

RAZORBACK CHORUS AND TREBLE CHORUS

"Winter Concert"

Razorback Chorus
Dr. Franco Basili, director
Desmond Henderson, collaborative pianist

Treble Chorus
Professor Lauren Suchy, director
Amy Talbert, collaborative pianist
Madison Moss, graduate teaching assistant

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Faulkner Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

RAZORBACK CHORUS

Franco Basili, conductor
Desmond Henderson, collaborative pianist

Gaudete — Anonymous

Noah Merriweather, Braydon DeVinney,
Judah Sheldon, Andrew Taylor, soloists

Landkjenning (Land-Sighting) — Edward Grieg (1843-1907)

Jonathan Stinson, soloist

Where The Light Begins — Susan LaBarr (b. 1981)

Brightest and Best — arr. Shawn Kirchner

Max Shive, violin
Isaiah Anderson, percussion

TREBLE CHORUS

Madison Moss, conductor
Amy Talbert, collaborative pianist

Sankta Lucia — arr. Lungelo Ngobeni

"Laudamus te" from *Gloria* — Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

The Snow — Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Trinity Charlton, violin I
Max Shive, violin II

This Little Babe — Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah* — Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Tundra — Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Natalia Botiller, soloist

Poor Wayfaring Stranger — arr. Jonathan Rodgers

Maggie Huddleston, soloist
Peyton Ghesquiere, soloist

Madison Moss’s portion of tonight’s concert is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Music degree.

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PROGRAM NOTES

Razorback Chorus

Gaudete - Anonymous

Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus Ex Maria virgine, gaudate!	Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born Of the Virgin Mary Rejoice!
Tempus adest gratiae Hoc quod optabamus, Carmina laetitiae Devote reddamus.	The time of grace has come What we have wished for; Songs of joy Let us give back faithfully.
Deus hoo factus est Natura mirante, Mundus renovatus est A Christo regnante.	God has become man, With nature marveling, The world has been renewed By the reigning Christ.
Ezechielis porta Clausa pertransitur, Unde lux est orta Salus invenitur.	The closed gate of Ezekiel Is passed through, Whence the light is risen; Salvation has been found.
Ergo nostra contio Psallat iam in lustro; Benedicat Domino: Salus Regi nostro.	Therefore, let our assembly Now sing in brightness Let it bless the Lord: Greetings to our King.

Landkjenning (Land-Sighting) – Edward Grieg

And it was Olaf Tryggvason,
Sailing o'er the great North Sea
Seeking a new and distant Kingdom
Where yet unknown was he
Straight where his bark is steering,

“what is dimly before our eyes appearing?”

And it was Olaf Tryggvason,
Seemed without approach the land,
Then were his youngrand Kingly wishes
Shattered upon the strand:
Till of his men on sighted
Lofty peaks mid snowy clouds, all whited.

And it was Olaf Tryggvason,
Suddenly before his sight,
Rose temple walls on high majestic,
Icedomes and towers so white.
Then on that shore so glorious,
Olaf longed to stand for aye victorious.

Spring’s youthful verdure decked the land,
Purling streams made music there
Though o’er the ocean storms rushed wildly
Soft breathed the woodland air
Organs and chimes were pealing,
Then King Olaf spoke in rapture kneeling:

“Here the land is, this the stand is,
Temple arches front the darkness!
Spirits tremble, hearts are beating,
Lips the Highest praise repeating!
Let my faith as firm be grounded,
As the glacier purely rounded;
May I filled with loving fervor,
Worship God and bless Him ever!”

E’en as Olaf, we are bending
Homage to Maker sending;
Spirits tremble, hearts are beating,
Lips the Highest praise repeating!
Let our faith as firm be grounded,
As the glacier purely rounded;
May we filled with loving fervor,
Worship God and bless Him ever!”

––Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson

Where the Light Begins - Susan LaBarr

Perhaps it does not begin.
Perhaps it is always.

Perhaps it takes
a lifetime
to open our eyes,
to learn to see.

the luminous line
of the map
in the dark

the vigil flame
in the house
of the heart

the love
so searing
we cannot keep
from singing,
from crying out.

Perhaps this day
the light begins in us.
We are where the light begins.
Perhaps it does not begin.
Perhaps it is always.

––Jan Richardson

Brightest and Best - Arr. Shawn Kirchner

Hail the blest morn, see the great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger;
Lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning;
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His bed with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all!

Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

––Reginald Heber

Treble Chorus

Sankta Lucia (traditional Swedish carol) - Arr. Lungelo Ngobeni

Sankta Lucia, ljusklara hägring,
sprid i vår vinternatt glans av din fägring.
Drömmar med vingesus under oss sia, tänd
dina vita ljus, Sankta Lucia.

Saint Lucy, a vision of radiant light,
spread the splendor of your beauty through our winter night.
Dreams with the rustle of wings hover
near, light your white candles, Saint Lucy.

Kom i din vita skrud, huld med din maning.
Skänk oss, du julens brud, julfröjders aning.
Drömmar med vingesus, under oss sia, tänd
dina vita ljus, Sankta Lucia.

Come in your white robes, gracious in your call. Bring us, O bride of Christmas, a foretaste of Christmas joy.
Dreams with the rustle of wings hover
near, light your white candles, Saint Lucy.

Trollsejd och mörkermakt ljust du betvingar,
signade lågors vakt skydd åt oss bringar.
Drömmar med vingesus, under oss sia, tänd
dina vita ljus, Sankta Lucia.

With your light, you subdue dark spells and the powers of night; the watch of blessed flames brings us protection.
Dreams with the rustle of wings hover
near, light your white candles, Saint Lucy.

Stjärnor som leda oss, vägen att finna, bli
dina klara bloss, fagra prästinna.
Drömmar med vingesus, under oss sia, tänd
dina vita ljus, Sankta Lucia.

Stars that guide us to find the way become your bright torches, O fair priestess.
Dreams with the rustle of wings hover
near, light your white candles, Saint Lucy.

“Laudamus te” from Gloria - Antonio Vivaldi

Laudamus te	We praise you
Benedicimus te	We bless you
Adoramus te	We adore you
Glorificamus te	We glorify you

The Snow - Edward Elgar

O snow, which sinks so light,
Brown earth is hid from sight
O soul, be thou as white as snow,
O snow, which falls so slow,
Dear earth quite warm below;
O heart, so keep thy glow
Beneath the snow.

O snow, in thy soft grave
Sad flow’rs the winter brave;
O heart, so sooth and save,
as does the snow.
The snow must melt, must go,
Fast, fast as water flow.
Not thus, my soul, O sow
Thy gifts to fade like snow.

O snow, thou’rt white no more,
Thy sparkling too, is o’er;
O soul, be as before,
Was bright the snow.
Then as the snow all pure,
O heart be, but endure;
Through all the years full sure,
Not as the snow.[FB7.1][FB7.2]

––Caroline Alice Elgar

This Little Babe - Benjamin Britten

This little Babe so few days old
is come to rifle Satan's fold;
all hell doth at his presence quake
though he himself for cold do shake;
for in this weak unarmèd wise
the gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,
his naked breast stands for a shield;
his battering shot are babish cries,
his arrows looks of weeping eyes,
his martial ensigns Cold and Need
and feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitchèd in a stall,
his bulwark but a broken wall;
the crib his trench, haystacks his stakes;
of shepherds he his muster makes;
and thus, as sure his foe to wound,
the angels' trump alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight,
stick to the tents that he hath plight.
Within his crib is surest ward,
this little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

––New Heaven, New War by Robert Southwell

"Lift Thine Eyes" from Elijah - Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

––Psalm 121:1-3

Tundra - Ola Gjeilo

Wide, worn and weathered,
Sacred expanse
Of green and white and granite grey;
Snowy patches strewn,
Anchored to the craggy earth,
Unmoving;
While clouds dance
Across the vast, eternal sky.

––Charles Anthony Silvestri[FB8.1]

Poor Wayfaring Stranger (American folk hymn) - Arr. Jonathan Rodgers

I am a poor wayfaring stranger
While travelin' through this land of woe.
Yet there's no sickness toil or danger
In that bright land to which I go.

I'm goin' there to see my mother
I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm only goin' over Jordan.
I'm only goin' over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me.
I know my way is rough and steep.
Yet beauteous fields lie just before me
Where God's Redeemed their vigils keep.

I'm goin' there to see my father
I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm only goin' over Jordan
I'm only goin' over home

I want to wear a crown of glory
When I get home to that good land
I want to shout salvation's story
In concert with that blood-washed band

I'm goin' there to meet my Savior
Sing His praises ever more

I’m only goin’ over Jordan
I’m only goin’ over home.

PERSONNEL

RAZORBACK CHORUS

Tenors

Isaiah Anderson
Sage Biondi
*Nolan Bryant
Ford Byerley
Logan Goodwin
William Johnson
Sung Kun Jung
Matthew Lewis
David Luker
Nicholas Mabry
Noah Merriweather
Mason Richardson
Judah Sheldon
*Andrew Taylor
Jackson Terhune

Baritones

Henry Aguilar-Orellana
Ferdinand Blume
Sam Couey
Ruben (Cujo) González
*Caden Hall
Alex Hoang
Logan Hoeft
Gage Johnson
*Abraham Mancia
Dorian Pierce
Thatcher Reckner
Grant Roberts
William Russell
Josh Torres
Sebastian Trenado
Preston Sebastian
Max Shive

Basses

Charles Aldridge
*Braydon DeVinney
*Evan Gassaway
Samuel Gassaway
Tucker Keeney
Tanner Magee
James McNaughton
Braeden Morris
Trenton Neuok
Dominic Perry
Logan Schwab
Brody Terry
Caulder Toland
Charlie Tullis
Garland Watson
Ben Wilbanks

*Section Leaders

TREBLE CHORUS

Sopranos

Emmy Allen
Katie Bender
Natalia Claire Botiller
Olivia Boyd
Madison Brand
Laily Eldridge
Payton Ghesquiere
Renatte Gorshe
Maggie Huddleston
DeeDee Lannutti
Mars McCutcheon
Ayla Morrison
Meg Morrison
Callie Tabor
Aubrey Treat
Shoshiana Vang
Megan Watt

Altos

Abigail Beale
Dale Boyles
Izzy Brown
Trinity Charlton
Jhazmyn Mae Clark
Avery Cornelius
Sophia Deits
Scotti Erhart
Lauren Heinz
Violet Holzworth
*Madison Moss
Randa Rhoades
Brooke Saylors
Isabella Sharp
Lauren Stockley
Evie Thomas
Liah Tovar
Emma Ulrich