

THE ST. OLAF MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

THE ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIR

Jill Mahr, *conductor*

Halloween Concert

PROGRAM

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The Muppet Show Theme

Jim Henderson/Sam Pottle
arr. Brian Tervo

Spongebob Square Pants

Blaise Smith, Derek Drymon, Mark Harrison, Stephen Hillenburg
arr. Brian Childers

Danse Macabre

Camille Saint Saëns
arr. Michael R. Keller

Carnivale

Michael J. Glasgow

In the Hall of the Mountain King

Edvard Grieg
arr. Michael Keller

Speechless

Alan Menken
arr. Michael J. Glasgow

You've Got a Friend in Me

Randy Newman
arr. Bob Burroughs

Under the Sea

Alan Menken
arr. Kevin McChesney

Pirates of the Caribbean

Klaus Badelt
arr. Kevin McChesney

Ghostbusters

Ray Parker Jr.
arr. Andrew Hess '15

Selections from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Askaban

John Williams
arr. Andrew Hess '15

PERSONNEL

Evan Aho '22, *Phoenixville, PA*
Laura Albrecht '22, *San Jose, CA*
Danny Barry '22, *Deerfield, IL*
India Bock '23, *Seattle WA*
Zach Buerger '24, *Oak Park, IL*
Madeline Chang '24, *Lisle, IL*
Matthew Erickson '22, *Verona, WI*
Will Fecko '24, *State College, PA*
Sarah Holtey '23, *Fargo, ND*
Elijah Leer '22, *Northfield, MN*
Matthew Myers '22, *River Falls, WI*
Trevor Ritz '23, *Sioux City, IA*
Elizabeth Strauss '22, *Madison, WI*

ABOUT THE GROUP

The St. Olaf Handbell Choir program 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 St. Olaf Handbell Choir, a thirteen-member choir, is the premier ensemble in the program. This choir is an auditioned group that meets twice a week. On campus they perform for chapel and church services, 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, Missouri, 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.

A Minnesota native, Jill Mahr has been at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, for the last 26 years, where she conducts the handbell choirs and teaches flute. 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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