The 111th Annual St. Olaf College

Choral Festival



Featured ensembles:

Northfield High School Concert Choir

KYLE EASTMAN, conductor Northfield, Minnesota

Owatonna High School Concert Choir

CHRIS HARRIS, conductor Owatonna, Minnesota

Worthington High School Concert Choir

KERRY JOHNSON, conductor Worthington, Minnesota

Viking Chorus

CHRISTOPHER ASPAAS '95, conductor St. Olaf College

The St. Olaf Cantorei

JAMES BOBB, conductor St. Olaf College

The St. Olaf Choir

Anton Armstrong '78, conductor St. Olaf College

Sunday, November 3, 2013 – 4 p.m. Skoglund Center Auditorium St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

The Program

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

Carolyn Jennings

FESTIVAL CHORUS Anton Armstrong '78, conductor James Bobb, organ

Ubi Caritas Ola Gjeilo

Zigeunerleben Robert Schumann

Sasha Middeldorp, Abigail Goerdt, Scout Gregerson, Steven Pfahning, Erik Mandsager, Parker Ousley, *sextet*

Great Day! arr. Hall Johnson

Steven Pfahning, soloist

NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

Kyle Eastman, conductor Ruth Legvold '65, accompanist

Wake, Awake F. Melius Christiansen
No Time arr. Susan Brumfield
Freedom is in Your Hand arr. Anders Nyberg

Ivan Parga, soloist Alex Purdy, percussion

WORTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR Kerry Johnson, conductor

Hail, Gladdening Light

Johnny, I Hardly Knew Ye

Wade in the Water

Charles Wood
arr. Alice Parker
arr. Allen Koepke

OWATONNA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR Chris Harris, conductor

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

FESTIVAL CHORUS Anton Armstrong '78, conductor

Exsultate Justi in DominoPretty Saro
The Pear Tree
Ludovico Viadana, arr. Christopher Aspaas
arr. René Clausen
arr. Sheena Phillips

VIKING CHORUS Christopher Aspaas '95, conductor

Hodie Christus natus est I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart When Rooks Fly Homeward i thank You God Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck arr. Moses Hogan Arthur Baynon Elliot Z. Levine

THE ST. OLAF CANTOREI James Bobb, conductor

Hold Fast to Dreams André J. Thomas

FESTIVAL CHORUS Anton Armstrong '78, conductor James Bobb, piano

Praise to the Lord Set Me As a Seal Ezekiel Saw de Wheel F. Melius Christiansen René Clausen arr. William L. Dawson

THE ST. OLAF CHOIR Anton Armstrong '78, conductor

Antiphon (Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

FESTIVAL CHORUS Anton Armstrong '78, conductor James Bobb, organ

Participating St. Olaf College Ensembles

The St. Olaf Cantorei ~ James Bobb, conductor

The St. Olaf Chapel Choir ~ Christopher Aspaas '95, conductor

Manitou Singers ~ Sigrid Johnson, conductor

The St. Olaf Choir ~ Anton Armstrong '78, conductor

Viking Chorus ~ Christopher Aspaas '95, conductor

St. Olaf College provides an education committed to the liberal arts, rooted in the Christian gospel, and incorporating a global perspective — ideals embodied in the college's internationally acclaimed music program.

The college offers more than 40 majors, as well as pre-professional programs in everything from architecture to veterinary science. Students interested in majoring in music at St. Olaf have two programs of study from which to choose, the Bachelor of Music degree and the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The quality and variety of musical activity at St. Olaf would not be possible, however, without the talent and dedication of students majoring in fields other than music. More than one-third of the total student body participates extensively in the music program — through course work, private lessons, and an exciting array of ensembles that includes eight choirs, two symphony orchestras, two concert bands, an early music ensemble, jazz ensembles, opera workshop, musical theater, and other small ensembles.

In many ways, the people breaking new ground in the performance spaces, labs and classrooms of St. Olaf are kindred spirits to the determined immigrants and pioneers who founded the college over 135 years ago. The tools and challenges have changed, but the quest for knowledge, freedom and excellence is the same. In this sense, the St. Olaf tradition is one of exploration, experimentation and innovation — combined with a Norwegian Lutheran heritage that has dictated a goal that is both pragmatic and idealistic: to prepare young people for lives of worth and service.

Visit our web site (<u>www.stolaf.edu</u>) for more information about St. Olaf and about becoming a student at St. Olaf College, or call 1-800-800-3025.

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The Participants

Albert Lea High School DIANE HEANEY, CONDUCTOR Albert Lea, Minn.

Alden-Conger High School ADA THEUSCH, CONDUCTOR Alden, Minn.

Bethlehem Academy ANGELA WAGNER DONLON, CONDUCTOR Faribault, Minn.

Big Lake High School MARY EBANKS, CONDUCTOR Big Lake, Minn.

Bloomington Lutheran School REBECCA MARTI, CONDUCTOR Bloomington, Minn.

Cannon Falls High School
SUE FRANKE-CLARK, CONDUCTOR
Cannon Falls, Minn.

Chaska High School
SHELLEY KLINE, CONDUCTOR
Chaska, Minn.

Faith Lutheran Church SUE RASMUSSEN, CONDUCTOR Rosemount, Minn.

First Presbyterian Church ANDREW FISCHER BEARD, CONDUCTOR White Bear Lake, Minn.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School REBECCA RASMUSSEN, CONDUCTOR Hills, Minn.

Kenyon-Wanamingo High School STEPHANIE SCHUMACHER, CONDUCTOR Kenyon, Minn. Lanesboro Public School SHARON BOYUM, CONDUCTOR Lanesboro, Minn.

Mabel-Canton High School HEIDI MYHRE, CONDUCTOR Mabel, Minn.

Maplewood Academy VANESSA PIERSANTI, CONDUCTOR Hutchinson, Minn.

Mesabi East High School GREG BARNES, CONDUCTOR Aurora, Minn.

Monticello High School Anthony Peterson, CONDUCTOR Monticello, Minn.

Northfield High School KYLE EASTMAN, CONDUCTOR Northfield, Minn.

Owatonna High School CHRIS HARRIS, CONDUCTOR Owatonna, Minn.

Red Wing High School MIKKEL GARDNER, CONDUCTOR Red Wing, Minn.

Richfield High School JONATHAN KOPPLIN, CONDUCTOR Richfield, Minn.

Rockford High School
BRANDY KLINGEL GULLICKSON,
CONDUCTOR
Rockford, Minn.

Rush City High School JAIME HOLMSTROM, CONDUCTOR Rush City, Minn.

Saint Agnes High School DONNA MAY, CONDUCTOR St. Paul, Minn. Shakopee High School MICHAEL KOVIC, CONDUCTOR Shakopee, Minn.

South High School LAURIE MEYERS, CONDUCTOR Minneapolis, Minn.

Southland High School
JENNA STEINKAMP, CONDUCTOR
Adams, Minn.

Southview Seventh-day Adventist Church CHERYL SAUNDERS, CONDUCTOR Minneapolis, Minn.

Spring Garden Lutheran Church MARY KAY BOUGIE, CONDUCTOR Cannon Falls, Minn.

St. Michael-Albertville High School JOSEPH OSOWSKI, CONDUCTOR St. Michael, Minn.

Tracy High School WENDY CHISHAM, CONDUCTOR Tracy, Minn.

Tri-City United Kristin Kivell, Conductor Montgomery, Minn.

Verndale High School RAY NOBLE, CONDUCTOR Verndale, Minn.

Walker-Hackensack-Akeley High School SUTTON STEWART, CONDUCTOR Walker, Minn.

Watertown-Mayer High School RYAN WERDON, CONDUCTOR Watertown, Minn.

Worthington High School KERRY JOHNSON, CONDUCTOR Worthington, Minn.