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Holiday Cheer with MSU Symphony Orchestra and Choirs *Singers and instrumentalists unite at Wharton Center for an uplifting concert experience.*

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – More than 300 members from MSU’s Symphony Orchestra and Choirs bring the joy and spirit of the season to life in this holiday music tradition. This concert for the entire family includes a variety of holiday favorites, from Tchaikovsky’s *The Nutcracker* and Handel’s *Messiah*, to Anderson’s *Sleigh Ride* and audience singalongs.

On **Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.**, this festive event at the **Cobb Great Hall of Wharton Center** highlights a mix of musical excellence within the College of Music, offering inspired and uplifting choral music to celebrate the festive season in December. It is the first in the [MSU Federal Credit Union Showcase Series](#), and it reflects the excitement felt by the choral community, which brings more than 250 singers from MSU’s Choral Union, State Singers, and University Chorale.

“Choral music provides a tremendous sense of unity and brings communities together, especially during the holiday season,” said [Jonathan Reed](#), associate director of choral programs and conductor of MSU Choral Union. “Our choirs have been working really hard and are energized to share a terrific program that we feel will leave concertgoers inspired.”

Conductors [Octavio Más-Arocas](#) (MSU Orchestra), Jonathan Reed and [Sandra Snow](#) (MSU Choirs) share the podium for this collaborative evening. Music selections for the evening include *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* by Charles Wesley, *Waltz of the Flowers (from The Nutcracker)* by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, *Gloria* by John Rutter, *O Holy Night* by Chad Rehmann, *Radetzky March* by Johann Strauss; *Sleigh Ride* by Leroy Anderson, *A Holly and Jolly Sing Along* by James M. Stephenson, and select movements from *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel.

This season’s Showcase Series, which begins with this concert, is generously underwritten by the MSU Federal Credit Union. This concert is generously sponsored by Interim President Teresa K. Woodruff, Ph.D., Thomas V. O’Halloran, Ph.D., Ann, John and Abby Lindley, and a donor family with the hope that it touches our spirit and brings peace and joy to all this season and in the coming year.

Reserved-seat tickets for this event are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors (age 60 and older), and \$12 for students, plus a \$3.50 Wharton facility fee. Tickets are available through Wharton Center box office only. Call 517-432-2000, (800) WHARTON, or visit whartoncenter.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the door if available.

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