MIDAMERICA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

MidAmerica Nazarene University Department of Arts and Humanities Presents

MNU CHOIRS:

By Dawn's Early Light

Bell Cultural Events Center — October 4, 2026 — 3:30 PM

MidAmerica Nazarene University Heritage Choir
MidAmerica Nazarene University Symphonic Choir
Dr. Christopher M. Smith, conductor

Sarah Noé, accompanist

HERITAGE CHOIR

Holy, Holy, Holy *with* Holy is the Lord — Reginald Heber (1783–1826), John B. Dykes (1823–1876), arr. Jay Rouse

"Wie der Hirsch schreit" from *Der 42 Psalm, Op. 42, (MWV A 15)* — Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

Lux Aurumque — Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Light
warm and heavy as pure gold
and the angels sing softly
to the newborn babe.

Lake Sowles and Lindsey Peterson, soloist

Seek Him That Maketh The Seven Stars — Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Laudate — Christopher Enloe (b. 1997)

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SYMPHONIC CHOIR

America the Beautiful

Katherine L. Bates
(1859–1929)
Samuel Ward
(1847–1903)
arr. John Ness Beck
(1930–1987)

Bright Morning Stars

Traditional Appalachian Song
arr. Shawn Kirchner
(b. 1970)

Samuel Olson, soloist

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe
(1819–1910)
William Steffe
(1830–1890)
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
(1902–1978)

MNU COMBINED CHOIRS

O For a Thousand Tongues

Charles Wesley
(1707–1788)
arr. Christopher M. Smith

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MNU Choirs

Ezekiel Albertson
Michael Allen*
Micah Allred
Isabella Almeida
Jacob Banman
Darby Braatz*
Elizabeth Brown
Erin Butler
Lacey Buxton*
Abigail Campbell
Donald Chambers
Aaliyah Colding
Dejah Colding
Daniel Coleman*
Michael Coleman
Ethan Curtis
Faith Demlow
Millie Dermer*
Kinley Dillow
Monet Edwards
Nicole Elkins
Samantha Elkins*
Anna Emch*
Emma Erickson*
Emanuel Escobar*
Julia Escudero
Jarethzy Espinal
Amaya Estes
Samuel Funk*
Abigail Gleason
Jada Harlin
Kendall Hawes*
Akela Hawkins
Hannah Hiebert
Elissa Hinojos
Rebecca Hopper*
Jentry Hunt
Victoria Jelks
Oliver Kelly*
Grant Kennedy*
Naomi Lamer*
Asa Light
Macie Martin
LeAnne Matthews
Mya Meinke*
Regan Miller
Chester Oberg
Samuel Olson*
Matthew Omundsen*
Lindsey Peterson*
Kaitlin Pine
Felipe Pulgarin
Alexa Rawie
Sydney Riley
Josiah Robinson*
Franely Rodriguez
Eva Sorell
Lake Sowles*
Brady Sparks*
Hadley Speicher*
Grace Stroh
Jaidyn Tabony
Evan Tschetter*
Danielle VanSlyke*
Catherine Vessey
Peter Vessey*
Isaac Weldele*
Noah Weldele
Journey Whitlow
Georgia Whitten
RebeccaSue Wiles
Nicholas Wilkinson
Madison Williams
Alexis Wood
Elizabeth Yeley*
Catherine Yoksh*

*Heritage Choir Member

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UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

MNU Performing Arts:
Homecoming Collage Concert
October 9, 2026 at 7:00pm

MNU Concert Band:
Journeys
October 23, 2026 at 7:30pm

MNU Theatre:
Improv Show
October 24, 2026 at 7:30pm
December 3, 2026 at 7:30pm

MNU Theatre:
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
October 29-30, 2026 at 7:30pm
October 31, 2026 at 2:30 and 7:30pm

MNU Chamber Orchestra Concert:
Bach to Jesus
November 1, 2026 at 3:30pm

MNU Jazz Ensemble:
Java Jazz
November 17-18, 2026 at 7:30pm

MNU Theatre:
Miracle on 34th Street
November 20, 2026 at 7:30pm
November 21-22, 2026 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm

MNU Festival of Christmas
December 5, 2026 at 6:00pm
December 6, 2026 at 3:30pm

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