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Dear friends,

The art of making music is a blessing to our souls and often a balm to the wounds that separate us. When words alone fail to express our deepest hurts as well as our exuberant joys, we turn to music as one of the best sources of human compassion, creativity and community.

At **Messiah University**, we are committed to Christ-centered educational excellence in music theory, composition, performance and education. Our dedicated and talented faculty are consummate artists, scholars, educators and performers. Their inspired artistry and careful mentoring is evident in the quality of our student ensembles and the continued professional success of our alumni. We are very grateful that our benefactors have supported Messiah's educational commitment to the arts through the construction of the Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and the Performing Arts and endowed student scholarships.

As president, it is my privilege to recognize the outstanding artistic achievements of Messiah University faculty, students and alumni. I know you will enjoy this performance of the Messiah University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers under the direction of Joy Meade and Tim Dixon. They bring glory and honor to God through their musical offering.

Kind regards,

Kim S. Phipps

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President



Greetings from Messiah University!

If you are reading this program, it means you are in the presence of the finest student musicians and most gifted conductors and teachers you will meet. It also means you are about to experience the most pure and authentic music making possible. I am confident that this program and their brief presence in your life will have a lasting impact and bring you happiness.

Making music at Messiah University is truly a gift. We have amazing facilities, a gifted faculty and, most importantly, the absolute best students who are committed to using their skills to make the world a better place. Through music and the other arts, we communicate with the human soul far beyond the capability of words. We have the ability, through music, to break down barriers of time, space and language. We can communicate with one another in meaningful ways that can inspire, help and even heal. I truly hope the sounds you hear today reach your soul and give you a moment to exhale and appreciate God's profound presence your life.

I am thrilled for our students to travel and to share their unique gifts with you. Under the direction of their devoted teachers Joy Meade and Timothy Dixon, they have worked diligently to prepare this beautiful program for you. Please enjoy the sanctuary of their sounds. May it bring you peace and light.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Stowman'.

William Stowman, chair
Department of Music
Messiah University

Messiah University
Concert Choir

All Things New

Joy Elizabeth Meade, conductor

Psalm 43, Op. 78, No. 2 “Richte Mich, Gott”Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

*Do me justice, o God, and fight my fight against a faithless people;
from the deceitful and impious man rescue me.
For you, o God, are my strength. Why do you keep me so far away?
Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?
Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on
And bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place.
Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy;
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp, my God
Why are you so downcast, o my soul? And why do you sigh within me?
Hope in God! Then I will again give him thanks,
In the presence of my savior and my God.*

Praise to the Lord, The AlmightyLOBE DEN HERREN
Arr. CJ Madsen

Abby Weller and Victoria Lang, sopranos
Tyler Greene and Greysen Kemper, tenors

Afro-American Fragments William Averitt
V. At the Feet o' Jesus (b. 1948)

VI. Fire! Fire!

Maddie Felix and Tyler Green, pianists

I've Been in the Storm So Long Jeffrey Ames
(b. 1969)

Brille Finkbeiner, Elizabeth Hill, Delaney Reed, Daphne Rinkus, soloists

Hold On!..... Eugene Thamon Simpson
(1932-2021)

His Yoke Is Easy and His Burthen is Light George Frederic Handel
from *Messiah* (1685-1759)

Ali Koch, cello
Abby Stewart, piano

- Sweet Rivers** Shawn Kirchner
(b. 1970)
Abby Stewart, piano
- Anticipation**..... Michael McKay
(b. 1952)
Tyler Green, piano
- ~ INTERMISSION ~**
- Psalm 100** Joseph Eckman
Messiah Alumni Class of 2000
- The Violet**..... Maira Myers
Messiah Class of 2024
- Cardnalis Nobis Pacem** William Stowman
Chair, Messiah University Music Department
Ali Koch, cello; Abby Stewart, piano
- Selections from *Messiah*** George Frederic Handel
(1685-1759)
Surely He Hath Born Our Griefs
And With His Stripes
All We Like Sheep
Nicholas Epps and Anne McIlvaine, violin; Joy Meade, viola;
Ali Koch, cello; Abby Stewart, organ/harpsichord
Chris Messinger, Larry Fausnight, Delaney Reed, Maddie Felix, conductors
- O Schöne Nacht**.....Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)
Abby Stewart, piano
- They Say That Falling in Love is Wonderful ...** Irving Berlin arr. Zegree
(1888-1989)
Anna Morton, mezzo-soprano
- All Things New**..... Elaine Hagenberg
(b. 1979)
Maddie Felix, piano
- The Lord Bless You And Keep You**Peter C. Lutkin
(1858-1931)



Messiah University Concert Choir

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SOPRANO:

+*Madelyn Felix, Boiling Springs, Pa.
music education '23, section leader

*Brielle Finkbeiner, Emmaus, Pa.
music education '24

*Victoria Lang, Hershey, Pa.
music education '25

Tiah Masood, Robertsdale, Pa.
music education '26

Eliana McFate, New Market, Md.
music education '26

*Maira Myers, Harrisonburg, Va.
music education '24

Kay Reyburn, Cochranville, Pa.
studio art '26

*Katelynn Smith, Clearfield, Pa.
music education '24

Abigail Stewart, Leesburg, Pa.
music education '24

Kacie Watkins, Telford, Pa.
applied health science '22

*Abigail Weller, Grove City, Pa.
music education '25

Macy Wright, Vienna, Va.
chemistry and English '25

PIVOTS:

Kaitlyn Carr, Imperial, Pa.
music education '24

Elizabeth Hill, Chambersburg, Pa.
clinical psychology and music '24

*Julie Knott, Harrisburg, Pa.
music performance '24

Annie Rizzo, Royersford, Pa.
music education '26

+*Delaney Reed, Saxton, Pa.
music education '23

*Daphne Rinkus, West Chester, Pa.
music '23

ALTO:

Shelby Beadle, Harrisburg, Pa.
music and business administration '26

Emily Evans, Duncannon, Pa.
music education '24

Alexa Hayman, Westminster, Md.
music education '23

+Emily Gettman, Spring Grove, Pa.
commercial music '23

Ali Koch, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
music performance '24

Elizabeth Lebo, Mountville, Pa.
music education '26

*Anna Morton, Erie, Pa.
music education '25

Anne McIlvaine, Lancaster, Pa.
music education '26

Jordan Morris, Perryville, Md.
athletic training '24

TENORS:

*Quinn Cameron, Conneautville, Pa.
music education '24

*Michael Casey, Plum, Pa.
English education '25

Brian Gambler, Reading, Pa.
music education '26

*Tyler Greene, Crystal Lake, Ill.
worship and music '23

*Greysen Kemper, Harrisburg, Pa.
music performance '24, section leader

Daniel Lin, Westwood, N.J.
undeclared '26

Daniel Micsion, Souderton, Pa.
music education '26

Ian Rooks, Severna Park, Md.
general music with concentration in commercial music '26

*Tim Tien, Klang, Selangor, Malaysia
digital media '24

BASSES:

Alexsador Bohm, Tunkhannock, Pa.
elementary/special education '26

*Micah Collins, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
mechanical engineering '24

Nicholas Epps, Hamilton, N.J.
computer science '26

+*Larry Fausnight, Hershey, Pa.
music education '23, section leader

*Chris Messinger, Hanover, Pa.
music education '23

Clint Miller, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
business administration '26

Nathanael Hulshizer, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
business '23

Bryant Rohrer, Duncannon, Pa.
music education '26

Rodney Snyder, York, Pa.
music '24

*Nathan White, Linesville, Pa.
music education '24

Jeremiah Velez, Lancaster, Pa.
music '26

***Designates chamber singer**
+Designates choir officer



Joy Elizabeth Meade, conductor



Joy Elizabeth Meade is the director of choral activities and an assistant professor of music at Messiah University, where she conducts Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Choral Arts Society. These choirs tour nationally and internationally, performing regularly on campus and in the community and collaborating with the Harris-

burg Symphony Orchestra. Meade also teaches undergraduate and graduate choral conducting at Messiah, as well as applied voice. Prior to her recent appointment at Messiah University, she was the associate director of choirs at Georgia State University in Atlanta. There, she was the recipient of the 2018 Center for International and Collaborative Arts grant and also started a permanent collaboration and graduate assistant opportunity between Georgia State's choral department and the Atlanta Homeward Choir. Prior to earning her doctorate in conducting at the University of Georgia with Daniel Bara, Meade worked as a public school educator in the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District, teaching choir and orchestra. She earned her master's of music in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College, where she had the opportunity to sing under the batons of the finest maestros in the world. She continues to perform regularly as a professional choral singer and soloist, as well as serve as a clinician and adjudicator at high schools, universities and festivals on the East Coast.



Messiah University Concert Choir

The choral music program at Messiah University boasts a history of excellence in performance and commitment to service to the campus, community and church through choral singing. The Concert Choir is the premiere vocal ensemble at Messiah University and serves as an ambassador of the university through national and international concert performances. The choir collaborates regularly with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra on its Masterworks Series and also maintains an active recording schedule. Concert Choir performances are characterized by a diverse repertoire selection that spans from the Renaissance to the present day and encompasses both sacred and secular works. The Concert Choir is designed to provide each singer with a professional-level singing experience that will cultivate students' personal musicianship and faith; clarify professional goals; enhance their college educations; and create bonds of friendship through singing and service.



Messiah University Chamber Singers

The Messiah University Chambers Singers is a 17-voice select vocal ensemble chosen annually from the Concert Choir. The Chambers Singers perform regularly in their own concerts on and off campus, as well as on Concert Choir tours and recordings. The Chamber Singers have toured the U.S. East Coast, Ireland, Austria and the Czech Republic in conjunction with the Concert Choir and are featured on 10 professionally recorded and distributed CDs. The Chamber Singers have been featured performers at state conventions of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association.



The Messiah University Department of Music is housed in the School of Arts, Culture and Society and is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The department offers a B.S. in music education, a B.M. in performance or a B.A. in music with concentrations in composition; commercial music; music and worship; and music business. The Graduate Program in Music also offers a Master of Music in conducting and Master of Music Education (MME) degrees. The majority of classes are offered online with some one-week, on-campus sessions at the Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, campus, so you are free to pursue your career and your degree at the same time. The MME can be completed entirely online. The music department is located in the Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts and offers numerous large vocal and instrumental ensembles as well as a full complement of chamber music and small ensemble opportunities. Music department ensembles are regularly invited to perform at the Pennsylvania Music Educators State Conference, and its faculty members are in demand as guest conductors, clinicians and soloists. For more details, please visit messiah.edu/music.

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers 2023 Tour

Thursday, March 9: Lancaster, Pa.

Manheim Central High School, 7 a.m.

J.P. McCaskey High School, 10 a.m.

Lampeter-Strasburg High School, 12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 10: Newark, Del.

Wilmington Christian School, 8 a.m.

Unionville High School, 10 a.m.

Avon Grove High School, 1 p.m.

Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 11: Laurel, Md.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 12, Frederick, Md.

Frederick Presbyterian Church

10:30 a.m. service

3 p.m. concert

Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m.

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