

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

CONCERT CHOIR
CHAMBER SINGERS
ALUMNI AND FAMILY CHOIR
Joy Meade, conductor

Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

*Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship
and Performing Arts, Parmer Hall*



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

PROGRAM

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Anna Clement, piano

The Word Was God.....Rosephanye Powell
(b. 1962)

John 1: 1-3

In the beginning was the Word,
and the word was with God,
and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made, He has not made.
All things were made by Him.

Spaséñiye, sodéal (Salvation is Created)..... Pavel Chesnokov
(1877-1944)

Psalm 74:12

Spaséñiye, sodéal yesí	Salvation is created,
Posredé ziemlí	In the midst of our Earth,
Bózhe. Allilúiya	O God, Alleluia.

The Peace of Wild ThingsJake Runestad
(b.1968)

Wendell Berry (b. 1934)

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day- blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Unclouded Day American Folksong, arr. Shawn Kirchner

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
They tell me of a home far away,
And they tell me of a home
Where no storm-clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an uncloudless sky,
O they tell me of a home
Where no storm-clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home
Where my friends have gone,
They tell me of a land far away,
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

They tell me of a King in his beauty there,
They tell me that mine eyes shall behold
Where He sits on a throne
That is bright as the sun
In the city that is made of gold!

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS

Joy Meade, conductor

Daniel Dorty, piano and organ

Creation..... William Billings
(1746-1800)

Psalm 139

Isaac Watts (1673-1748)

When I with pleasing wonder stand,
and all my fame survey,
Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand.
Thus built my humble clay.
Our life contains a thousand springs
and dies if one be gone.

Strange that a harp of thousand strings
should keep in tune so long.

Membra Jesu Nostri.....Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

III. Ad Manus

Soloists:

Solo 1: Tiah Masood

Solo 2: Nadia Griffith

Trio: Elizabeth Lebo, Timothy Tien, Josiah Evans

Quid sunt plagae istae
in medio manuum tuarum?

What are these wounds
in the midst of thy hands?

Salve Jesu pastor bone,
Fatigatus in agone
Qui per lignum es distractus
Et ad lignum es compactus
Expansis sanctis manibus.

Hail Jesus, good shepherd,
wearied by the struggle,
who are stretched upon the tree
and art nailed to the tree
by thy holy hands outstretched.

Manus sanctae, vos amplector
Et gemendo condelector
Grates ago plagis tantis
Clavis duris, guttis sanctis
Dans lacrimas cum oculis.

Holy hands, I embrace thee
and sighing, I am delighted in thee
I give thanks for such great wounds
for the hard nails, the sacred drops
Granting tears with kisses.

In cruore tuo lotum
Me commendo tibi totum.
Tuae sanctae manus istae
Me defendant, Jesu Christe
Extremis in periculis.

washed in Thy blood
I commend myself wholly to thee,
may these, thy holy hands
defend me, Jesus Christ,
in dire danger.

to the hands..... Caroline Shaw
Movement II. In medio (b.1982)

Zechariah 13:6

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This is My Father's World TERRA BEATA/ arr. Elaine Hagenberg
(b.1979)

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858- 1901)

This is my father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres

This is my father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their maker's praise

This is my father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my father's world
Oh, let me never forget
That though the wrong
seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet

This is my father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass, I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

ALUMNI & PARENT CHOIR

Go Ye Now In Peace.....Joyce Eilers
(1941-2009)

*in honor of Dr. Ronald Miller (1939-2024), professor emeritus, former music
department chair, choral conductor and music history professor
at Messiah College

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
In your time of trouble when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,
Know that the Lord will never leave you, He will bring you courage.
Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live,
Will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world.
Go ye now in peace.

Mennonite Doxology..... Thomas Ken
(1637-1711)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
~Thomas Ken, 1674

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin
(1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
~Numbers 6:23

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR AND CHAMBER SINGERS

Sopranos

Hope Adedokun – Phoenixville, PA
Mandy Bevenour – Mechanicsburg, PA
Gloria Casey – Plum, PA
Orphie Hartman* - Hollidaysburg, AP
Julia Laessig – Newtown Square, PA
Victoria Lang* - Hummelstown, PA
Eliana McFate* - New Market, MD
Kay Reyburn – Cochranville, PA
Kacie Watkins – Telford, PA
Abby Weller* - Grove City, PA
Amelia Weller – Grove City, PA
Evelyn White – Holliston, MA
Macy Wright – Vienna, VA

Altos

Shelby Beadle – Harrisburg, PA
Clara Bellot – Lakewood, CO
Anna Cameron – Erie, PA
Emily Evans – Duncannon, PA
Nadia Griffith* - Newville, PA
Elizabeth Lebo* - Mountville, PA
Tiah Masood* - Robertsdale, PA
Anne McIlvaine* - Lancaster, PA
Ashley Murtoff – Mechanicsburg, PA
Kristin Nolt* - Ephrata, PA
Annie Rizzo - Royersford, PA
Jordan Rodgers – Colchester, CT
Hannelore Rydquist – Nanuet, NY

Tenors

Ben Anspach – Frederick, MD
Quinn Cameron – Conneautville, PA
Michael Casey* - Plum, PA
Matthew Harris – Prospect Park, PA
Greysen Kemper – Harrisburg, PA

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Tenors *(Cont.)*

Daniel Lin* - Westwood, NJ
Gabriel Nater Padro* - Carlisle, PA
Elijah Palmer* - Mechanicsburg, PA
Peyton Rohrbaugh – Spring Grove, PA
Deacon Shearer* - Myerstown, PA
Tim Tien* - Selangor, Malaysia

Basses

Alex Bohm – Tunkhannock, PA
Nathan Bowman – Lancaster, PA
Ryan Cascarella – Lititz, PA
Nicholas Epps – Trenton, NJ
Josiah Evans* - Elizabethtown, PA
Daniel Micsion* - Souderton, PA
Clint Miller – Mechanicsburg, PA
Isaac Neuenschwander – Pasadena, MD
Dekenon Pollock* - Mount Union, PA
Bryant Rohrer* - Duncannon, PA
Patrick Schussler – Etters, PA
Benjamin Wenger – Mechanicsburg, PA

***Denotes Chamber Singers**

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PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

African Children's Choir "Just As I Am"

October 11 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Christmas Concert

*Featuring Brass Quintets, Handbells, Men's and Women's Ensemble,
Chamber Singers and Concert Choir*

December 8 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Susquehanna Chorale Concert – A Candlelight Christmas

December 14 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Third Coast Percussion "Metamorphosis"

January 16 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Mendelssohn Piano Trio and Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet

"Fauré and Ravel: a Leap of Imagination in the Art of Belle Époque"

February 9 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Cantus

March 28 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sahoko Sato Timpone, mezzo-soprano

April 4 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Haydn's Creation

Featuring Symphony Orchestra, Choral Arts, Concert Choir, Men's and Women's Ensemble

April 25 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Susquehanna Chorale Spring Concert

Linda Tedford, artistic director, founder and conductor, professor emeritus, Messiah University

May 18 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

CONCERTS

Messiah University Jazz Combo

Todd Goranson, director

Messiah University Vocal Jazz

Anna Cameron, leader

Messiah University JazzONE

William Stowman, conductor

October 5 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Percussion Ensemble

Erik Forst, conductor

November 2 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

James Colonna, conductor

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Travis Weller, conductor

November 8 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

November 11 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Brass Choir

William Stowman, director

Messiah University Brass Studios

Mike Harcrow, John Cradler, Jon Moyer and William Stowman, directors

November 12 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

November 18 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Vocal Jazz

William Stowman, director

November 19 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphony Orchestra

Timothy Dixon, conductor

November 22 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Piano Ensemble Concert "Stories of the Season"

Olivia Ellis, director

December 5 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Musica Nova: Student Compositions

December 10 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Guitar Ensemble

Gavin Horning, director

December 15 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

James Colonna, conductor

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Travis Weller, conductor

February 14 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphony Orchestra

Timothy Dixon, conductor

February 21 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Kuhlman Competition

February 23 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Concert Choir

Joy Meade, conductor

March 23 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Combo

Todd Goranson, director

March 25 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Opera Workshop - A Night of Opera: Opera Scenes Program

Damian Savarino, director

March 27 • Climenhaga Building, Poorman Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Piano Ensemble Concert "Silent Film"

Olivia Ellis, director

April 1 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

April 7 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Travis Weller, conductor

Messiah University Brass Choir

William Stowman, director

April 8 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

James Colonna, conductor

April 9 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

April 14 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Handbell Choir

Shawn Gingrich, director

April 26 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Ensembles

William Stowman and Todd Goranson, conductors

April 26 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Spring Choral Showcase

Women's Ensemble

Rachel Cornacchio, conductor

Men's Ensemble

Eric Dundore, conductor

April 30 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Musica Nova: Student Compositions

May 1 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Guitar Ensemble

Gavin Horning, director

May 3 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Messiah University Vocal Jazz

William Stowman, director

May 3 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Messiah University Percussion Ensemble

Erik Forst, conductor

May 3 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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