



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Presents in Concert

# Messiah University Chamber Singers

Joy Meade, Director

Abby Stewart, piano  
Daniel Umholtz, piano

Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

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# Program

Neue Liebeslieder Walzer, Op. 65 ..... Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

1. Verzicht, o Herz auf Rettung

Renounce, o heart, all hope of rescue,  
when you venture on the sea of love!  
For a thousand barques drift  
and founder on the shore around!

2. Finstere Schatten der Nacht

Dark, nocturnal shadows,  
waves and whirlpool peril!  
Can they who calmly linger  
safely on the shore  
ever understand you?

He alone can do so  
who drifts in the stormy desolation  
of high seas,  
miles away from the shore.

3. An jeder Hand die Finger

On the fingers of either hand  
I wore the rings  
my brother had given me  
in affection.  
And one after the other  
I gave them to the handsome  
but worthless young man.

Mandy Bevenour, soprano  
Anne McIlvaine, mezzo-soprano

4. Ihr schwarzen Augen

With your dark eyes  
a mere gaze is needed –  
palaces will fall  
and cities sink.  
How in such a skirmish  
should my heart,  
that frail house of cards,  
stay standing?

Daniel Micsion, baritone

5. Wahre, wahre deinen Sohn

Guard, good neighbour, guard  
your son from harm,  
for with my dark eyes  
I intend to bewitch him.

Ah, how my eyes blaze  
to inflame him!  
If his soul is not kindled  
your cottage will catch fire.

Kristin Nolt, mezzo-soprano

6. Rosen steckt mir an die Mutter

My mother pins roses on me,  
because I am so distressed.  
She's right to do so: the rose withers,  
when stripped of leaves, like me.

Madilyn Potteiger, soprano

7. Vom Gebirge Well auf Well

From the mountain, wave on wave,  
the torrential rain teems down,  
and I would dearly love to give you  
one hundred thousand kisses.

8. Weiche Gräser im Revier

Soft grasses in the glade,  
a quiet and pretty spot!  
How blissful it is  
to recline here with a lover!

Elizabeth Lebo, soprano  
Tiah Masood, mezzo-soprano  
Daniel Lin, tenor  
Ryan Cascarella, bass

9. Nagen am Herzen fühl ich

I feel a poison gnaw at my heart.  
Can a young girl,  
without yielding  
to tender affection,  
bear the thought  
of a whole lifetime  
devoid of bliss?

Eliana McFate, soprano

10. Ich kose süß mit der und der

I sweetly caress this girl and that,  
grow taciturn and ill,  
because always, always my thoughts  
return, o Nonna, to you!

Jaron Witmer, tenor

11. Alles, alles in den Wind

Everything you tell me, flatterer,  
is wasted breath!  
All your efforts are wasted,  
you hypocrite!

Set your snares  
for another victim!  
For you are a wanton thief,  
wooing all and sundry!

Orphie Hartman, soprano

12. Schwarzer Wald, dein Schatten

Dark forest, your shadows are so sombre!  
Your suffering, poor heard, so oppressive!  
The one thing you value stands before you,  
But a happy union is forbidden forever!

Elizabeth Lebo, soprano  
Emily Evans, mezzo-soprano  
Daniel Lin, tenor  
Clint Miller, bass

13. Nein Geliebter, setz dich

No, my love, do not sit  
so close to me!  
Do not gaze so fervently  
into my eyes.  
However much your heart might burn,  
subdue your desire,  
that the world might not see  
how we love each other!

Eliana McFate, soprano  
Kristin Nolt, mezzo-soprano

14. Flammenauge, dunkles Haar

Bold, adorable young man,  
with fiery eyes and dark hair.  
You are the cause that sorrow  
has entered my poor heart.

Can the burning sun turn to ice,  
can day turn into night?  
Can an ardent human heart  
breathe without passion's glow?

Is the meadow drenched in light,  
for the flower to grow in the dark?  
Is the world so full of pleasure  
for the heart to perish in grief?

Elizabeth Lebo, soprano  
Tiah Masood, mezzo-soprano

Madi Potteiger, soprano  
Nadia Griffith, mezzo-soprano  
Elijah Palmer, tenor  
Dekenon Pollock, bass

15. Zum Schluss: Nun, ihr Musen, genug

Enough, now, ye Muses!  
You strive in vain to show  
How joy and sorrow alternate  
in loving hearts.  
You cannot heal the wounds,  
inflicted by Love;  
but assuagement comes from you alone.

English Translations by Richard Stokes

~ Brief Pause ~

“It’s You I Like”

Words and Music by Fred Rogers (1928-2003)

Arr. David Von Kampen

Deacon Shearer, trumpet

“I’ve Grown Accustomed To Her Face” from *My Fair Lady*

Music by Frederick Loewe (1901-1988)

Words by Alan Jay Lerner (1918-1986)

Bryant Rohrer, baritone

“I’ve Never Been In Love Before” from *Guys and Dolls*

Music by Frederick Loewe (1901-1988)

Words by Alan Jay Lerner (1918-1986)

Madi Potteiger, soprano

Josiah Evans, baritone

“Mr. Snow” from *Carousel*

Music by Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960)

Jordan Rodgers, mezzo-soprano

“People Will Say We’re In Love” from *Oklahoma!*

Music by Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960)

Mandy Bevenour, soprano

Elijah Palmer, tenor

But Not For Me from *Girl Crazy*

Music and Words by George Gershwin (1898-1937) and Ira Gershwin (1896-1983)

Deacon Shearer, baritone and trumpet

“It Takes Two” from *Into the Woods*

Music and Words by Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021)

Anne McIlvaine, mezzo-soprano

Daniel Lin, tenor

~ Surprise Celebrity Guest Appearance Performance ~

“Valentine”

Words and Music by Pat Monahan (b. 1969) and William Wiik Larsen (b. 1986)

Arranged by Jacob Narverud (b. 1986)

# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS 2025-2026

## **Soprano**

Mandy Bevenour - Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

Orphie Hartman - Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Lebo - Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Eliana McFate - Frederick, Maryland

Madilyn Potteiger - Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

## **Alto**

Emily Evans - Duncannon, Pennsylvania

Nadia Griffith - Newville, Pennsylvania

Tiah Masood - Robertsdale, Pennsylvania

Anne McIlvaine - Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Kristin Nolt - Ephrata, Pennsylvania

Jordan Rodgers - Colchester, Connecticut

## **Tenor**

Daniel Lin - Westwood, New Jersey

Elijah Palmer - Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

Deacon Shearer - Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Jaron Witmer - Lebanon, Pennsylvania

## **Bass**

Ryan Cascarella - Lititz, Pennsylvania

Josiah Evans - Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Daniel Micsion - Souderton, Pennsylvania

Clint Miller - Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

Dekenon Pollock - Mount Union, Pennsylvania

Bryant Rohrer - Marysville, Pennsylvania

Please join us for a Valentine's reception after the concert.

A special thank you to the Byers-Cascarella Family and Byers Bakery in Lititz, PA for donating the treats for tonight's reception!

Thank you to each of you for supporting the Chamber Singers and Concert Choir on their May 2026 international tour to Finland, Estonia and Latvia.