



**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™**  
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY CHORAL AREA**

**A HOLIDAY CHORAL  
CONCERT**

*featuring*

**OPUS**

**CANTARÉ**

**SCHOLA CANTORUM**

**STATE SINGERS**

Phillip Stockton, *conductor*

Cody Parrott, *conductor*

Rachel Wood, *collaborating accompanist*

William Harned, *collaborating accompanist*

Hudson Akin, *student conductor*

Haley Bondurant, *student conductor*

Emma Duncan, *student conductor*

**November 28, 2023**

**First Baptist Church, Starkville**

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# PROGRAM

## COMBINED CHOIRS

**Ding, Dong! Merrily On High!**

**Arranged by Ryan Murphy  
Text by George Radcliffe Woodward**

Rachel Wood, primo; William Harned, secondo; Griffin Bowers, chimes

## OPUS

**O Lux Beatissima**

**Music by Howard Helvey  
Text attributed to Stephen Langton**

Hudson Akin, *student conductor*

*O light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of thy faithful.  
Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.  
O light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of thy faithful.*

**Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy**

**Music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
Arranged by Jeff Funk**

## CANTARÉ

**Veni Creator Spiritus**

**Music by Anthony Bernarducci  
Text attributed to Rabanus Maurus**

Griffin Bowers, *djembe*

*Come, Creator Spirit visit the souls of your devoted;  
With your divine grace fill the hearts which you have created.  
Enkindle your light in our minds, infuse your love into our hearts;  
Strengthen the frailties of our flesh by your perpetual power.*

**My Lord Has Come**

**Music by Will Todd**

## SCHOLA CANTORUM

**CRADLE HYMN**

**Music by Kim Andre Arnesen  
Text by Isaac Watts**

Haley Bondurant, *student conductor*  
Joseph Ortiguera, violin; Daniel Stevens, violin; Jordan Wayne, viola; Amy Catron, cello

*Hush my dear, lie still and slumber, Holy angels guard thy bed!  
Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head,  
See the kindly shepherds round Him, telling wonders from the sky!  
When they sought Him, there they found Him, with His Virgin Mother by,  
See the lovely babe dressing; lovely infant how He smiled!  
When He the mother's blessing, soothed and hushed the holy child.  
May'st thou live to know and fear Him, trust and love Him all thy days;  
Then go dwell forever near Him, see His face and sing His Praise!  
Hush my dear, holy angels guard thy bed! Amen.*

## SPECIAL THANKS

*Dr. Garrett Torbert, coordinator of voice  
Mr. Peter Infanger, voice faculty  
Ms. Rachel Wood, collaborative piano faculty  
Dr. Tom Jenkins, Director of Music FBC, Starkville  
Hunter Blades, usher*

*Dr. Roza Tulyaganova, voice faculty  
Danielle Gaudé – choral administrator  
Dr. Sophie Wang, collaborative piano faculty  
Anne Catherine Ragsdale, collaborative piano faculty  
Chase Boudreaux, usher*

*Dr. Jeanette Fontaine, applied music coordinator  
Ms. Cori Reece, voice faculty  
Dr. Bill Harned, collaborative piano faculty  
Andy Smith, First Baptist Tech  
Miles Warfel, usher*

## JOY TO THE WORLD

Music by Lowell Mason  
Arranged by Dan Forrest

Olivia Boatman, piccolo; Daniel Stevens, fiddle; Haley Bondurant, synthesizer; Griffin Bowers, Bodhran  
Rachel Wood, primo; William Harned, secondo

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing!  
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.  
Joy to the earth the Savior 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!*

## STATE SINGERS

### WASSAIL SONG

Music Traditional  
Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Wassail, Wassail, all over the town,  
Our bread it is white and ale it is brown;  
Our bowl it is made of the green maple tree;  
In the Wassail bowl we'll drink unto thee.*

*Here's a health to the ox and to his right eye,  
Pray God send our master a good Christmas pie,  
A good Christmas pie as e'er I did see.  
In the Wassail bowl we'll drink unto thee.*

*Here's a health to the ox and to his right horn,  
Pray God send our master a good crop of corn,  
A good crop of corn as e'er I did see,  
In the Wassail bowl we'll drink unto thee.*

*Here's a health to the ox and to his long tail,  
Pray God send our master a good cask of ale,  
A good cask of ale as e'er I did see,  
In the Wassail bowl we'll drink unto thee.*

*Come, butler, come fill us a bowl of the best;  
Then I pray that your soul in heaven may rest;  
But if you do bring us a bowl of the small,  
May the Devil take butler, bowl and all!*

*Then here's to the maid in the lily white smock,  
Who tripp'd to the door and slipp'd back the lock;  
Who tripp'd to the door and pull'd back the pin,  
For to let these jolly Wassailers walk in.*

### LOBET DEN HERRN, BWV 230

Music by J.S. Bach  
Text from Psalms 117

Joseph Ortiguera, violin; Daniel Stevens, violin; Jordan Wayne, viola; Amy Catron, cello  
Jessica Haislip, oboe; Caroline Kiser, English horn; Toccara Edmonds, English horn

*Praise the Lord, all the heathens and celebrate him, all the peoples!  
For His grace and truth reign over us forever. Alleluia!*

### ALL BELLS IN PARADISE

Music and text by John Rutter

Emma Duncan, student conductor

*Today Christ is born; today the Savior has appeared;  
Today the angels sing, the Archangels rejoice;  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!*

### I CAN TELL THE WORLD

Arranged by Moses Hogan  
Traditional Spiritual

*I can tell the world, yes, about this, I can tell the nations, yes, that I'm blessed.  
Tell 'em what my Lord has done, tell 'em the conqueror has come, and He brought joy, to my soul.  
My Lord done just what He said. Yes He did, Oh Lord. He healed the sick and He raised the dead.  
He lifted me when I was down. He set my feet on solid ground.  
He brought joy that morning' when He saved me. Joy, that mornin' when he blessed me.  
I'll tell it, how He brought this joy to my soul. Hallelujah!*

### IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Music by Gustav Holst  
Arranged by Dan Forrest

## PERSONNEL

### OPUS

Daniel Adejumbo	Antryll T Campbell	Samuel A. Gonzalez	Jonathan Lindamood	Max Smaglick
Hudson Akin	Jacob Carruth	Riley Hardy	Ethan Maness	Bradley Stafford
Caige Baum	***John Cranford	Will Hardy	Seth Matlock	Conner Stingley
Hudson Bland	Hazel Crossler	Kevin Ho	Nicholas McGowan	Jacob Uithoven
Nathan Brents	Willian da Silva	Ellis Jackson	Bryce McLane	Jakob Vernon
SJ Brocato	Chrisopher Dutton	Jaymar Jackson II	Landon Milford	Slaten Vowels
Brandarius Brown	Zach Dykema	Ian Jones	Jerremy Moore	Dontavius Webb
Darryl Brundidge, Jr.	Kindal Gammill	Jordan Keely	Brady Paulk	Grant Yeatman
	Madison Glidewell		Nathan Shelton	

### Cantaré

Jet Adams	Antryll T Campbell	Layne Wayne Pilcher II	Brianna Smith	Caleb Studdie
Caige Baum	Miracle Chiyamwaka	Sara Prator	Brooke Smith	Kyle Swindle
Caleb Beard	Emma Haines	Emma Ray	Sarah Joy Smith	Sommer Williams
Blair Belcher	Sarah Beth Heard	Cooper Robertson	Samuel Somervell	Grant Yeatman
Griffin Bowers	Emily Jennings	Rianna Saucedo	Lane Spradling	Colin Zazzara
	Meredith Molen		Declan Storey	

### Schola Cantorum

Gabriella Arbesfeld	Miracle Chiyamwaka	Sandy Holmes	Andriyona Phillips	May Spangler
Andrea Bailey	Taylor Clark	Rachel Hosp	Abby Putman	Amelia Spreen
Blair Belcher	Deanna Cotts	Naomi Hutchins	Myesha Randolph	Elissia Stewart
Savannah Bishop	Emily Crane	Angelina Jackson	Sarah Randolph	Madison Strauser
Anna Booth	Emily Crunk	Dani Janus	Emma Ray	Brianna Teer
Claire Anne Boudreaux	Miranda Dickson	Kait Johnson	Teanda RYanne Richardson	Maria Timberlake
Madeline Boyd	Genesis Edmond	Sophia Grace Lindsey	Cecily Rolfe	Kiya Tynes
Hannah Carruth	Cheyenne Ellison	Bronwen Maddox	Kylie Evangelista	Emma Van Epps
Sarah Elizabeth Chandlee	Kaitlyn Hardy	Lola McElhaney	Janiya Rutherford	Bekah Vaughn
Bethany Grace Chaney	Sarah Beth Heard	Aniyah Mckissic	Jessaca Shepherd	Jasmine Williams
***Jasmine Chaney	Destiny Hill	***Madison Meek	Gracie Smith	Sommer Williams
	Abigail Hoeniges	Taylor Moore	***Makayla Smith	Anne-Hale Winter

### State Singers

Hudson Akin	Bodie Dodson	Audrey Harper	Adonijah Mpinga	Max Smaglick
Lawson Ashurst	Emma Duncan	Ellie Harwell	Aliyah Necaise	Jaylen Stowers
Kendall Austin	Asia Ellis	Desmond Henderson	Matthew Parker	Anna Katherine Thompson
Haley Bondurant	Aubrey English	Justin Howard	Chase Pullum	Kat Trinque
Darryl Brundidge, Jr.	***André Ferguson	Graham Hughes	Madalyn Ross	Jackson Valdez
Kenzie Claire Burchfield	Carly Ferrell	Jacob King	Blaine Rossell Smith	Jakob Vernon
Madeline Chapman	Jacob Glenn	AlexLewellyn	RJ Rutherford	Veronica Washington
Jaden Cleveland	Natalia Gonzalez	Jonathan Lindamood	Marie Schemitsch	Jarreau Weaver
Kyana Conway	Austin Gothard	Ethan Maness	Zion-Nahzir Scott	Alexandria White
Hannah Daniels	Joshua Hamann	Aniyah Mckissic	Caleb Shirley	Sydney Williams
Willian da Silva				Emma Woodward