



Department of Arts and Humanities Presents

Festival of Christmas

Bell Cultural Events Center

December 7, 2024 at 6:00PM & December 8, 2024 at 3:30PM

MidAmerica Nazarene University Heritage Choir
MidAmerica Nazarene University Symphonic Choir
Dr. Christopher M. Smith, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Chamber Orchestra
Tina Bilberry, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Concert Band
Dr. Luke D. Johnson, conductor

Sarah Noé, accompanist

Scripture Readings by
Rev. Brady Braatz, Rev. Andy Cook, Prof. Heather Tinker

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
Christmas Vespers	John F. Paul
“For Unto Us” from <i>Messiah</i>	George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)
O Little Town of Bethlehem	Dan Forrest
Fantasia on the Ukrainian Bell Carol	Mykolaiv Leontovych (1877–1921) arr. Kate Agioritis
Gloria: I	John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.*

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O Holy Night

Adolphe Charles Adam (1803–1856)
arr. Calvin Custer (1939–1998)

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

German Hymn
Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.*

*This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.*

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson (1908–1975)

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MNU Concert Band and Orchestra

Violin I

Tina Bilberry †, *concertmaster*
Emma Erickson
Evan Flynn †
Christy Kuzmich †

Violin II

Lynnora Stary † *
Brett Jackson
Heather Cole †
Allyssa Hacker

Viola

Andrew Bonci † *
Rebekah Chelikowsky
Beth MacLeod †
Kristen James †
Kayla Calderon †

Cello

Audrey Herren † *
Noah Beal
Cindy Rhodes †

Bass

Amil McDaniel † *
Makenna Andrews

Flute

Erin Butler *
Abigail Johnson
Stormi Matthews
Abigail Funk
Rachel Beumer †
Gina Hart-Kemper †

Oboe

Jenna Kirk
Isabella Currie †

Bassoon

Mark Adair †

Clarinet

Jake Haughey *
Peter Vessey
Rebekah Grube
Ashlynn Hammel
Allen Kossoy †

Bass Clarinet

Warren Sickel †

Alto Saxophone

Yair Saucedo *
Zoe Harding
Kaleigh Guthrie
AJ Cockrum †

Tenor Saxophone

Sage Adam

Baritone Saxophone

Lacey Buxton

Trumpet

Maxwell Johnson *
Judah Kuhn
Maggie McMath
Luke Johnson †

Horn

Brent Crites
Evelyn Adam

Trombone

Collin Downey *
Christopher Winton
Ron McClellan †

Euphonium

Alex Wood *
Marshall Evans

Tuba

David Waller *
Caleb Brandt

Percussion

Malachi Wasson
Amillya Sizemore
Aidyn Garrison
McKenna Clements †

† MNU Faculty/Staff or
Community Member
* Principal Player

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MNU Choirs

Celeste Albertson †
Daniel Albertson †
Ezekiel Albertson
Herb Albertson †
Chloe Ashley
Ryan Beasley *
Dominic Beving
Simon Boles
Christy Bravo †
Colton Buell *
Angela Burr †
Mary Burr *
Erin Butler
Lacey Buxton
Shawnda Casner *
Stanley Coates †
Sara Cockrum †
Aaliyah Colding
Chris Coleman †
Daniel Coleman *
Julia Condon
Mark Corder †
Brent Crites *
Bailey Darlington †
Claire DeBok *
Harley Duffield
Gracelyn Duncan *
Danielle Edwards †
Brin Eisele †
Nikki Elkins
Anna Emch *
Timon Emch
Kevin Erickson †
Emma Erickson *
Manny Escobar
Julia Escudero
Jarethzy Espinal
Brennan Frye *

Abigail Funk
Sally Funk †
Samuel Funk
Aidyn Garrison
Ashton Gleaves
Elena Gonzalez-Bravo
Zoe Harding
Jake Haughey *
Kendall Hawes *
Jasmine Hendrix
Audrey Henkel †
Elissa Hinojos
Luke Hooker *
Brooklynne Hunt *
Melissa Jackson †
Merlin James †
Adriana James
Jami Johnson †
Kayla Johnson *
Shirlene Kazmaier †
Bryson Kendall *
Grant Kennedy *
Olivia Kim †
Grace Kinaman
Aliza Marinelarena
John Mathias †
Stormi Matthews
Mya Meinke *
Zack Midyett
Regan Miller
Aubree Morgan
Noah Murdoch
Lilly Nelson †
Joy Noé †
Chester Oberg
Samuel Olson *
Matthew Omundsen *
Ella Owen

Savannah Paxton
Hannah Peck
Cindy Peterson †
Lindsey Peterson *
Doug Phillip †
Peggy Poteet †
Caleb Powell
Franelly Rodriguez
Zach Rodriguez *
Martina Royer
Aubrey Santner †
Savannah Santner †
Amillya Sizemore
Kayli Slayden
Hadley Speicher *
Christine Sylvester †
Izzy Thompson †
Olivia Thompson *
Peter Vessey
Jordan Warren †
Kate Warren †
Gregory Whetstone
Eli Whitacre *
Bailye Whitehead
Frank Wichert *
Audrey Wiebke
Alex Wood
Elizabeth Yeley *

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Community Member**
* **Heritage Choir**

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UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

MNU Improv

January 31, 2025 at 7:30pm

March 1, 2025 at 7:30pm

Our Town

February 20-23, 2025 at 7:30pm

February 22-23, 2025 at 2:30pm

MNU Concert Band: Mind and Heart

March 2, 2025 at 3:30pm

MNU Choirs and Chamber Orchestra: I Give You Praise

March 9, 2025 at 3:30pm

Little Women: The Broadway Musical

April 3-5, 2025 at 7:30pm

MNU Jazz Ensemble: Jazz-a-Que

April 12, 2025 at 6:00pm

MNU Concert Band, Choirs & Chamber Orchestra:

Let Everything That Has Breath

April 27, 2025 at 3:30pm

Spark: MNU Arts Camp

June 2-6, 2025

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