

A Christmas Festival

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP WITH THE
NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



DIRECTED BY

NAOMI FANSHIER

FEATURING:

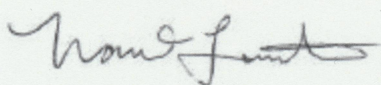
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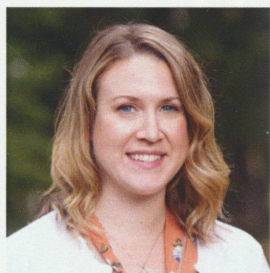
A note from the director

Merry Christmas! On behalf of my colleagues and the orchestra, I warmly welcome you to "A Christmas Festival"! My hope is this concert will open your holiday season with a chance to reflect, worship, and celebrate the birth of Jesus just as the angels did in Luke 2:13-14. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!'" (ESV) Christmas is a joyous time of year! Feel free to clap, sing, hum, cheer, and dance along to the music! Together with the orchestra, I wish you the merriest Christmas and happy new year.

Enjoy the concert!



Naomi Fanshier, director



Professor Naomi Fanshier earned her Bachelor's degree in Music Performance from Pacific Lutheran University and holds a Master's in Orchestral Conducting from Messiah University. She is currently a doctoral student at Liberty University, working toward a Doctorate in Music Education. As well as directing NU's instrumental ensembles, Naomi is a lecturing music professor and serves as the Music Department chair. She also is an active freelance clarinetist and Music Director of the Maple Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra. Naomi often arranges the music her orchestras perform and enjoys creating instrumental works in non-traditional genres. Her favorite thing to do is spend time with her husband, Marc, and son, Carter.

Northwest University Symphony Orchestra

Violin I

Abigail Nelson
Samantha Schultz,
concertmaster
Sarah Weisz

Violin II

Jay Choe*
Annika Eby
Kayleah Hayward
Aquilla McCrory

Viola

Sarah Fedorchuk*
Annelise Heemstra

Cello

Jake Fankhauser
Gabriella Franco
Charlie Lee*

Double Bass

Michael Tavani,
Orchestra Consultant

Flute

Daniel Johnston
Ashley Ott
Hanna Stephens*

Oboe

Elizabeth Meyer

Clarinet

Jack Anderson
London Roberts
Sarah Whitelock

Bassoon

Jacob Coons

Alto Saxophone

Anna Eby

French horn

Kaylee Bell*
Elizabeth Boyd

Trombone

Brandon Ware

Tuba

Jared Perez

Percussion

Seliah Greene
Matthew Haddick
Mimi Shiraki
Daniel Williams

Piano

Matthew Haddick

*Principal

Special Thanks

Vocal Soloists



Madelyn Samodurov, *alto*

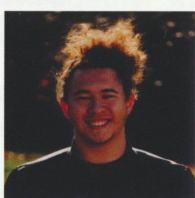


Jonathan Wong, *tenor*

Narration



Audrey Arnett



Kekoa Cerbana



Daniel McMullen

Narration arranged by Chrystal Helmcke for Northwest University.

Scripture readings from the NIV Study Bible, c. 1985.

Additional selections from:

Welcome to Our World by Chris Rice, c. 1999.

A Christmas Carol by Christina Rossetti, first published 1872.

"The Stars on Christmas Night" adapted by Ruth Sawyer, c. 1996.

A Christmas Longing by Joni Eareckson Tada, c. 1990.

Acknowledgements

Theatre Program Director: Chrystal Helmcke
Administrative Assistant, program design: Victoria Geck
Music and Office Assistant: Belicia Navarro
Northwest University tech and sound crew

Special thanks to Lindbergh Theatre and North Creek Presbyterian Church for hosting our concerts.

Program

- A Festive Fanfare** Brian Balmages
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel** Traditional, arr. Jack Bullock
- All Is Calm** Traditional, arr. Robert W. Smith
Soloist: Hannah Stephens, flute
- O Holy Night** Traditional, arr. N. Fanshier
*Soloists: Madelyn Samodurov, alto
Samantha Schultz, violin*
- From the Realms of Glory!** Traditional, arr. Patrick Roszell
- Greensleeves** Traditional, arr. Matt Riley
*Soloists: Matthew Haddick, piano
Samantha Schultz, violin
Charlie Lee, cello*
- The First Noel** Traditional, arr. Rick Flauding
- Mary, Did You Know?** Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene
arr. Chris Hanson
arr. for NU N. Fanshier
Soloist: Jonathan Wong, tenor
- The Bells of Christmas** arr. Bob Krogstad

Christmas Sing-a-long

Traditional, arr. Bob Cerulli

Led by Madelyn Samodurov and Jonathan Wong

Joy to the world, the Lord has
come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and
nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior
reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the king of angels.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n
above:
"Glory to God,
All glory in the highest!"

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and
Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

*We hope you
enjoyed the show!*

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Invite your friends to A Christmas Festival!

Friday, December 3rd at 7:30pm

Butterfield Chapel, Kirkland, WA.

Saturday, December 4th at 2pm

Lindbergh Theatre, Renton, WA

Saturday, December 4th at 7:30pm

North Creek Presbyterian Church, Mill Creek, WA.

More concerts by Northwest University music:

Northwest Choralons Legacy Concert

December 10th at 7pm, New Life Renton.

Christmas Worship with Concert Choir

December 12th at 9am and 11am, Bellevue Presbyterian Church.



About Northwest University

Northwest University is a regionally accredited, Christian institution awarding associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Located in Kirkland, Washington, we have been preparing students to lead in their careers since 1934 and offer a variety of degree programs to meet the needs of an ever-changing society.

Our traditional undergraduate experience includes over 70 majors and programs—as well as off-campus internships—to equip students for success in their careers. Our online degree programs provide the flexibility of classes that can be accessed anytime, anywhere.

Mission Statement

We, the people of Northwest University, carry the call of God by continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need.

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Northwest University Symphony Orchestra

The Northwest University Symphony Orchestra (NUSO) is comprised of NU's Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble musicians. Both students and community members alike are encouraged to participate. Founded in 2018 by director and Prof. Naomi Fanshier, NUSO is presenting "A Christmas Festival" as its inaugural Christmas tour and public debut as a symphony orchestra. To follow the progress of NUSO, make sure to follow NU's Music Department on Facebook @northwestmusic and Instagram @northwestmusic.



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