

# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

## MESSIAH UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC WINDS

*Dr. Travis Weller, Conductor*

## MESSIAH UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE

*Dr. James Colonna, Conductor*

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**Friday, November 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.**

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



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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

# PROGRAM

## MESSIAH UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC WINDS

Praises .....W. Francis McBeth  
Conducted by Elizabeth Lebo

Variants on an Early American Hymn Tune ..... arr. James Curnow  
Conducted by Annie Rizzo

The Promise of Living (from the Tender Land) ..... Aaron Copland  
Arr. Curnow

American Visions ..... Travis J. Weller

## MESSIAH UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE

Shortcut Home (2003) ..... Dana Wilson  
(b. 1946)

The Four Horsemen ..... David Bennett  
(1892-1990)  
*Annie Rizzo, Oliver Paris, Nate Winton, Amelia Weller, Soloists*

The Pursuit of Happiness (2024) ..... Jim Colonna  
(b. 1970)

1. The Seeker,

*Those who search for happiness do not find it  
because they do not understand that the object is the seeker.*

2. When I looked at the sky, the stars sparkled with love.

*“Don’t hurry for anything, and don’t worry about the future.  
Don’t worry about the progress you’re making.  
Just be entirely content to be aware of what is.”*

3. Be Here Now,

*“There is no greater freedom than to be what you are now.”*

# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC WINDS MEMBERS

## Flutes

Kaitlyn Albrecht – Lancaster, PA  
Ava Gruenwald – Wheaton, IL  
Kaylie Horst – Lititz, PA  
Valerie Lemmon – Harrisburg, PA  
Abigail Marks – York, PA  
Joshua Oyler – Camp Hill, PA  
Shylah Watson – Parkville, MD

## Oboe

Susan Travis – Newville, PA

## Clarinets

Colleen Elias – Dover, PA  
Evalynn Fultz – Rising Sun, MD  
Claire Heller – Boiling Springs, PA  
Annie Rizzo – Royersford, PA  
Bryant Rohrer – Duncannon, PA  
Daniel Teppig – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Travis Weibley – Liverpool, PA

## Bass Clarinet

Jennifer DeMers – Dover, PA

## Saxophones

Patrick Ewing – McClure, PA  
Adam Mast – Lancaster, PA  
Gabriel E. Nater Padro – Carlisle, PA  
Marlon Stewart – Mechanicsburg, PA

## Bassoon

RaeAnne Hudson – Carlisle, PA

## Trumpets

Daniel Balsbaugh – Annville, PA  
Cinzia Fowler – Windsor, PA  
Ezra Hess – Airville, PA  
Elizabeth Lebo – Mountville, PA  
Matthew Lenko – Ocean City, NJ

Andrew Mulligan – Ebensburg, PA  
Deacon Shearer – Myerstown, PA  
Matthew Sicina – Milford, PA

### **Horn in F**

Ellie Fasick – Camp Hill, PA  
Chelsea Fink – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Claire Reitnour – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Olivia Shoop – Boiling Springs, PA

### **Trombones**

Hope Adedokun – Phoenixville, PA  
Nico Colitas – Nazareth, PA  
Cassie Gehenio – Mechanicsburg, PA  
YiLi Smedley – Titusville, PA

### **Euphoniums**

Patrick Litzinger – Johnstown, PA  
Emily Wagner – Dillsburg, PA

### **Tubas**

Jaden Collado – New Oxford, PA  
Quentin Himes – Bowling Springs, PA  
Dekenon Pollock – Mount Union, PA

### **Percussion**

Rachel DePaula – Nazareth, PA  
Merek Goyette – Williamsport, PA  
Will Matzner – Boiling Springs, PA  
Jackson Overdorf – Lewisberry, PA  
Jordan Rodgers – Colchester, CT  
Alisha Wyland – New Cumberland, PA

# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

## **Piccolo**

Audrey Shannon – Canfield, OH

## **Flutes**

Natalie Billet – York, PA

Allie Focht – Danville, PA

Ian Gibson – Clearfield, PA

Lydia Lloyd – Newville, PA

## **Clarinets**

Faith Bobrow – Westminster, MD

Cora Botts – Wheaton, IL

Kendra Jones – Hollidaysburg, PA

Meilynn Poletti – York, PA

Abigail Simcox – Clearfield, PA

## **Bass Clarinet**

Claire Heller - Boiling Springs, PA

## **Contra Bass Clarinet**

Tim Puglio – Mechanicsburg, PA

## **Oboe**

Joy Yang - Carlisle, PA

## **Saxophones**

Connor Appleman – Danville, PA

Nicholas Covert, Mechanicsburg, PA

Kelcey English – Hawk Run, PA

Marlin Stewart – Darby, PA

## **Bassoon**

Sophia DiPrimeo – Philadelphia, PA

## **Trumpets**

Brayden Dudinyak – Hazleton, PA

Chelsea Fink – Mechanicsburg, PA

Elizabeth Lebo – Mountville, PA

Nichola Moglia – Milford, PA

Cameron Morgan – Olyphant, PA  
Andrew Mulligan – Ebensburg, PA

### **Horns**

Tiah Masood - Robertsdale, PA  
Elijah Palmer – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Oliver Paris – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Annie Rizzo – Royersford, PA  
Mimi Weller – Grove City, PA  
Nate Winton – Jenkintown, PA

### **Trombones**

Caleb Childs – Sharon, PA  
Eli Matthews – West Grove, PA  
Madison Palmer – Dalton, PA  
Emily Wagner – Dillsburg, PA

### **Euphonium**

Jayvin Rempel – Millville, NJ  
Caleb Steele – Bethel Park, PA

### **Tuba**

Eric Henry – Carlisle, PA

### **Percussion**

Scarlette Agramonte – Hazleton, PA  
Yemliot Franceschini – Lebanon, PA  
Brian Gambler – Reading, PA  
Clint Miller – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Jackson Seivard – Dillsburg, PA

### **Piano**

Jayvin Rempel – Millville, NJ

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## PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

*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 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.

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