

THE ST. OLAF MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

THE ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIR

Jill Mahr, *conductor*

With Soloists:

Venus Su '21, *flute*

Jessica Folson '21, *violin*

Tony Dungan '20, *solo handbells*

WINTER TOUR 2020 PROGRAM

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Fanfare of Triumph		Michael Joy
Time and Tide		Rob Riker
The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want		Alex Guebert
	Venus Su, <i>flute</i>	
Puck		Edvard Grieg arr. Patricia Hurlbutt
Steal Away		Sandra Eithun
It Is Well With My Soul		Philip Bliss arr. Cathy Moglebust
	Jessica Folson, <i>violin</i>	
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel		Dan Edwards arr. Sue Garton
	Tony Dungan, <i>handbell solo</i>	
O Love How Deep		arr. Cathy Moglebust
	Danica Meier, <i>djembe</i>	
Pale Blue Dot		Jason Krug
	Premiere Performance	
La Vie En Rose		Luis Gugliemi arr. Sandra Eithun
Yesterday		Lennon & McCartney arr. Karen Roth
You've Got a Friend		Randy Newman arr. Bob Burroughs
Russian Sailor's Dance		Reinhold Gliere arr. William Griffin

PERSONNEL

Ann Ambach '21, *Garden City, NY*
Evan Aho '22, *Phoenixville, PA*
Emma Bunde '21, *Overland Park, KS*
Tony Dungan '20, *Eden Prairie, MN*
Madeline Everett '22, *Crookston, MN*
Jessica Folson '21, *Grand Forks, ND*
Eric Kvasnicka '20, *North Oaks, MN*
Elijah Leer '22, *Northfield, MN*
Olivia Paetz '20, *Omaha, NE*
Danica Meier '20, *Madison, CT*
Siri Mellem '21, *Woodinville, WA*
Andrew Myers '20, *River Falls, WI*
Venus Su '21, *Taipei City, Taiwan*

ABOUT THE GROUP

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, Missouri 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.

A Minnesota native, Jill Mahr has been at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, for the last 25 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.

TOUR CALENDAR

Friday, February 28, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
River Falls, WI

Saturday, February 29, 7:30 p.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Waukesha, WI

Sunday, March 1, 3 p.m.

Zumbro Lutheran Church
Rochester, MN

Monday, March 2, 8:15 p.m.

Urness Recital Hall
St. Olaf College
Northfield, MN

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