

THE ST. OLAF MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIRS

Jill Mahr, *conductor*

Anna Weisenburger '21, *student conductor*



Friday, December 18, 2020 • 3:30 p.m.

Soloists:

Clara Brown '21, *violin*

Amelia Podolny '23, *cello*

Danny Barry '22 and Shea Dickenson '24, *percussion*

MANITOU HANDBELL CHOIR

Anna Weisenburger '21, *conductor*

The Morning Trumpet arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens arr. Cathy Moglebust
Clarion Call Michael Joy

CHAPEL RINGERS

Jill Mahr, *conductor*

Resounding Jubilation Dan R. Edwards
Softly and Tenderly arr. Brenda Austin
What a Wonderful World George David Weiss and Bob Thiele
arr. Brian Childers
Thundersnow Elizabeth Peters

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Spiritoso David R. Kent
My Song is Love Unknown arr. Gregg L. Brandon
Clara Brown, *violin*
Amelia Podolny, *cello*
A Mighty Fortress is Our God arr. Cathy Moglebust
Africa David Paich and Jeff Porcaro
arr. Julie Turner
Danny Barry, Shea Dickinson, *percussion*
Sao Paulo Elizabeth Peters

PERSONNEL

Manitou Handbell Choir – Anna Weisenburger '21, *student conductor*

Ethan Beltrand '24, Princeton, MN
Francesca Bester '21, Reading, MA
Dylan Boorsma Bergerud '22, Edina, MN
Emily Dresbach '22, Lincoln, NE
Mackenzie Farrel '23, Hudson, WI
Ellie Fischenich '24, Mankato, MN
Laila Franklin '24, Barrington, IL
Brita Gallagher '21, Dresser, WI
Addie Jo Lambrecht '23, Neenah, WI
McKenna Steineman '22, Effingham, IL
Sonja Tesdahl '23, Elk River, MN
Tye Van Pelt '23, Buffalo, MN
Evan Wiebe '24, Boulder, CO

Chapel Ringers – Jill Mahr, *conductor*

Samantha Asplund '23, Saint Cloud, MN
Danny Barry '22, Deerfield, IL
India Bock '23, Seattle, WA
Olivia Brown '22, Lake Forest, IL
Madeline Chang '24, Lisle, IL
Shea Dickinson '24, Oswego, IL
Will Fecko '24, State College, PA
Miranda Lentz '22, Pearl City, HI
Matt Myers '22, River Falls, WI
Jorie Van Nest '22, Groton, MA
Benjamin Reister '24, Northfield, MN
Trevor Ritz '23, Sioux City, IA
Molly Schuster '24, Batavia, IL

St. Olaf Handbell Choir – Jill Mahr, *conductor*

Anna Weisenburger '21, Owatonna, MN
Venus Su '21, Taipei City, Taiwan
Madeline Everett '22, Crookston, MN
Kiernan Bartlett '21, Arlington, VA
Elijah Leer '22, Northfield, MN
Jessica Folson '21, Grand Forks, ND
Ann Ambach '21, Garden City, NY
Emma Bunde '21, Overland Park, KS
Evan Aho '22, Phoenixville, PA
Siri Mellem '20, Woodinville, WA
Matt Erickson '22, Verona, WI
Elizabeth Strauss '22, Madison, WI
Laura Albrecht '22, San Jose, CA

ABOUT THE ENSEMBLES AND CONDUCTOR

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.

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. 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.

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