

The Manhattan Christian Music Department proudly presents

Good News, Great Joy!

Middle and High School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 7pm



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"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10

Director: Julie Bussis with Accompanist: Deb Smit

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Steve Bussis

High School Band

A Medieval Christmas.....Philip Sparke
Celtic Carol.....arr. Robert W. Smith

Soloists: Sierra Flikkema & Carson Heidema

Tidings of Joy.....arr. Steve Hodges

7/8th Grade Choir

Come and See the Child.....Greg Gilpin
O Little Town of Bethlehem.....arr. Douglas E. Wagner

6th Grade Band

A Christmas Proclamation.....Robert W. Smith
O Come, All Ye Faithful.....arr. Elliot Del Borgo

Men's Vocal Ensemble

Quest of the Kings.....arr. Jacob Naverud

Bass Drum: Wylie Donaldson

6th Grade Choir

A Joyful Spanish Carol.....arr. Patrick M. Liebergen
On Christmas Night.....arr. Ruth Morris Gray

7/8th Grade Band

A Christmas Canon.....arr. Michael Green
Once in Royal David's City.....arr. Bruce Preuninger

Duet: Hudson Kamp & Kelsee Smith

High School Choir

Morning of Promise.....Joseph Martin
Sleep in Heavenly Peace.....arr. Richard A. Nichols

Descant: Eliza Kimm & Haley Sander

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen).....arr. Molly James

Closing Prayer and Reflection.....Joel Westa

Bake Sale

The freshman class will be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale before and after tonight's program. Funds raised will go toward the class which will be used for activities, such as their senior retreat and graduation. Let us do some of that holiday baking for you, and thank you for supporting the class of 2028!

Donation Box

Tonight's donation box is located at the entrance of the gymnasium. If you feel moved this evening, please place your donation in the box after tonight's program. Proceeds will go directly towards the High School Spring Music Department Tour to New Mexico. Thank you for supporting the Music Department and Merry Christmas!

Acknowledgements

As we approach the end of the year, I stand in awe at the bountiful blessings the Lord has bestowed on the Music Department. I am blessed to work in a community that has such generous and servant hearts! My heart overflows with gratitude for all those who support these young musicians.

Thank you to Alysha Ruffatto, Stephanie Venhuizen, and Ciana Jimenez for donating their time to decorate for this evening's program - the gym is breathtaking! Thank you to Layne Claus, Scott Kimm, and Jackie VanDam for helping turn the gymnasium into a lovely concert space. We appreciate their work to create a great stage for our students. A big thank you goes to Sharon Kamp who ensures our students look fabulous when they step on the stage. We appreciate her fitting and sizing over 150 students. Thank you to Deb Smit who stepped in to help accompany this program. We are so fortunate to have her sharing her talents and accompanying our choirs. A big shout out goes to Hank and Kathy Eekhoff who put numerous hours in to ensure our annual fundraiser is a success. We also appreciate the talents and work of our art department. Mrs. Swanson and Joy James put in a ton of creative hours to provide a beautiful cover for tonight's program. Thank you to Nathanael Hope and Mike Flikkema for assisting with all things tech, sound, and lighting, too. Their knowledge and expertise heightened the musical experience for our audience. Also, tonight could not have happened without the hard work and support of Julie Bussis. We are tremendously grateful for her work to prepare and direct these students. Her servant heart is a beautiful testimony to our students.

Finally, thank you to all the community and family members who never stop supporting the Music Department. Your love for the fine arts is inspirational for our students. And, thank you, dear, sweet students for honoring God in your playing and singing. You have touched many hearts tonight with your music! May God richly bless everyone this Christmas season! To God be the Glory now and forever. Amen.

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