



ASBURY UNIVERSITY

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Songs of the Season

Friday, December 5, 2025
7:30 p.m.

Hughes Auditorium
Wilmore, Ky.

PRESENTED BY
Asbury Chorale
Asbury Orchestra
Asbury English Faculty

SONGS OF THE SEASON ORDER OF PROGRAM

Welcome and Prayer Kevin J. Brown, Ph.D.
President

PART I: HE WILL COME

"Veni, Veni Emmanuel" Michael John Trotta
Chorale

Introduction to the Evening Nathan Miller '05, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Music

"The Lark Ascending" Ralph Vaughan Williams
Orchestra
Saelim Henderson, M.M., Violin Soloist

"Christmas Oratorio" by W. H. Auden
Read by Elizabeth Parker, Ph.D.

"Oratorio de Noël" Camille Saint-Saëns
Chorale and String Orchestra

Soloists: Isaac Brooks, M.M., Donovan Chung '26,
Lindsey Melhorn '26, Gentry Osbourn '27, Mikah Saub '27

PART II: CHRIST IS BORN

"Nativity Poem" by Joseph Brodsky, translated by Seamus Heaney
Read by Rachel Rinehart, M.F.A.

"O Lux Beata Trinitas" Kurt E. von Kampen
Chorale

A Carol Fantasy Orchestra

"Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem" by Maya Angelou
Read by Erin Penner, Ph.D.

"Holy Radiant Light" Alexandre Gretchaninoff
Chorale

PART III: WE REMEMBER

"Refuge" by Malcolm Guite
Read by Devin Brown, Ph.D.

"Hark! In 7/8" Steven Landau
Chorale

"Remembering that It Happened Once" by Wendell Berry
Read by Andrea Gyertson '95 Nasfell, M.F.A.

"Sussex Carol" Elaine Hagenberg
Chorale and Orchestra

"Christmas" by George Herbert
Read by Dan Strait, Ph.D.

Christmas Festival Orchestra

SOLOISTS

Donovan Chung is a senior Vocal Performance major from Louisville, Ky. He serves in multiple leadership roles as part of the Salvation Army Student Fellowship Music and Arts program and is a dedicated member of the Asbury Chorale, the praise team, and the Gospel Choir. Known for his commitment to musical excellence and his warm, collegial spirit, Donovan excels both academically and as an active contributor to campus ensembles.

Lindsey Melhorn is a senior Music Education student from Louisville, Ky. In her time at Asbury, Lindsey has enjoyed singing in Chorale, playing oboe in Concert Band and Orchestra, and leading chapel worship. After graduating this spring, Lindsey intends to student teach and lead worship at her church.

Gentry Osbourn is a junior Music Education major from Stanford, Ky. She is active in leadership roles across the music department and excels both academically and in performance. Gentry intends to follow where the Lord leads her, guided by her love for music.

Mikah Saub is a junior Pre-music Therapy and Vocal Performance student from Omaha, Neb. She has had many opera/musical theater roles during her

time at Asbury and was the music director for the sophomore musical “The Sound of Music” in Spring 2025. Mikah intends to get her board certification following her graduation and pursue a master’s degree in music therapy.

Prof. Saelim Henderson, a native of Seoul, South Korea, started playing the violin at the age of 4. She completed her bachelor’s degree in Music at Pusan National University, South Korea then enrolled in Campbellsville University (KY) in 2008 where she received recognition for exceptional achievement in Instrumental performance in 2009 and completed her master’s in Music Performance in 2010. At present, she is a doctoral student in Musical Performance at the University of Kentucky. She is currently an adjunct professor at Asbury University and an active member of the University of Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra and Orchestra Kentucky in Bowling Green.

PERSONNEL

CHORALE

Isaac Brooks,
director

Soprano 1

Faith Alford
Campbell Gorbett
Addison Polk
Mikah Saub

Soprano 2

Jessica Edwards
Lindsey Melhorn
CJ Oak
Gentry Osbourn

Alto 1

Laurienne DeAtley
Audrey Houchin
Heidi Pym
Erin Robinette
Abby Woodard

Alto 2

Chloe Adams
Hannah Platt
Abigail Tingle
Anna Winn

Tenor 1

Mary Beth Durham

Parker Phillips

Tenor 2

Donovan Chung
Kidron Jones

Bass 1

William Hansen
Jackson Hicks
Josiah Lynes
Joshua Robinett
Gabe Winn

Bass 2

Bramwell Carr
Jonas Carr
Andrew Gibbons
Richard Sayre

ORCHESTRA

Dr. Nathan Miller,
director

First Violin

Caitlin Burke
Bailey Gassman
Madelyn McCall
Rebecca Yount
Elsa Song

Second Violin

Gabriella Ferraz
Arianna Brannon
Anne Chang
Isaac McCall
Saelim Henderson

Viola

Maxson Zonio
Melissa Richard
Nicoletta Moss

Cello

Millie Wasson
Reagan Guilford
Bryan Hagan
Aidan Sterner

Bass

J. Nuno Norberto

Flute

Marissa Yost
Jenna Green

Oboe/Clarinet

Lindsey Melhorn

Clarinet

Nathaniel Smith
Matthew Quarry

Bassoon

Noah Recktenwald

Horn

Josiah McKinney
Jessica Edwards
Silas Bruns

Trumpet

Madeline Madsen
William Hansen
Bramwell Carr

Trombone

Richard Sayre
Bobilyn Weldy

Bass Trombone

Mitchell Robertson

Tuba

Jonas Carr

Percussion

Noah Carr
Joshua Conklin
Emily Reed
Abigail Tingle

PRODUCER

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