

THE ST. OLAF MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

THE ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIR
CHAPEL RINGERS

Jill Mahr, *conductor*

VALHALLA RINGERS

Natalie Robuck '25, *student conductor*

MANITOU HANDBELL CHOIR

Will Fecko '24, *student conductor*

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 | 3:15 P.M.

URNES RECITAL HALL

PROGRAM

Valhalla Ringers

Natalie Robuck '25, *student conductor*

Morning Trumpet

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

The Spirit in Our Midst

arr. Sandra Eithun

City of Stars

arr. Ron Mallory

Manitou Handbell Choir

Will Fecko '24, *student conductor*

Salut d'amour

arr. Darrell Richards

Cathedral Windows

Cynthia Dobrinski

Canticle

Matthew Compton

Percussion: Morgan Ely '26 • Connor Fogarty '24

Chapel Ringers

Jill Mahr, *conductor*

Bwana Asifiwe

Cathy Moglebust

Percussion: Morgan Ely '26 • Connor Fogarty '24 • Will Fecko '24

Transitions of the Heart

Matthew Compton

Jovano Jovanke

arr. Michael Joy

St Olaf Handbell Choir

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Dandelion Wine

Timothy O'Grady

Percussion: Morgan Ely '26 • Will Fecko '24

The Girl from Ipanema

Antonio Carlos Jobim

arr. Rafael Lindemute & Mitchell Eithun

Percussion: Ely Morgan '26, Will Fecko '24, Meredith Wallace '24

Pavane and Galliard

Michael W. Joy

Percussion: Connor Fogarty '24

Capriccio

Kevin McChesney

ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

A Minnesota native, Jill Mahr has been teaching at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, for the last 28 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 ENSEMBLE

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 Malmark 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, and a combined spring concert. The top 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 program has premiered over thirty pieces in Mahr's tenure.

PERSONNEL

VALHALLA RINGERS

Max Clark '25, LaCrosse, WI
Arya Jacobson '27, Rochester, MN
Julia Kauth '26, River Falls, WI
Sophie Kessler '25, Gig Harbor, WA
Claire Koenig '26, Centennial, CO
Mary Kreklow '26, Tigerton, WI
Zoë Larson-Harris '26, Roanoke, VA
Lucy Lindgren '25, Sacramento, CA
Lily Mitzel '24, Saint Paul, MN
Michael Oaks '26, Saint Paul, MN
Amelia Puchalla '26, Broad Run, VA
Joey Richards '25, Monticello, MN
Meredith Wallace '24, New York, NY

CHAPEL RINGERS

Vienna Adler '27, Minnetonka, MN
Nathaniel Alms '26, New York, NY
Noel Atkinson '26, Minneapolis, MN
Megan Davis '26, Chippewa Falls, WI
Addie Flesch '26, Englewood, CO
Laila Franklin '24, Barrington, IL
Logan Gooden '25, Minneapolis, MN
Grace Hansen '27, Union Grove, WI
Greta Olson '27, Minneapolis, MN
Mary Phillips '26, Huntsville, AL
Lily Rogholt '27, Sauk Rapids, MN
Ella Wiggenhorn '25, Shoreview, MN
Xinyuan Zhao '25, Jinan Shi, China

MANITOU HANDBELL CHOIR

Bobby Byrne '24, South Weymouth, MA
Ivy Castillo '25, South Beloit, IL
Whitney Cowan '27, Chanhassen, MN
Harrison Do '26, Brooklyn Park, MN
Ellie Fischenich '24, Mankato, MN
Bobby Guo '25, Beijing, China
Sydney Hugdahl '27, Saint Paul, MN
Elinor Kosek '25, Middleton, WI
Eira Le '26, Kansas City, MO
Naiya Patel '25, Minneapolis, MN
Jake Vidervol '25, Andover, MN
Laddie Wilken '26, Omaha, NE
Ella Yarris '26, Portland, OR

ST. OLAF HANDBELL CHOIR

Hannah Anderson '25, Lino Lakes MN
Connor Fogarty '24, Ogallala, NE
Shayla Gleason '27, Stillwater, MN
Jeremiah Knudson '26, Rapid City, SD
Cole Monson '25, East Bethel, MN
Katie Nail '26, Brambleton, VA
Mary Phillips '26, Huntsville, AL
Ella Pribyl '26, Northfield, MN
Benjamin Reister '24, Northfield, MN
Natalie Robuck '25, Colombia, MO
Henry Rye '26, Naperville, IL
Molly Schuster '24, Batavia, IL
Heather Wallace '26, New York, NY

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