



# Midwinter Concert

featuring *Dakota Wesleyan Choir, The Highlanders and Wesleyan Bells*

A Performance by the **Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music**

**March 1, 2026  
4 p.m.**

**Sherman Center**



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## Wesleyan Bells

Under the direction of Erin Desmond

- Celebration Fanfare ..... Ron Mallory
- This Joyful Day ..... Douglas E. Wagner
- Crown Him With Many Crowns ..... Traditional Hymn, Arr. Derek K. Hakes
- A Time for Joy ..... Cynthia Dobrinski

## The Highlanders

Under the direction of Dr. Clinton Desmond

- Dies Irae ..... Ryan Main

Dies iræ, dies illa,  
Solvat sæclum in favilla:  
Teste David cum Sibylla.

Quantus tremor est futurus,  
Quando iudex est venturus,  
Cuncta stricte discussurus!

Day of wrath and doom impending!  
David's word with Sibyl's blending,  
Heaven and earth in ashes ending!

Oh, what fear man's bosom rendeth,  
When from heaven the Judge descendeth,  
On whose sentence all dependeth.

- Eatnemen Vuelie (Song of the Earth) ..... Frode Fjellheim, Arr. Ermily Crocker  
Erin Desmond, hand drum
- Fire and Ice ..... Ermily Crocker

Prayer for Shalom..... Kyle Peterson  
 How Great Thou Art ..... Stuart K. Hine, Arr. Lloyd Larson  
 Shout to the Lord..... Darlene Zchech, Arr. David Angerman  
 Come in From the Firefly Darkness ..... Amy F. Bernon  
     Contess Reyos, soprano; Elise Foster, mezzo-soprano; Jack King, alto; Trenten Skorepa, bass  
 Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story (From Hamilton)..... Lin-Manuel Miranda, Arr. Andy Beck  
     KayLee Door, alto; Troy Thompson, speaker; Kamryn Boettcher, speaker  
 Stayin' Alive ..... The Bee Gees, Arr. Andrew John Kim  
 Love Shack ..... The B-52s, Arr. Deke Sharon  
     Peightan Thomsen, soprano; Rose Wehlander, alto; Brody Riggs, speaker

### **Dakota Wesleyan Choir**

**Under the direction of Dr. Clinton Desmond**

Gloria Fanfare..... Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
 I Remember ..... Sarah Quartel  
 Vern Kan Segla..... Jeremy M. Nabors

Vem kan segla förutan vind  
 Vem kan ro utan åror  
 Vem kan skiljas från vänned sin  
 Utan att fälla tårar

Jag kan segla förutan vind  
 Jag kan ro utan åror  
 Men ej skiljas från vänned sin  
 Utan att fälla tårar

Who can sail without wind  
 Who can sail without oars  
 Who can part from their friend  
 Without shedding tears?

I can sail without wind  
 I can row without oars  
 But I can't part from my friend  
 Without shedding tears.

### **The Highlanders and Dakota Wesleyan Choir**

**Under the direction of Dr. Clinton Desmond**

Fly Away Home ..... PINKZEBRA

### **The Highlanders, Dakota Wesleyan Choir and Wesleyan Bells**

An Irish Blessing..... Traditional, Arr. Lorie Line and Kevin McChesney

Malorie Mattke, soprano

*The audience is invited to sing with the choir and bells after the soloist.*

## An Irish Blessing



### Wesleyan Bells

Erin Desmond, director

Veronica Arevalo-Flores  
Hannah Conkling  
KayLee Door  
Rian Douvier  
Elise Foster  
Brylee Grof  
Ainsley Kurtz  
Malorie Mattke  
Regan Pilker  
Troy Thompson  
Julianna Uphoff  
Camille Zachrison

### The Highlanders

Dr. Clinton Desmond, director

Erin Desmond, piano

Kamryn Boettcher  
KayLee Door  
Michael Freeman  
Elise Foster  
Jack King  
Malorie Mattke  
Rosalie Wehlander  
Contess Reyos  
Brody Riggs  
Trenten Skorepa  
Peightan Thompsen  
Troy Thompson  
Calvin Wallace  
Camille Zachrison

### Dakota Wesleyan Choir

Dr. Clinton Desmond, director

Erin Desmond, piano

Joel Allen  
MaKaylan Bonenberger  
Arne Braught  
Suzanne Burris  
Lexi Burma  
Kenna Dickson  
Sophya Frechette  
Sharien Hannigan  
Alisha Lockhart  
Dilyn McDermott  
Anne Moege  
Grace Moore  
Kate Miller  
Christina Nath  
Jillian Navratil  
Regan Pilker  
Mark Puetz  
Courtney Rearick  
Ly Stoebner  
Curt Wehlander  
Hannah Wehlander  
Lori Wehlander  
Loren Wegehaupt

## Directors



**DR. CLINTON DESMOND** is the director of choral activities, professor of music at Dakota Wesleyan University, and also the chairman for the Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music. He received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Valparaiso University, his Master of Music degree from Illinois State University and his Doctor of Musical Arts from Michigan State University. At DWU, he conducts the Dakota Wesleyan Choir, The Highlanders, LyricWood Orchestra, and also teaches voice, music theory, music history and conducting, and courses in the vocal music education curriculum. Desmond has taught junior high and high school choir, directed several church music programs, and has sung leading roles in opera and musical theatre. He debuted the role of Doctor Higgins in the 2005 world premiere performance and recording of Nancy Van de Vate's "Where the Cross Is Made" and sang the role of Jean Valjean in Dakota Wesleyan's production of "Les Misérables." He also collaborates with his wife, pianist Erin Desmond, on annual recitals for the DWU campus and the surrounding community. Since joining the DWU faculty in 2010, Desmond has made teaching his passion and has dedicated himself to the growth and development of the music department. Ensembles under his direction embark on yearly concert tours and have been invited to perform for the South Dakota American Choral Directors Association and the South Dakota Music Educators Association. Desmond received the university's Presidential Award for Outstanding Service in 2012 and the prestigious Clarke Award for Teaching Excellence in 2017.



**ERIN DESMOND**, associate professor of music at Dakota Wesleyan University, teaches voice and music theory, is the university's accompanist and conducts the Wesleyan Bells, the only collegiate handbell choir in the Dakotas. Desmond is also the accompanist for the choirs at Mitchell High School. She received her Bachelor of Music Education from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., and her Master of Music degree from Illinois State University. Previously, she taught music at Ethan School in Ethan, general and vocal music at Belvidere South Middle School in Belvidere, Ill., and vocal music at Willowcreek Middle School in Portage, Ind. She also was the assistant and accompanist for the Southlake Children's Choir from 2005 to 2007. Desmond is a member of the Handbell Musicians of America, National Association of Teachers of Singing and American Choral Directors Association.

## Upcoming Events

**March 6-11**

The Highlanders and Wesleyan Bells Tour

**March 20-22 and 27-29**

DWU Theatre presents:

"The Three Musketeers"

DWU Black Box Theatre

**Spring Concerts**

Instrumental: **April 26**, 4 p.m.

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Vocal: **May 3**, 7 p.m.

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