A Choral Christmas

2016–17 Season
236th and 238th Concerts

Sunday 4 December 2016
First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo
4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**COLLEGIATE SINGERS**
Ken Prewitt, Conductor

**CANTUS FEMINA**
Dee Gauthier, Conductor

**UNIVERSITY CHORALE**
Kimberly Dunn Adams, Conductor

**GOLD COMPANY**
Greg Jasperse, Director

**HOLIDAY GRAND CHORUS**
Kimberly Dunn Adams, Conductor

**featuring faculty guest artists**
Rhea Olivacce, Soprano Soloist
Karl Schrock, University Organist

We ask that all applause be withheld until the conclusion of the program. Please be mindful of the recording in progress. Please refrain from flash photography. The audience is invited to stand and join the choirs in singing the carols. Thank you.

Leo Sowerby
1895–1968
Meditation on Picardy
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Karl Shrock, Organ

French Processional
15th Century
Veni, veni Emmanuel

William Byrd
1543–1623
Ave Verum Corpus
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who has truly suffered, and was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste of heaven, during our final trial,
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu merciful, O Jesu Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

University Chorale
Once in Royal David’s City
(SOLO)
Once in royal David’s city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

(CHOIR)
He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

(ALL)
And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

(ALL)
Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Soloist: Melanie Walker

Holiday Grand Chorus, Audience, and Organ

Larry Shackley
Good Tidings
Soloist: Rhea Olivacce

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Wassail Song
Conductor: Kristina Riewaldt

Collegiate Singers

John Henry Hopkins Jr.
We Three Kings
arr. Darmon Meader
Gold Company

Michael John Trotta
Veni, Veni Emmanuel
Percussion: Christopher Fosnot, Owen Rushford

Don Macdonald
There is No Rose
Cantus Femina

Mykola Leontovych
Carol of the Bells
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
1877–1921
University Chorale

Conductor: Joel Snyder
Zoltán Kodály
1882–1967

Gloria from Missa Brevis
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,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Soloists: Savannah Gonsoulin, Maxwell Wagner, Joel Snyder

University Chorale

CAROL
Lowell Mason/
Isaac Watts

Joy to the World!
Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
Let all their songs employ:
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love.

Holiday Grand Chorus, Audience, and Organ

arr. John Rutter
John Leavitt
b. 1956

Deck the Hall
Ose Shalom

The One who makes peace in the heavens,
May He make peace for us
and for all Israel,
and let us say, let us say Amen.

Soloists: Naomi Kumwenda, Eden Scott

Collegiate Singers

Abbie Betinis

Jerusalem Luminosa
Alleluia. – Jerusalem, city of light,
Vision of true peace.
Alleluia. – All holy, all elegant,
Is that which shows itself in thee.

Cantus Femina
Thank you for your presence today and for your continued support of the School of Music and choral program at Western Michigan University. We aspire to enlighten, engage, and inspire our community through our music. We hope you have enjoyed today’s concert. If you would like to make a tax-deductible monetary donation that directly supports the choral program, please see our WMU Foundation website: MyWMU.com/choirfund.