

**Illinois State University
Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts
School of Music**

Music for the Holidays

Symphony Orchestra
Samuel Chen, *director*

Civic Chorale
John Koch, *director*

Treble Choir
Mark Grizzard, *director*

Philharmonia String Orchestra
Samuel Chen, *director*

**Center for the Performing Arts
December 6, 2025
Saturday Evening
7:00 p.m.**

This is the eighty-fifth program of the 2025-2026 season.

Program

Please silence all electronics for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

Civic Chorale

Love's Pure Light

Elaine Hagenberg
(born 1979)

Philharmonia String Orchestra

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Edward Pola / George Wyle
arranged by Erik Morales

Treble Choir

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
My Old Santa Claus

Hugh Martin/ Ralph Blane
Sia Furler/ Greg Kurstin
arranged by Mark Grizzard

It's Almost Christmas

Axel / Michaelson / Vaccarino
arranged by Mark Grizzard

Haley Thies, solo

Combined Choirs and Symphony Orchestra

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

English Carol
arranged by Mark Grizzard

Symphony Orchestra

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson
(1908-1975)

God Bless Us Everyone
(from Disney's *A Christmas Carol*)

Alan Silvestri / Glen Ballard
arranged by Joseph M. Martin
orchestrated by Robert Sterling

Nutcracker Suite No. 1

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
(1840 –1893)

- I. Ouverture miniature
- II. Danse caractéristiques
 - a. Marche (March)
 - b. Danse de la fée-dragée (Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy)
 - c. Danse russe 'Trépak' (Russian Dance)
 - d. Danse arabe (Arabian Dance)
 - e. Danse chinoise (Chinese Dance)
 - f. Danse des mirlitons (Dance of the Mirlitons)
- III. Valse des fleurs (Waltz of the Flowers)

Combined Choirs and Symphony Orchestra

A Christmas Festival Singalong Carols

arranged by Leroy Anderson

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King!

Let ev'ry heart prepare him room.

And Heaven and Nature sing, and Heaven and Nature sing,

And Heaven, and Heaven and Nature sing.

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay,

Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,

To save us all from Satan's power when we have gone astray.

Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked down on the Feast of Stephen.

When the snow lay 'round about, deep and crisp and even.

Brightly shone the moon that night, tho' the night was cruel.

When a poor man came in sight gath'ring winter fuel.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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 Host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark the Herald Angels sing Glory to the newborn King!

Silent Night

Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright.

'Round yon virgin Mother and Child,

Hold infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in Heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Dashing Through the Snow/Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow on a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way!
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight! Oh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

[Orchestra interlude]

O Come All Ye Faithful

(starts at "Come and Behold Him, Born the King of Angels")
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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FLUTE

Alexandra Adrowski
Chelsea Davis
Breanna German
Melanie Parker

PICCOLO

Breanna German
Melanie Parker

OBOE

Branden Minger
Kelsi Mulley
Carson Mullins

ENGLISH HORN

Carson Mullins

CLARINET

Ryan Daimid
Charlie Miller
Nicole Schmidt

BASS CLARINET

Charlie Miller

BASSOON

Quentin Shelato
Justice Tolan

HORN

Rhys Barlow
Elie Cavazos
Sam Fortuna
Emily Heath
Quinton Hess
Thomas Hibbeler

TRUMPET

Maddie Mueller-Howell
Matt Oyibo
Kyterra Waters

TROMBONE

Elton Gund
Trevor Schaefer

BASS TROMBONE

Griffin Gund

TUBA

Matt Sourwine

TIMPANI

Jon Frattini

PERCUSSION

Jewelianna Fuqua
Jon Frattini
Alexander Harper
Kye Johnson
Abbey Schiller

HARP

Molly Grace Gerk

VIOLIN I

Stella Faux
Brody Macias
Molly Kinzinger
Blake Bowers
Marie Cruz
Tiffany Davis-Hinton
Elijah Luthardt

VIOLIN II

LinTing Tseng
Stella Haselkorn
Norah Hardin
Grace Thurman
Dunes Okiji
Julia Floit
Ari Daniels

VIOLA

Carlos Leon
Zeph Mussman
Daniel Haan
Julia Stowell
Jayce Milburn
Katelynn Lesinski
Val Wolz
Diego Gomez
Julianna Easton

CELLO

Kahauri Brown-Givens
Joe Brackmann
Joy Rattan
Elizabeth Coffin
Lucia Santore
Brandon Campos
Delaney Baylor
Will Noe
Delia Bonnet
James Dickson
Celeste Price
Ivy Jobgen
Nathan James
Micah Johnson
Michael Del Rio
Kate Orozco

BASS

Alexandra Jennings
Jay Cebrero
David Quintana
Katelyn Bonnet
William Hussey
Aliena Curran
Joshua Rumbold
Bubbles Thomas

Philharmonia String Orchestra

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VIOLIN I

Menjalah Thomas
Kaitlan Jacobs
Kate Drechny

VIOLIN II

Colleen Siemann
Julissa Fuentes
Paulina Dickow

VIOLA

Jo Danner
Jack Sifuentes
Andrew Guidry
Nayeli Wood
Jasper Woith

CELLO

Will Akst
Hayden Peterson
Ryan Kempker
Kailynn Travnicek
Ashton Czerwinski
Danielle Diaz
Bella Martinez

BASS

Jewelianna Fuqua
Layla Keen

Civic Chorale

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STUDENT MEMBERS

Kara Allen
Joe Brune
Katherine Haas
Stephanie Hammond
Ella Hazzard
Morgan Jurgelas
Saniyah Martin
Lauren Ribbe
Izzy Sitenga
Julia Smitendorf
Kai Wold
Leslie Barrientos
Demi Jafojo
Abby LeClere
Ari Rotan
Dana Uson
Mohammad Abdelrahman
Jui-Chien Chou
Pepe Guillen Prados
Seol Heo
Christy Joseph
Xinyi Li
Marlee Matthews
Alexis Pal
Ehsan Tavakkol
Xiufen Ye

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Macauley Allen
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Karen Harney
Tom Howe
Sarah Idleman
Katy Jones-Luckey
Jim Kalmbach
Kiki Keeney
Nikki Kelley
Jen Unger Kroc
Thomas Kroc
Vern Kujath
Sonja Larson-Strieff
John Lieder

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Julie Prandi
Annilee Rohrscheib
Kevin Rund
Tina Sipula
Lance Sleeter
Laurie Sleeter
Sun Smith
Laura Tepen
Dave Trupp
Katrin Varner
Kevin Vernon
Jean Wallace
Johanna Ward
Rod Worth
Lori Zielinski

Treble Choir

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Addison Beckman
Jessica Bedell
Ahrianna Branch
Emilee Bratcher
Nola Carr
Emma Cook
Kyra Craddock
Sara Cummings
Emily Cummins
Kaitlin Cyprian
Olivia Draher
Arhianna Ellis
Alyssa Escobedo
Eurie Gamboa
Katya Garant
Katherine Taylor Georges
Emma Gragert
Ania Gwarda
Sofia Hagstrom
Sophia Hartke
Ali Hefka
Audrey Hjerpe
Sedona Hubal
Isabella Hudson

Sarah Huettemann
Emma Jenkins
Caydence Johnson-Scriver
Claire Johnson
Kaitlyn Johnson
Mary Johnston
Emma Kasper
OnaRae Larson
Kyah Lee
Kelly Liederbach
Julia Livingston
Giovanna LoCascio
Bridget Loughrige
Edie Lubin
Lyn Marin
Allysah Martin
Jayla Martin
Levina Martinez
Megan McChrystal
Lilly McGreevy
Zoey Miller
Annelise Moriarity
Christel Moscardon

Jess Noga
Emma Novota
Natalie Pearson
Celia Potts
Liv Purcell
Raya Resnik
Elana Robinson
Gianna Sagel
Ava Salchert
Abby Sanders
Emily Schied
Kate Shugarts
Alex Stokland
Natalie Subgrunski
Fiona Sulo
Haley Thies
Amara Travis
Elizabeth Tworek
Poli Tzarevski
Kelsi VanderMaiden
Emma Westray
Celia Wolak
Annabelle Younse