden Prairie, Minn.*
Claire Folson '19, *Grand Forks, N.D.*
Benjamin Froeschle '19, *Rocheport, Mo.*
Eric Kvasnicka '20, *St. Paul, Minn.*
Harrison Lawrence '19, *Mounds View, Minn.*
Catherine McCreadie '18, *Rochester, Minn.*
Danica Meier '20, *Madison, Conn.*
Andrew Myers '20, *River Falls, Wis.*
Amanda Myroniuk '19, *St. Paul, Minn.*
Joseph Spellman '19, *Tyler, Texas*
Anna Weisenburger '21, *Owatonna, Minn.*
Sarah Youngner '18, *St. Paul, Minn.*



The St. Olaf Handbell Choir was founded in 1983 under the direction of Robert Thompson, Professor of Organ. In 1985 the group 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 directs the St. Olaf Handbell Choir and the Chapel Ringers. The Manitou Handbell Choir is student-directed.

The thirteen-member choir is the premier ensemble in a program of three handbell choirs at St. Olaf College. The ensemble is an auditioned group that meets twice a week. On campus they perform for chapel and church services, student recitals, and an annual spring concert with the all the handbell choirs. In addition, they regularly perform off campus at church services and concerts. They performed their first kid's concert in 2007 and enjoyed it so much that they have made it a biannual event. Sixteen years ago the group began touring, performing in many cities in Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska, and Iowa. They have participated in the critically acclaimed St. Olaf Christmas Festival premiering *Glories Ring*, *Joyous Noel* and *Gladsome Bells*, all written by faculty member Steven Amundson for handbells and orchestra. The choir plays five octaves of Malmark bells and handchimes.

A Minnesota native, **Jill Mahr** has been at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, for the last 23 years, where she conducts the handbell choirs and teaches flute. She is in demand regionally as a handbell clinician and conductor. In 2010 she was a conductor for the Area VII Festival. Jill founded and leads a youth program of five handbell choirs at her church, Bethel Lutheran, in Northfield, and is an active member of Handbell Musicians of America and a past secretary of Area VII. She is principal flute in the Mankato Symphony Orchestra and has a private flute studio in her home. She holds a B.M. degree in flute performance and music education with a minor in jazz from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and a M.A. degree in flute performance from Northwestern University in Chicago.

2018 Winter Tour

Sunday, February 25 ♦ 1 p.m.

The Cathedral Of Our Merciful Saviour

Faribault, Minnesota

(Merner Concert Series)

Friday, March 2 ♦ 7:30 p.m.

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church

Bloomington, Minnesota

Saturday, March 3 ♦ 7 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Sunday, March 4 ♦ 2 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Owatonna, Minnesota

Monday, March 5 ♦ 8:15 p.m.

Urness Recital Hall

St. Olaf College

Northfield, Minnesota