

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

STORIES FOR THE SEASON

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY PIANO ENSEMBLE

*Directed by:
Dr. Olivia Ellis*

Thursday, December 5, 2024

10:00am – High Center Recital Hall

7:30pm – Parmer Hall

Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

PROGRAM

Snowmen at Christmas

by Caralyn Buehner with illustrations by Mark Buehner
narrated by Ana Sakore

Believe from *The Polar Express* – Silvestri & Ballard, arr. Robert Vandall
Julia Potter and Mary Alunni

Silver Bells – Livingston & Evans, arr. Emily-Jane Hills Orford
Nick Azar and Tali Bunch

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree – Johnny Marks, arr. Hal Leonard
Julia Laessig and Nick Azar

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy – Tchaikovsky, arr. Eduard Lager
Anna Clement and Mary Alunni

Go, Tell It On the Mountain – Spiritual, arr. Robert Vandall
Nick Azar and Julia Potter

Duet Fantasy on Jingle Bells – J. Pierpont, arr. Robert Vandall
Anna Clement and Tali Bunch

O Little Town of Bethlehem – Brooks & Redner, arr. Melody Bober
Julia Potter and Julia Laessig

Still, Still, Still – Austrian carol, arr. Dennis Alexander
Julia Laessig and Anna Clement

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High – George Ratcliffe Woodward,
arr. Melody Bober
Mary Alunni and Tali Bunch

The Story of Christmas, from the Gospel according to Luke

with illustrations by Eleanore Schmid
narrated by Julia Potter

What Child Is This? – William Chatterton Dix, arr. Lorie Line
Mary Alunni, piano
Peyton Rohrbaugh, guitar

Away in a Manger – James Murray, arr. Melody Bober
Nick Azar and Mary Alunni

Angels We Have Heard on High – French melody, arr. Lani Smith
Tali Bunch and Julia Laessig

We Three Kings – John Henry Hopkins, arr. Melody Bober
Nick Azar and Ana Sakore

Pete the Cat's 12 Groovy Days of Christmas

by James and Kimberly Dean
with illustrations by James Dean
singalong led by Vocal Jazz

The Twelve Days of Christmas – English carol, updated lyrics Dean &
Dean, arr. Ellis
Vocal Jazz and Piano Ensemble
Olivia Ellis, piano

The Berenstain Bears' Christmas Tree

by Stan and Jan Berenstain

narrated by Olivia Ellis

O Christmas Tree – German carol, arr. Melody Bober
Julia Laessig and Mary Alunni

Let It Snow – Cahn and Styne, arr. Hal Leonard
Ana Sakore and Julia Laessig

Fum, Fum, Fum – Catalan carol, arr. Mark Hayes
Mary Alunni and Anna Clement

The Chipmunk Song – Ross Bagdasarian, arr. Hal Leonard
Julia Potter and Ana Sakore

White Christmas – Irving Berlin, arr. J. Snyder
Anna Clement and Nick Azar

O Come All Ye Faithful – John Francis Wade, arr. Rebecca Belliston
and Laura Raty
Tali Bunch and Julia Potter

Joy to the World – Isaac Watts, arr. Heather Sorenson
Julia Potter and Anna Clement

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen / Carol of the Bells – English carol,
arr. Matt Riley
Anna Clement, Tali Bunch, and Julia Potter, piano
Esther Hess, handbells

Piano Ensemble

Mary Alunni
Nick Azar
Tali Bunch
Anna Clement
Julia Laessig
Julia Potter
Ana Sakore

Guitar

Peyton Rohrbaugh

Handbells

Esther Hess

Vocal Jazz

Annalise Yeich
Gloria Casey
Anna Cameron
Michael Casey
Peyton Rohrbaugh
Robert Glogowski

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PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

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 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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