
MANITOU HANDBELL CHOIR

NATHANIEL ALMS '26, *STUDENT CONDUCTOR*

VALHALLA RINGERS

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THE ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIR

JILL MAHR, *CONDUCTOR*

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 • 2 P.M. • URNESS RECITAL HALL

PROGRAM

MANITOU HANDBELL CHOIR
Nathaniel Alms, *student conductor*

Yesterday	John Lennon (b.1940) arr. Karen Roth
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	arr. Sandra Eithun
Blessed Assurance	Phoebe P. Knappe (b.1908) arr. Sandra Eithun

VALHALLA RINGERS
Katie Nail, *student conductor*

All Things Bright and Beautiful	arr. Cathy Moglebust
Cathedral Windows	Cynthia Dobrinski (b.1950)
Beach Spring Stomp	Jeffrey Honoré (b.1956)

CHAPEL RINGERS
Jill Mahr, *conductor*

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel	arr. Dan R. Edwards
Fais de Beaux Rêves	Julie Stitt (b.1958)
Fantasy on King's Weston	arr. Fred Gramann

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Rondo Exultate	Margaret Tucker (b.1936)
Last Tango	Ben Kornelis (b.1963)
Sophia Carlson '26, <i>percussion</i> Morgan Ely '26, <i>percussion</i> Brady Martin '28, <i>percussion</i> Michael Oaks '26, <i>percussion</i>	

Awake, My Heart	arr. Tõnu Kõrvits
Built on the Rock	Ludvig M. Lindeman (1812–1877) arr. Alex Guebert

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ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

A Minnesota native, Jill Mahr has been teaching at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, for the last 31 years, where she oversees a program of four handbell choirs and teaches flute. Jill founded and leads a youth program of four handbell choirs at her church, Bethel Lutheran, in Northfield. She is an active member of Handbell Musicians of America and a past secretary of Area VII. Mahr 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 ENSEMBLES

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 Malmk bells that are used today. In 1993 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 four handbell ensembles. Jill directs the St. Olaf Handbell Choir and the Chapel Ringers. The Manitou Handbell Choir and Valhalla Ringers are student-directed. All ensembles are by audition. The choirs perform in weekly chapel, Sunday services, on Christmas Festival weekend, at retirement centers, and for a combined spring concert. The St. Olaf Handbell Choir tours every spring and performs a kid's concert each fall. The St. Olaf bell program offers an ensemble ringing experience (duet, trios, quartets) during the month-long January interim. The bell program at St. Olaf has premiered almost forty pieces in Mahr's tenure.

PERSONNEL

MANITOU HANDBELL CHOIR

Katherine Borgerding '27
Icarus Bulander '27, *Minneapolis, MN*
Rosemary Hartless '26, *Washington, DC*
Sydney Hugdahl '27, *Saint Paul, MN*
Taletta Jones '29, *Minneapolis, MN*
Julia Kauth '26, *River Falls, WI*
Mimi Lenaburg '29, *Appleton, WI*

Kallan McKinney '29, *Norman, OK*
Brekken Modory '26, *Dundas, MN*
Jessica Schmidt '26, *Glenview, IL*
Lucas Von Oehsen '26, *Parkland, FL*
Lily Ward '27, *Woodbury, MN*
Louisa Ward '26, *Woodbury, MN*
Roxi Wessel '26, *Fort Collins, CO*

VALHALLA RINGERS

Ian Carter '27, *Liberty, MO*
Max Casson '28, *Northfield, MN*
Parker Chelikowsky '27, *Hopkins, MN*
Violet Ecklund-Johnson '26, *Prairie Village, KS*
Annika Hagberg '28, *Maplewood, MN*
Remus Hughes '29, *Kimberly, WI*
Arya Jacobson '27, *Rochester, MN*

Emery Jansen '26, *Longmont, CO*
Mary Kreklow '26, *Tigerton, WI*
Sila Liljedahl '27, *Saint Paul, MN*
Brekken Modory '26, *Dundas, MN*
Ben Oaks '29, *Saint Paul, MN*
Robert Shaw '27, *Oxford, MA*

CHAPEL RINGERS

Naomi Chan '28, *Loma Linda, CA*
Whitney Cowan '27, *Chanhassen, MN*
Megan Davis '26, *Chippewa Falls, WI*
Grace Hansen '27, *Union Grove, WI*
Mary Kreklow '26, *Tigerton, WI*
Kira Kuartei '29, *Palo Alto, CA*
Zoë Larson-Harris, '26, *Roanoke, VA*

Annika Maakestad '28, *Saint Paul, MN*
Brady Martin '28, *Cherry Hills Village, CO*
Leah Nelson '29, *Edina, MN*
Michael Oaks '26, *Saint Paul, MN*
Amelia Puchalla '26, *Broad Run, VA*
Miriam Sandberg '29, *Mondovi, WI*

ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIR

Vienna Adler '27, *Minnetonka, MN*
Nathaniel Alms '26, *New York, NY*
Agnes Barthel '28, *Duluth, MN*
Joel Dressler '28, *Grinnell, IA*
Nathan Howard '29, *Austin, TX*
Andrew Mortensen '26, *Urbana, IL*
Kaylee Mueller '28, *Rochester, MN*

Katie Nail '26, *Brambleton, VA*
Greta Olson '27, *Minneapolis, MN*
Mary Phillips '26, *Huntsville, AL*
Ella Pribyl '26, *Northfield, MN*
Henry Rye '26, *Naperville, IL*
Greta Stauch '29, *Niwot, CO*

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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