

# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

## MESSIAH UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*Dr. Timothy Dixon, Conductor*

**In a Family Concert**

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**Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

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



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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

# PROGRAM

“Procession of the Nobles” from *Mlada* ..... Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov  
(1844-1908)

*Hansel and Gretel: Overture* ..... E. Humperdinck  
(1854-1921)

*Academic Festival Overture*, Op. 80..... Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

*Nettleton* ..... Arr. Johnnie Vinson  
(b. 1944)

Symphony No. 8, Op. 88 in G Major..... A. Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

*IV: Allegro ma non troppo*

\*\*After this performance, you are invited to the Sawatsky Lobby (outside Parm-  
er Hall) where members of the Messiah University Symphony Orchestra will be  
present to show some instruments to our younger audience members up close  
and help them to make a sound too!\*\*

# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

## **Flutes**

Ian Gibson – Clearfield, PA

Callie Hoffer – Manheim, PA

Audrey Shannon – Canfield, OH

## **Clarinets**

Kendra Jones – Hollidaysburg, PA

Abigail Simcox – Clearfield, PA

## **Oboes**

Heidi Krug – West Chester, PA

Jaron Witmer – Richland, PA

## **Bassoon**

Sophia DiPrimeo – Philadelphia, PA

## **Horns**

Oliver Paris – Mechanicsburg, PA

Annie Rizzo – Royersford, PA

Savannah Schmidt – Media, PA

Amelia Weller – Grove City, PA

Nate Winton – Jenkintown, PA

## **Trumpets**

Nick Moglia – Milford, PA

Andrew Mulligan – Ebensburg, PA

Brayden Dudinyak – Hazleton, PA

## **Trombones**

Caleb Childs – Bass – Harrisburg, PA

Madison Palmer – Dalton, PA

Jayvin Rempel – Millville, NJ

## **Timpani/Percussion**

Scarlett Agramonte – Hazleton, PA

Yemliot Tirado Franceschini – Lebanon, PA

Brian Gambler – Reading, PA

## **Keyboard**

Julia Laessig – Newtown Square, PA

## **Violins**

Madison Chieppa – Mechanicsburg, PA

Anna Clement – Quakertown, PA

Liam Cole – Carlisle, PA

Isabel Cowperthwaite – Columbia, MD

Paris Emerie – Lewisberry, PA

Nicholas Epps – Hamilton, NJ

Josiah Evans – Elizabethtown, PA

Avery Harrison – Westminster, MD

Lydia Herr – Lancaster, PA

Devon Hoover – Woodbridge, VA

Faith Ilyes – York, PA

Elise Kersten, Co-Concertmaster – Phoenix, MD

Autumn Kirkley – Millersville, PA

Valerie Lemmon – Mechanicsburg, PA

Anne McIlvaine – Lancaster, PA

Aaron Miedel – Wooster, OH

Grace Pearce, Co-Concertmaster – York, PA

Jack Safer – Mechanicsburg, PA

Kylie Walker – Somerset, PA

Chloe Wist – West Chester, PA

## **Violas**

Ryan Anderson, Co-principal – Londonderry, NH

Giuseppe Mazzella di Bosco – Mechanicsburg, PA

Kara McDiffitt – Dillsburg, PA

Elizabeth Perez – Manorville, NY

Erin Weaver, Co-principal – Elizabethtown, PA

Nathan Wieseman – Mechanicsburg, PA

Iva Yen – Leola, PA

## **Cellos**

Jonathan Andujar – Woodbridge, VA

Shelby Beadle – Harrisburg, PA

Grace Franchetti – Glenside, PA

Reagan Holland – Waldmohr, Germany

Seneca Mikesell, Co-Principal – Dillsburg, PA

Ezra Miller – Harrisonburg, VA  
Lillie Parent – Orchard Park, NY  
Danaya Pellas – Hanover, PA  
Abigail Slisher – Henrietta, NY  
Adrianne Sobrevilla, Co-Principal – Mechanicsburg, PA

**Bass**

Brianis Battistini – New Cumberland, PA  
Henry Buchanan – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Elsie Crisp – Dauphin, PA  
Maya Janssen – Long Valley, NJ  
Patrick Litzinger – Johnstown, PA  
Isaac Neuenschwander, Principal – Pasadena, MD  
Deacon Shearer – Myerstown, PA

For details on the 2025-2026 Performing Arts Series and Concerts  
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## PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

### *PROJECT Trio*

October 10 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### *Marcus C. DeLoach, Baritone*

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

### *Messiah University Christmas Concert*

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

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

### *Susquehanna Chorale Concert – A Candlelight Christmas*

December 19 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### *Peter Sirotin and Friends “Fruitful Friendship”*

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

### *Vienna Boys Choir “Made in Austria”*

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

### *Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Louis Armstrong’s “Hot Five” Recordings*

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

## CONCERTS

### *Messiah University Concert Choir and Alumni Reunion Concert*

*Joy Meade, conductor*

October 4 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 3:00 p.m.

### *Messiah University Jazz Ensembles*

*William Stowman and Todd Goranson, conductors*

October 4 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### *Messiah University Percussion Ensemble*

*Erik Forst, conductor*

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

***Messiah University Jazz Combo***

*Todd Goranson, conductor*

November 4 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Wind Ensemble***

*James Colonna, conductor*

***Messiah University Symphonic Winds***

*Travis Weller, conductor*

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

***Messiah University Chamber Ensembles***

November 10 • 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 11 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Symphony Orchestra***

*Timothy Dixon, conductor*

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

***Messiah University Chamber Ensembles***

November 17 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Piano Ensemble***

*Olivia Ellis, director*

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

***Messiah University Musica Nova: Student Compositions***

December 9 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Guitar Ensemble***

*Gavin Horning, director*

December 14 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m.

***Messiah University Symphony Orchestra***

*Timothy Dixon, conductor*

February 13 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Chamber Singers "Brahms Love Songs"***

*Joy Meade, conductor*

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

***Messiah University Wind Ensemble***

*James Colonna, conductor*

***Messiah University Symphonic Winds***

*Travis Weller, conductor*

February 20 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Kuhlman Competition***

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

***Messiah University Concert Choir***

*Joy Meade, conductor*

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

***Messiah University Jazz Combo***

*Todd Goranson, director*

March 24 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Symphonic Winds***

*Travis Weller, director*

***Messiah University Percussion Ensemble***

*Erik Forst, director*

*With Special Guests Three Rivers Youth Orchestra Winds*

March 26 • High Center, Parmer Hall 6:00 p.m.

***Messiah University Spring Choral Showcase***

*Women's Ensemble*

*Rachel Cornacchio, conductor*

*Men's Ensemble*

*Matthew Topping, conductor*

April 10 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Chamber Ensembles***

April 13 • 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 14 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Wind Ensemble***

*James Colonna, conductor*

April 15 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.



***Messiah University Chamber Ensembles***

April 20 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Piano Ensemble***

*Olivia Ellis, director*

April 24 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Handbell Choir***

*Daniel Brownell, director*

April 25 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Jazz Ensembles***

*William Stowman and Todd Goranson, conductors*

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

***Musica Nova: Student Compositions***

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

***Messiah University Guitar Ensemble***

*Gavin Horning, director*

May 2 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m.

***Messiah University United Voices of Praise***

*Brandon Booth, director*

May 2 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 4:00 p.m.

***Messiah University Percussion Ensemble***

*Erik Forst, conductor*

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

*Performing Arts Series require tickets • To purchase, please contact the Messiah University Box Office at 717-691-6036 or online at [messiah.edu/tickets](http://messiah.edu/tickets).*

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Families with children are always welcome at Messiah University Music Department events. For the courtesy of our performers and other patrons, we ask that you exit quickly and for as long as necessary with unsettled children. Everyone, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

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