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Thank you from all of us at the MSU College of Music for attending tonight's presentation of Handel's Messiah. We appreciate your support of the arts!

This concert features top ensembles from the College of Music and Community Music School, including Choral Union, University Chorale, State Singers and the Symphony Orchestra—211 choristers and 32 instrumentalists.

Program

Messiah, HWV 56 George Frideric Handel

Part the First

Symphony

Recitative Comfort ye, comfort ye my people

Air Ev'ry valley shall be exalted
Chorus And the glory of the Lord

Recitative Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts

Air But who may abide the day of His coming

Chorus And He shall purify the sons of Levi

Recitative Behold, a virgin shall conceive

Air and Chorus O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion

Recitative For behold, darkness shall cover the earth

Air The people that walked in darkness

Chorus For unto us a Child is born

Pifa

Recitatives There were shepherds abiding in the field

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them

And the angel said unto them

And suddenly there was with the angel

Chorus Glory to God in the highest

Air Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion

Recitative Then shall the eyes of the blind open'd

Duet He shall feed His flock like a shepherd

Chawle is asset His built on is light

Chorus His yoke is easy, His burthen is light

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Intermission

Part the Second

Chorus Behold the Lamb of God

Air He was despised

Chorus Surely, He hath borne our griefs

Chorus And with His stripes we are healed
Chorus All we like sheep, have gone astray

Recitative All they that see Him, laugh Him to scorn

Chorus He trusted in God

Recitative Thy rebuke hath broken His heart

Arioso Behold, and see if there be any sorrow

Chorus Lift up your heads

Chorus The Lord gave the word

Air How beautiful are the feet of them

Chorus Halleluiah

Part the Third

Air I know that my Redeemer liveth

Chorus Since by man came death

Recitative Behold, I tell you a mystery

Air The trumpet shall sound

Chorus Worthy is the Lamb that was slain . . . Amen

Performer Biographies:

JONATHAN REED, CONDUCTOR

Jonathan Reed is Professor of Music and Associate Director of Choral Programs at Michigan State University College of Music where he conducts the State Singers, the Men's Glee Club and teaches courses in conducting at both the undergraduate and graduate level. In 1999, the Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) presented him with the Outstanding Faculty Award. He is a contributing author to *GIA's The School Choral Program*, and is series advisor for Boosey and Hawkes choral series entitled In *Low Voice*.

Dr. Reed enjoys an active career as a clinician/conductor, conducting festivals and all-state choruses throughout the United States as well as honor choirs for the Northwest, Western, and Southern Divisions of the American Choral Directors Association. His choirs have performed at divisional and national conferences of ACDA. He has presented interest sessions at two national conferences of ACDA (1999, 2005) and at numerous state ACDA conferences. He has also served ACDA as a state newsletter editor, a state president, and divisional and national chair of the Repertoire and Standards committee on Male Chorus.

DAVID ANDERSON, TENOR

David Anderson, studying under Richard Fracker, is a senior majoring in vocal performance at Michigan State University. Most recently, David performed as Captain Tarnitz in Opera Grand Rapids' production of "The Student Prince." As a tenor soloist, he performed Handel's "Messiah" with the Steiner Chorale last season. David has appeared in five operas at MSU. These include chorus roles, and a principal role, Freddy Honeychurch, in Robert Nelson's "A Room with a View." He has also had success in the district and regional NATS competitions, with three second-place awards and one third-place award.

CATHERINE GOODE, SOPRANO

Recipient of an Encouragement Award from the 2016 Metropolitan Opera National Council – Michigan District auditions, soprano Catherine Goode enjoys performing both on and off the operatic stage. A native of Friendswood, Texas, Goode completed Bachelor's Degrees in vocal performance and music education from the University of Houston, where she studied with Cynthia Clayton, soprano. Goode currently is pursuing a Master of Music degree in vocal performance at Michigan State University, studying with Melanie Helton, soprano. She was a Young Artist at Seagle Music Colony for the 2016 season, where performances included singing the role of Young Veronica in the world premiere of Evan Mack's Roscoe. She recently performed as Adina in Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore* at Michigan State University.

NICHOLAS KREIDER, BARITONE

Nicholas Kreider is currently a second year master's student studying vocal performance at Michigan State University. At the university, Nicholas has sung a number of roles including Guglielmo in *Cosi fan tutte*, George Emerson in *A Room with a View*, Chou Hu in the Savage Land, and most recently, Sargeant Belcore in *L'elisir d'amore*. Nicholas is excited to be the baritone soloist in this presentation of Handel's Messiah.

CHRISTINE ROBERTS, MEZZO-SOPRANO

Mezzo-soprano Christine Roberts has performed the title roles in Gluck's *Iphigénie en Tauride* and in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*, Jenny in Weill's *The Threepenny Opera*, Hermia in Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Jiao Mu in Xiang's *The Savage Land*, and The Third Lady in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. Competition successes include first place in both the Chicago NATS Junior Division and DePaul Kleinman Vocal Competition. She was also a finalist with the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts' YoungArts Program (Vocal Division). As a concert soloist, she performed in Corigliano's Fern Hill with the DePaul University Concert Choir, Mozart's Missa Brevis in C Major with the MSU University Chorale, and Messiah with Michigan State University. Christine is honored to perform Handel's Messiah with Michigan State University. She was also selected as a vocal finalist through YoungArts in 2011. She is pursuing a Master of Music degree in vocal performance at MSU, studying with Jane Bunnell.

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