

ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT 2025

BLACK CHORUS

Ollie Watts Davis, *conductor*

MEREDITH CHAMBER SINGERS

Andrea Solya, *conductor*

UNIVERSITY TREBLE CHORUS

Simon R. Tiffin, *conductor*

VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Barrington Coleman, Andrew Major, *conductor*

WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB

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Sunday, December 7, 2025

5:00 PM

PHILIP STOPFORD
(b. 1977)

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Meredith Chamber Singers
Jessica Mattiace, *conductor*

TRADITIONAL
Arr. Sir David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

O Come, all ye faithful – SING-ALONG

Andrew Major, *conductor*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
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!

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

JOAN SZYMKO
(b. 1957)

Hodie

Women's Glee Club
Nick Pierle, *conductor*

Hodie Christus natus est
hodie Salvator apparuit:
hodie in terra canunt Angeli,
laetantur Archangeli:
hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluja.

Today is Christ born;
today the Savior has appeared;
today the Angels sing,
the Archangels rejoice;
today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

TRADITIONAL HYMN
Arr. Shawn Kirchner
(b. 1970)

Brightest and Best

Varsity Men's Glee Club
Samuel Stephenson, *conductor*
Frantz Kjoniksen, *violin*

EVAN RAMOS
(b. 1983)

O Magnum Mysterium

University Treble Chorus
Simon R. Tiffin, *conductor*

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
iacentem in praeseptio!
O beata virgo, cuius viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum.
Alleluia!

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

Arr. Stacey V. Gibbs
(b. 1970)

TRADITIONAL CAROL

Arr. Sir David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
O blessed virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear
The Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Rockin' Jerusalem

Black Chorus
Ollie Watts Davis, *conductor*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing – SING-ALONG

Ollie Watts Davis, *conductor*

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 the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king."
Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel,
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king."

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,

MIKLÓS KOCSÁR
(1933-2019)

Hodie Christus natus est
hodie Salvator apparuit:
hodie in terra canunt Angeli,
laetantur Archangeli:
hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluja.

MICHAEL PRAETORIUS
(1571-1621)
Arr. Jan Sandström
(b. 1954)

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen,
aus einer Wurzel zart,
wie uns die Alten sungen,
von Jesse kam die Art.
Und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter,
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

CHRISTIAN HYMN
Arr. J. David Moore
(b.1962)

TRADITIONAL CAROL
Arr. David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king.”

Hodie Christus Natus Est

University Treble Chorus
Simon R. Tiffin, *conductor*

Today is Christ born;
today the Savior has appeared;
today the Angels sing,
the Archangels rejoice;
today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Meredith Chamber Singers
Andrea Solya, *conductor*

Lo, how a rose ever blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung;
It came a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Women's Glee Club
Andrea Solya, *conductor*

The First Nowell – SING-ALONG

Andrea Solya, *conductor*

The first Nowell the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

KIRK FRANKLIN
(b. 1970)

The Night That Christ Was Born

Black Chorus
Ollie Watts Davis, *conductor*

TRADITIONAL SPANISH SONG
Arr. Alice Parker
(1925-2023)
Adapt. Barrington Coleman
(b. 1962)

Ya Viene, La Vieja

Varsity Men's Glee Club
Barrington Coleman, *conductor*

Ya viene la Vieja con el Aguinaldo
La parece mucho, le viene quitando
Pampanitos verdes, hojas de limón
La Virgen María, Madre del Señor

The Old Lady is coming with the Aguinaldo
It seems to him a lot, he's coming off
Green pampanitos, lemon leaves
The Virgin Mary, Mother of the Lord

Ya vienen los Reyes por los arenales
Ya le traen al Niño cuna y pañales
Pampanitos verdes, hojas de limón
La Virgen María, Madre del Señor

The Kings are coming through the sands
They're already bringing the Child a crib and diapers
Green pampanitos, lemon leaves
The Virgin Mary, Mother of the Lord

Ya vienen los Reyes con sus maravillas
Ya le traen al Niño sus ricas mantillas
Pampanitos verdes, hojas de limón
La Virgen María, Madre del Señor

The Kings are coming with their wonders
They've already brought the Child their rich blankets
Green pampanitos, lemon leaves
The Virgin Mary, Mother of the Lord

Ya viene la Vieja

The Old Lady is Coming

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL
Adapt. Rosephanye Powell
(b. 1962)

Glory Hallelujah to duh Newbo'n King

All Choirs
Barrington Coleman, *conductor*

TRADITIONAL CAROL
Arr. Lowell Mason
(1792-1872)

Joy to the World – SING-ALONG

Barrington Coleman, *conductor*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns,
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love!

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BLACK CHORUS

Dr. Ollie Watts Davis, *conductor*

Ashley M. Davis, *assistant conductor*

Charity Davis, *assistant conductor*

Quandra Clark, *collaborative pianist*

Soprano

Meg Ciko

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Alvin Shi

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Dr. Andrea Solya, *conductor*

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Albert Tay, *graduate assistant conductor*

Andrey Ivanov, *collaborative pianist*

Soprano

Cyanne Chan

Lila Dettelback

Jana Dinkeloo

YooJin Jung

Sophia Katsma

Grace Kreps

Lily Mammaing

Levi Petrine

Whitley Smith

Sasha Van Den Berg

Alto

Adeline Arana

Sarah Heidorn

Marley Lammers

Jessica Mattiace

Dahlia Medvinsky

Esme Pelton

Amber Phillips

Kristina Vezmar

Xinyu Wu

Tsoi Yi Yeung

Tenor

Christopher Commiso

Christian Diaz

Santiago He

Tian Hu

Guandong Lin

Zihao Liu

Nick Pierle

Simon Tiffin

Bass

Graham Carlson

Owen Gonzalez

Hunter Merriman

Lukas Nederloe

Nick Schroeder

Wilmer Smilde

Samuel Stephenson

Albert Tay

Nathan Tilton

UNIVERSITY TREBLE CHORUS

Simon R. Tiffin, *conductor*

Amber Phillips, *undergraduate assistant conductor*

Zach DeChance, *collaborative pianist*

Soprano 1

Erin Barker

Caroline Eaton

Ginny Gibbs

Faith Lia

Olivia Martinez

Campbell Medger

Leah Plasterer

Scarlett Ramirez

Alexandra Rupp

Kathryn Schart

Lillian Tremelling

Emily Vose

Soprano 2

Claudia Brusky

Miya Dai

Racheal Liu

Rachel Masukevich

Kassidy Mullins

Margaret Moyar

Ilykeya Murikurthy

Madelyn O'Connell

Mary Panatera

Sakura Shinohara

Silvia Wang

Alto 1

Ruby Amthor

Aashna Bhatt

Clara DeSandro

Bella Dolce

Ellie Jahnke

Megan Johnson

Pearl Lacey

Anika Shinde

Angela Tavares

Ace Winkeler

Alto 2

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VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

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Samuel Stephenson, *graduate assistant conductor*

Saffion Chung, *collaborative pianist*

Tenor 1

Carter Anderson
Storm Benjamin
Cooper Coker
Santiago He
John Kaufman
Joshua Knehans
Cailan Scire
Joseph Timberlake
Max Wanger
Victor Williams
Michael Yang
Elijah Yang
Luke Zeng
Wenbo Zhang

Tenor 2

Brennen Becker
Alex Chengary
Brandon Chrones
Charles Francis
Anish Mukherjee
Finn Ormond
Jack Peng
Nibaw Robertson
Henrikas Tatarunas
Damian Vergara Salinas
Jacob Zhang

Bass 1

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Joshua De La Cruz
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WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB

Dr. Andrea Solya, *conductor*

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Andrey Ivanov, *collaborative pianist*

Soprano 1

Zoe Ball
Zoe Bohannon
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