

*St. Olaf College Department of Music presents*

*St. Olaf Handbell Choir*

*◆ Winter Tour 2019 ◆*



*◆ Jill Mahr, director ◆*

## ♦ Program ♦

Festival Overture	William Ringham
Be Still, My Soul	arr. Alex Guebert
Brian Boru March	arr. Susan T. Nelson
<i>Anna Weisenburger '21, bell tree</i>	
William Bell's Overture	Gioachino Rossini arr. Scott Pfitzinger
Be Thou My Vision	setting by Joel Raney arr. Arnold B. Sherman
<i>Claire Folson '19, violin</i> <i>Jessica Folson '21, violin</i> <i>Joseph Spellman '19, bassoon</i>	
The Passion Prophecy	Cathy Moglebust
Pavane (Handbell Quartet)	Morton Gould
<i>Garrett Bond '19, Ben Froeschle '19</i> <i>Amanda Myroniuk '19, Joseph Spellman '19</i>	
Wonderdance	Robert Scott Riker
Handel in the Strand	Percy Grainger setting by Dean M. Estabrook
Pas de Deux	Michael Glasgow
<i>Claire Folson '19, violin</i>	
A Walk in the Park	Karen Lakey Buckwalter
Eleanor Rigby	Lennon and McCartney arr. Ron Mallory
Pirates of the Caribbean	Klaus Badelt arr. Kevin McChesney

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Garrett Bond '19, *Medford, Ore.*  
Anthony Dungan '20, *Eden Prairie, Minn.*  
Claire Folson '19, *Grand Forks, N.D.*  
Jessica Folson '21, *Grand Forks, N.D.*  
Benjamin Froeschle '19, *Rocheport, Mo.*  
Elijah Leer '22, *Northfield, Minn.*  
Addie Mease '20, *Bethlehem, Pa.*  
Siri Mellem '21, *Woodinville, Wash.*  
Andrew Myers '20, *River Falls, Wis.*  
Amanda Myroniuk '19, *St. Paul, Minn.*  
Joseph Spellman '19, *Tyler, Texas*  
Anna Weisenburger '21, *Owatonna, 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. This year, the Manitou Handbell Choir is directed by senior Ben Froeschle.

A Minnesota native, **Jill Mahr** has been at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, for the last 24 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.

# *2019 Winter Tour*

*Friday, March 1 ♦ 8 p.m.  
Collegiate United Methodist Church  
Ames, Iowa*

*Saturday, March 2 ♦ 7 p.m.  
First Baptist Church  
Columbia, Missouri*

*Sunday, March 3 ♦ 2 p.m.  
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral  
Kansas City, Missouri*

*Monday, March 4 ♦ 8:15 p.m.  
Urness Recital Hall  
St. Olaf College  
Northfield, Minnesota*