
THE ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIR
CHAPEL RINGERS

Jill Mahr, *conductor*

MANITOU HANDBELL CHOIR

Will Fecko '24, student *conductor*

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 | 2 P.M. | URNESS RECITAL HALL

PROGRAM

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Ancient Fanfare Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)

Reflections from Iona John L. Bell (b. 1949)
arr. Karen Thompson

Puff the Magic Dragon Peter Yarrow (b. 1938) and Leonard Lipton (1940–1922)
arr. Douglas Wagner

Song Without Words Gustav Holst (1874–1934)
arr. Ron Mallory
Noel Atkinson '26, *cello*

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Fanfare for a New Dawn Jason Krug b. 1978

Creator of the Stars of Night arr. Joe Galyon

A Rejoicing Arnold Sherman (b. 1948)

Keep Your Lamps arr. Benjamin Tucker
Megan Hoffines '23, *djembe*

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All Creatures of our God and King arr. Alex Guebert

Come, Thou Fount arr. Cassandra Caminiti
Megan Hoffines '23, *cajon*

Yreka Will Fecko '24

Themes from the Lord of the Rings arr. Kathleen Wissinger

Outburst Karen Lakey Buckwalter b. 1960
Avery Nevins '25, *orchestral chimes*

PERSONNEL

MANITOU HANDBELL CHOIR

Noel Atkinson, *Minneapolis, MN*, '26
Bobby Byrne, *South Weymouth, MA*, '24
Ivy Castillo, *South Beloit, IL*, '25
Megan Davis, *Chippewa Falls, WI*, '26
Harrison Do, *Brooklyn Park, MN*, '26
Ellie Fisichenich, *Mankato, MN*, '24
Nanna Gailiun, *Irvine, CA*, '23
Ellie Kosek, *Middleton, WI*, '25
Naiya Patel, *Minneapolis, MN*, '25
Madeline Shields, *Scarborough, ME*, '23
Molly Turley, *Grinnel, IA*, '26
Ella Yarris, *Portland, OR*, '26
Laddie Wilken, *Omaha, NE*, '26

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Nathaniel Alms, *New York, NY*, '26
Addie Flesch, *Englewood, CO*, '26
Laila Franklin, *Barrington, IL*, '24
Logan Gooden, *Minneapolis, MN*, '25
Jeremiah Knudson, *Rapid City, SD*, '26
Cole Monson, *East Bethel, MN*, '25
Abby Newcomb, *Monmouth, IL*, '23
Mary Phillips, *Huntsville, AL*, '26
Ayano Rexor, *Hoffman Estates, IL*, '23
Molly Schuster, *Batavia, IL*, '24
Louisa Ward, *Woodbury, MN*, '26
Ella Wiggenhorn, *Shoreview, MN*, '25
Xinyuan Zhao, *Jinan Shi, China*, '25

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Hannah Anderson, *Lino Lakes, MN*, '25
India Bock, *Seattle, WA*, '23
Raina Swanson Edson, *Sultan, WA*, '23
Madeline Chang, *Lisle, IL*, '23
Will Fecko, *State College, PA*, '24
Connor Fogarty, *Ogallala, NE*, '24
Aryaman Joshi, *Mumbai, India*, '23
Katie Nail, *Brambleton, VA*, '26
Benjamin Reister, *Northfield, MN*, '24
Natalie Robuck, *Columbia, MO*, '25
Henry Rye, *Naperville, IL*, '26
Heather Wallace, *New York, NY*, '26
Meredith Wallace, *New York, NY*, '24

ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

A Minnesota native, Jill Mahr has been at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, for the last 28 years, where she conducts three 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.

ABOUT THE ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIRS

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 Chapel Ringers. The Manitou Handbell Choir is student-directed. The groups perform yearly off campus performances and on campus concerts. The St. Olaf Handbell Choir has a yearly weekend tour, has played for the St. Olaf Christmas Festival multiple times, and performs a bi-annual kids concert. The bell program at St. Olaf offers a unique January-term ensemble experience for ringers where they concentrate on duets, trios, and quartets intensely for a month. It is exciting that the bell program at St. Olaf, under Jill Mahr, has brought over 24 new compositions to life through premieres.

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