



COLLEGE OF MUSIC

University of North Texas College of Music

Ensemble Concert | Tuesday, March 24, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.
Margot and Bill Winspear Hall - Murchison Performing Arts Center

Concert Choir
Jessica Nápoles, conductor
Robby Napoli, associate conductor

Beauty From Pain

from Requiem for Mixed Voices, Op. 252 (1995) Zdeněk Lukáš
2. Dies Irae (1928–2007)

Text from Requiem Mass

Rockin' Jerusalem (1987) Music and text by André J. Thomas
(b. 1952)

Striving After God (1958).....Undine Smith Moore
(1904–1989)

Text by Michelangelo

Sweet Rivers (2018).....Shawn Kirchner
(b. 1970)

Text by John Adam Granade
adapted by Shawn Kirchner

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Vincent's Sky (2025) Jake Runestad
1. Olive Trees (b. 1970)

2. Wheatfield with Crows

3. The Starry Night

University Singers and Wind Orchestra

Program three hundred eighty-two of the 2025–2026 season
Photography and videography are prohibited

Texts & Translations

DIES IRAE, Lukás

Text from the Requiem Mass

*Dies irae, dies illa,
Solvet saeculum in favilla:
Teste David cum Sibylla.*

The day of wrath, that day,
will dissolve the world in ashes:
[this is] the testimony of David along
with the Sibyl*

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

How great will be the quaking,
when the judge is about to come,
strictly investigating all things!

*Tuba mirum spargens sonum
Per sepulchra regionum,
Coget omnes ante thronum.*

The trumpet, scattering a wondrous
sound
through the sepulchres of the regions,
Will summon all before the throne.

*a sibyl was a Roman oracle

ROCKIN' JERUSALEM, Thomas

Text by the composer

I hear rockin in the land!
Rockin in the land and ringin dem bells,
I know Oh my Lord, there's rockin in the land,
Rockin in the land and ringin dem bells.

I know archangels ring dem bells,
Oh I hear dem ringin for they are rockin Jerusalem,

Oh Mary, Oh Martha,
Oh Mary ring dem bells!
I hear archangels ringin dem bells!

Church gettin higher, Jerusalem
Ring dem bells!
Don't you hear the bells a-ringin?
Don't you hear dem ringin dem bells!

STRIVING AFTER GOD, Smith Moore

Text by Michelangelo

True art is made noble and religious by the mind producing it.
For those who feel it, nothing makes the soul so religious and pure as the
endeavor to create something perfect.
For God is perfection,
And whoever strives after perfection is striving after God.

SWEET RIVERS, Kirchner

Text by John Adam Granade, adapt. Kirchner

Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just before mine eyes;
Had I the pinions of a dove, I'd to those rivers fly.
I'd rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind;
I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy waves and leave the world behind.
A few more days, or years at most, my troubles will be o'er;
I hope to join the heavenly host on Canaan's happy shore.
My rapt'rous soul shall drink and feast in love's unbounded sea,
The glorious hope of endless rest is ravishing to me.
O! Come, my Savior, come away, and bear me through the sky,
Nor let thy chariot wheels delay, but quickly draw thou nigh.
Then I shall join the angel throng and circle 'round thy throne;
I'll sing through the ages long, and joy to be thine own.

VINCENT'S SKY, Runestad

1. Olive Trees

Text by Walt Whitman, adapt. Runestad

Shine!
Pour down your warmth, great sun!

Shot gold, maroon and violet, dazzling silver, emerald, fawn, the earth's
whole amplitude consigned to colors; pure luminous color fighting the silent
shadows to the last.

Prepare my lengthening shadows, prepare my starry nights.

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2. Wheatfield with Crows

Text by Vincent van Gogh & Walt Whitman, adapt. Runestad

(Van Gogh text in italics)

The whole of nature is so indescribably beautiful.

I never tire of the blue sky. Pure luminous color.

This infinite earth, that infinite sky.

My life is under attack at the very root.

I have set to work again, although the brush is nearly falling from my hands. I have painted three more large canvases—they are vast stretches of wheat under troubled skies—and I didn't have to try very hard in order to express sadness and extreme loneliness.

*Il me semble absurde que les hommes veuillent paraître autre chose que ce qu'ils sont.**

*Un soleil dans la tête et un orage dans le cœur.***

Wild, wild the storm, and the sea high running,

Steady the roar of the gale, with incessant undertone muttering, Shouts of demonic laughter fitfully piercing and pealing, Waves, air, midnight, their savagest trinity lashing.

****It seems absurd to me that men want to appear something other than what they are."*

****"A sun in the head and a storm in the heart."*

3. The Starry Night

Text by Walt Whitman, adapt. Runestad

I hear you whispering there, O stars of heaven.

Up through the darkness, the ravaging clouds shall not long be victorious.

The stars are immortal, they shall shine out again. They will endure.

The vast immortal suns, and long-enduring moons, shall shine again.

And over all, the sky—the sky! far out of reach, breaking out, the eternal stars.

My lengthening shadows...my starry nights.

Concert Choir Personnel

Jessica Nápoles, conductor

Soprano

Ellen Beene
Anya Guidry
Riley Higgins
Mia Jamison
Cadence Jansen
Kassie Kaluf
Caroline Konkle
Rebecca Lang
Kris Nearhood
Angie Smith
Sophia Sweny
Emberly Whitley

Alto

Megan Cornejo
Marianna Delgadillo
Julianna Estrada
Maddie Frost
Abigail Garner
Grace Glaser
Abigail Lewis
Kade Miller
Karson O'Neal
Connie Ruiz de Vinaspre
Ed Schultz
Sofia Torbello

Tenor

Luke Barsun
Jade Breitstein
Jakob Burnham
Alek Gonzalez
Davide Gucciardi
Sam McGlamery
Robby Napoli
Nick Navarro
La'Casion Newton
Austin Russ
Alex Stroud
Elijah Williams

Bass

Evan Barnes
Eli Barreto
Andrew Eggers
Gabriel Emig
Silas Franklin
Jimmy Hademenos
Collin Huffman
Jaden Jackson-Cooper
Jaden Johnson
Luke Lawless
Connor McLeod
Reece Mooney
Demetrius Robinson Jr.
Rowan Simmons
Jaedon Trevino
Marc Villaceran

University Singers Personnel

Marques L. A. Garrett, conductor

Christian Anderson
Ian Baez Matos
Faye Barber
Megan Cornejo
August Crowson
Kathryn Davidson
Marianna Delgadillo
Christian Eddington
Landry Escobedo
Autumn Forgey
Aydric Griffin
Ty Holcomb
Julia Houting
Preston Johnson
Ellyse Joseph
Ashton Landry
Alena Law
Danika Locey
Ethan Matous
Wyatt McNeely
Elena Menasco
Alexis Mendoza-Sánchez
Kade Miller
José Nava
Anabelle Parra
Ian Pfaffenberger
Jay Quinn II
Justin Reece
Kaitlyn Rivera
Sean Roossien
Alyssa Schelski
Connor Sturgeon
Adriana Sweet
Milo Warrior
Maddie White
Jackson Whitmire

Wind Orchestra Personnel

Andrew Trachsel, conductor

Flute

Devon Devonish-Sanchez
Olivia Friedemann
Sarah Hinchey
Kaitlyn Maresca
Emma Martin

Oboe

Wan Chi Chang
Logan Pierce
Ava Raymond
Anna Sinosis

Bassoon

Gabrielle Gunn
Anthony Jordan
Raul Rodriguez
Fiona Theriault

Clarinet

Joseph Bellew
Trevor Brutka
Joshua Collins
Lane Dunman
Landon Foy
Valentina Gomez
Dominick McCaskill
Taylor Mennenga
Nguyen Nguyen
Renaë Rea
Jacob Rodeghero
Beatrice Saffer
Addison Vontroba
Jilin Zhang

Saxophone

Jordan Calhoun
Jackson Cutter
Jinkai Li
Jacob Ryter
Xuanzhou Wang

Trumpet

Zuzanna Belka
Joshua Craig
Xzaviah Milton
Shawn Paniagua
Alejandro Sigala
Abigail Striblen
David Vazquez

Horn

Aiden Cartwright
Jackson Dillard
Deija Nunn
Bradley Oates
Cole Self
Yung Chi
(Wendy) Yang

Trombone

Gianluca Castro
Lewis Cowart
Charles Hayley
Ethan Scranton

Bass Trombone

Robyn Byrd
Paul Henry

Euphonium

Marco Alzaitoun
Yu-Hsuan Li
Chase Thomas

Tuba

Dan Feng Kat
Garman
Dante Sanor

Percussion

Natalie Garms
Oscar Ibanez
Madison McPherson
Aiden Moulder
Christian Mullino Holden
Alexis Olvera
Trey Thompson
Diego Tiessen

Keyboard

Ziyi Li
Teyo Gutierrez

Harp

Isabellagrace Ebo
Ella Kim

Double Bass

Makayla McDonough
Chenhong Shi

Conducting Associates

Melinda Coleman
Carlos Granthon Boy
Katharine Reed
Nathan Wise

Graduate Associates

Caeley Hovanec
Stoney Shelton

Members of the North Texas Wind Orchestra are listed alphabetically to acknowledge each performer's unique contribution. Every individual is considered to be a principal player.