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Glenn Block Conductor  
*Illinois State University*

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*Illinois State University*

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**Illinois State University  
Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts  
School of Music**

# *Music for the Holidays*

*featuring*

**Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra  
and Philharmonia Strings**

Glenn Block, *Conductor*

**Illinois State University Civic Chorale**

John Koch, *Director and Conductor*

**String Project Sinfonia Class**

Katherine Lewis, *Director*

**Center for the Performing Arts  
December 2, 2023  
Saturday Afternoon  
3:00 p.m.**

**This is the eighty-eighth program of the 2023-2024 season.**

## Program

Please silence all electronic devices for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

### String Project Sinfonia Class

A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)

Vince Guaraldi

(1928-1976)

arranged by Larry Moore

Oluwagbenga Ajila, *conductor*

### Symphony Orchestra & Philharmonia Strings

A Christmas Festival (1950)

Leroy Anderson

(1908-1975)

L'Arlésienne, Suite No. 2 *Farandole* (1871)

Georges Bizet

(1838-1875)

Useon Choi, *conductor*

### Civic Chorale

John Koch, *conductor*

Dennis Gotkowski, *organ*

Messiah, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel

(1685-1759)

And the Glory of the Lord

For unto us a child is born

Worthy is the Lamb/Amen

Hallelujah Chorus

### Symphony Orchestra & Philharmonia Strings

Music from "Polar Express" (2004)

Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard

Sleigh Ride (1948)

Leroy Anderson

Useon Choi, *conductor*

Hannukah Festival Overture (1994)

Lucas Richman

(born 1964)

Russian Christmas Music (1969)

Alfred Reed

(1921-2005)

# **Illinois State University - String Project**

Katherine Lewis, *director*

## **Sinfonia Class**

Oluwagbenga Ajila, *conductor*

### **Violins**

Anika Boggess

Evelyn Ehrich

Jiovani Herrarte

Eliya Kim

Junwoo Kim

Lakkiah McDougal

Julia Min

Jaiv Patel

Olivia Prescott

Zach Rudin

Aaron Torres

### **Viola**

Elliott Franklin

### **Cellos**

Rebekah Boehne

Olivia Dooley

Emma Eagle

Liya Getache

Lilly Webb

Luke Woods

### **Bass**

Charan Bodavula

Santiago Ramirez

Vivian Verner

# Illinois State University Civic Chorale

John Koch, *director and conductor*

Dennis Gotkowski, *organ*

## Civic Chorale Community Members

Elke Altenburger	Vern Kujath	Allan Shepard
Brigid Aslin	Mary LaTurner	Linda Simkins
Susan Burt	Sonja Larson-Strieff	Tina Sipula
Colleen Cavi	Bill Parli	Lance Sleeter
Daniel Cavi	Cindy Parli	Laurie Sleeter
Bev Collins	Janna Peterson	Sun Smith
Jeff Courtright	Julie Prandi	Kristyn Szwajka
Lucas Dahmm	Lesley Price	Debi Terfruchte
Dave Edmonson	Mary Ann Pullin	Sandra Underwood
Steve Gossard	Jim Reid	Jean Wallace
Tom Howe	Matt Roark	Rod Worth
Li Huang	Annilee Rohrscheib	Duane Yockey
Jim Kalmbach	Tess Scott	

## Civic Chorale University Members

Maylin Bacon	Kissin Hou	Ashley Oros
Jaimee Beyer	Joohee Jeong	Keoni Plaza
Joe Brune	Yutong Jin	Olesia Pupina
Justin Cooper	Skylar Johnson	Kiersten Reasor
Hazizat Erinfolami	Yeim Kim	Ariana Rotan
Ali Francisco	Luke Kirby	Olivia Schickel
Lewis Gadowski	Sarah Kosanda	Julia Smitendorf
Grace Gatto	Jenna Kremer	Aly Tocco
Lawendy Gilmore	Kaitlyn Lay	Shem Villacarlos
Bailey Graunke	Xinyi Li	Emily Worwa
Ivan Greiner	Abigail Matthews	Yen-Tzu Tung
Hannah Hembrough	Mallory Nevins	Jinyu Zhang

**Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra  
& Philharmonia Strings**

Glenn Block, *music director*

**Violin I**

Gibson Swalley, *concertmaster*  
Colleen Loemker  
Chona Noble  
Sergio Ravelo  
Hannah Appleyard  
Blake Bowers  
Amanda Tauch  
Esther Cheng  
Kirsten Kadow  
Lexi Rocha

**Viola**

Carlos Leon, *principal*  
Daniel Haan  
Zeph Mussman  
Shelby Fick  
Katelynn Lesinski  
Trinity Howell  
Aaron Wolz  
Tejas Dhanani  
Ben Achammer  
Nayeli Wood  
Danni Munzert

**Double Bass**

Alexandra Jennings, *principal*  
Laura Velez  
Jay Cebrero  
William Hussey  
John St. Cyr  
Devin Parks  
Lucas Hobbs

**Flute/Piccolo**

Chelsea Davis, *co-principal*  
Rachel Nulf, *co-principal*  
Gina Russell, *co-principal*  
Kirsten Townander, *co-principal*

**Oboe**

Elli Ji, *co-principal*  
Melanie Castillo, *co-principal*  
Sara Walsh, *English horn*

**Clarinet**

Alec Jenkins, *co-principal*  
Holly Peters  
Christian Rucinski, *co-principal, bass clarinet*

**Bassoon**

Kendra Chaney, *co-principal*  
Wes Smith, *co-principal*  
Emma Turner, *co-principal*

**Violin II**

Brody Macias, *principal*  
Daniel Blanco  
Alejandra Jaramillo  
William Callahan  
Mason Linke  
Vittorio Causarano  
Riley Brooks  
Kate Drechny  
Emily Leeper  
Kathleen Thomas

**Cello**

Ender Loya, *principal*  
Joe Brackmann  
Kahauri Brown-Givens  
Brandon Campos  
Oluwagbenga Ajila  
Delia Bonnet  
Brian Hershey  
Jenny Komperda  
Lily Moen  
Drake Strutzel  
James Dickson  
Micah Johnson  
Danielle Diaz  
Uzay Togay  
Isabella Martinez

**Horn**

Lydia Cermak, *co-principal*  
Daniel Ota, *co-principal*  
Sam Fortuna  
Lucy Harazin  
Alicia Cruz  
Matthew Tutterow

**Trumpet**

Alexis Pina, *principal*  
Katherine Freimuth  
Tyler Belan,

**Trombone**

Joseph Buczko, *principal*  
Phil Denzmore  
Cole Richey, *bass trombone*

**Tuba**

Micah Crouse, *principal*

**Timpani/Percussion**

Sara Eckert, *co-principal*  
Emma Kutz  
Aidan Perrault, *co-principal*  
Sam Kelly

**Staff:** Useon Choi, *assistant conductor/manager/librarian*  
Sergio Ravello, *assistant librarian*



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and  
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