

## Program

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Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 7:30pm  
 Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2:30pm  
 Mary W. Sommervold Hall, Washington Pavilion

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra  
 Nicholas Sharma, *Conductor*  
 South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus  
 Dr. Timothy J. Campbell, *Chorus Director*  
 Ben Gulley, *Tenor*

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**Giovanni Gabrieli** Canzon per sonar septimi toni á 8  
 (arr. Reiny Rolock)

**Michael Praetorius** Es ist ein Rose entsprungen  
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**Traditional**  
 (arr. Troy Armstrong) Adeste Fideles

**Franz Joseph Haydn?** Toy Symphony

**Georges Bizet** L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2  
 IV. Farandole

**Traditional**  
 (arr. Mack Wilberg) Joy to the World

**Charles Gounod** Ave Maria  
 (arr. Chris Hazell)

**Felix Mendelssohn** There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob  
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**Traditional** Ding Dong! Merrily on High  
 (arr. Mack Wilberg)

## INTERMISSION

**Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky** The Nutcracker Suite  
 ? Overture  
 Waltz of the Flowers

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**Ottorino Respighi**

The Adoration of the Magi

**Leroy Anderson**

Sleigh Ride

*guest conductor*

**Irving Berlin** White Christmas  
(arr. Roy Ringwald)

**Nat King Cole** The Christmas Song  
(arr. Bob Lowden)

**John Williams** Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas  
(from *Home Alone*)

**Alan Silvestri** God Bless Us Everyone  
& **Glen Ballard**

**Multiple Authors** Christmas Carol Sing-Along  
(arr. Dan Goeller)

A vibrant red background featuring large, stylized white snowflakes and smaller white dots, creating a festive holiday atmosphere.

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## Guest Conductor



**Nicholas Sharma**

conductor

Nicholas Sharma currently serves as the Resident Conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra. He has led performances with orchestras across North America, earning recognition for his versatility and musical artistry.



Recent conducting highlights include debut performances with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the Eugene Symphony Orchestra, as well as serving as Assistant Conductor of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra for the 2024-25 season.

Sharma has assisted renowned conductors including Franz Welser-Möst, Paavo Järvi and Gustavo Gimeno, and has participated in masterclasses and summer festivals with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the New World Symphony, the National Academy Orchestra of Canada, and the Espen Music Festival. Here he has studied with distinguished conductors such as Michael Tilson Thomas, Stéphane Denève, Neeme Järvi, Robert Spano, Nicholas McGegan, Mark Stringer, and Boris Brott.

A native of the Toronto area, Sharma began his musical studies as a violinist. He holds a degree in violin performance from the Eastman School of Music, a master's degree in orchestral conducting from the University of Oregon and a Doctorate (DMA) in Orchestral Conducting from the Eastman School of Music.

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### Guest Artist



**Ben Gulley**

Tenor

Ben Gulley has been hailed as "outstanding" (*Opera News*) and "startlingly gifted" (*San Francisco Classical Voice*). Gulley's engagements for the 2025-26 season include Don José in *Carmen* with Knoxville Opera, Radames in *Aida* with Anchorage Opera, Canio in *Pagliacci* with Opera San Jose and Opera Las Vegas, and concert appearances with the Lancaster Festival, Orchestra Miami, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Lansing Symphony Orchestra, and Symphony San Jose.

Recent artistic highlights include Romeo in *Roméo et Juliette* with Opera Idaho, Cavaradossi in *Tosca* with Sarasota Opera, the Prince in *Rusalka* at Portland Opera, Foresto in Verdi's *Requiem* with the Opera Festival of Chicago, Rodolfo in *La bohème* with Knoxville Opera and Canio in *Pagliacci* with Pensacola Opera, Edgardo in Opera Orlando's *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Radames in *Aida* with Fort Worth Opera, and with Skylight Music Theatre as Quasimodo in *Hunchback of Notre Dame* and headlining "An Evening with Sir Time Rice."

Additional concert engagements include Grand Rapids Symphony (*Carmina Burana*), Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Symphony San Jose, Fontana Chamber Arts (with NPR's Peter Dugan), Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra and Modesto Symphony Orchestra (Verdi's *Requiem*), Orchestra Iowa (*Carmina Burana*; Verdi's *Requiem*), Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Miami, Asheville Symphony, Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Tallahassee Symphony, and Bruckner's *Te Deum* and Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* with the Belgian National Orchestra in Brussels and Namur, Belgium.

In 2016, Gulley released his debut solo album of original music, *In Between*, available on all major streaming services. From 2010-2014, Gulley was a member of the Sony/BMG Masterworks' *The American Tenors*, alongside Nathan Granner and Daniel Montenegro.

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### South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus

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chorus members

#### Soprano

Katie Andersen  
Ashlynn Anderson  
Katie Begic  
Erin Burggraff  
Haley Dahl  
Nancy Durajczyk  
Taylor Elmer  
Heather Engberg  
Michelle Friesen  
Rachel Riez  
Claire Gillaspey  
Carmelita Guse  
Becky Hollan



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Katherine Howard  
Angela Loftesness  
Shannon McCrary  
Reilly Nelson  
Kelly Okerlund  
Ana Olivier  
Diane Rahn  
Courtney Renner  
Michelle Sawyer  
Catherine Schlimgen  
Susan Schrader  
Anna Stemsrud  
Elizabeth Trygstad  
Kasidy Tvedt

### **Alto**

Natalie Allcock  
Kjerstin Aspaas  
Aubrey Baumann  
Lonna Beshai  
Chistine Brandner  
Megan DeBoer  
Mary DeVany  
Katie Eliason  
Kathryn Friesen  
Dawn Gutnik  
Serena Gutnik  
Elise Hasche  
Sarah Heckmann  
Araylla Hennigar  
Karen Jepperson  
Sydney Jessen  
Hannah Moravec  
Rachel Pierson  
Alley Quanbeck  
Mary Reiter  
Mary Schuh  
Rebecca Thompson  
Lindsay Tjarks  
Jennifer Tschetter  
Coral Winter

### **Tenor**

John Callies  
Jason Douma  
Paul Gillaspey  
Joshua Guenther  
Jace Larson  
Mark Larson  
Zander Larson



Alan Luense  
Leslie Olive  
Nicholas Petersen  
Andrew Ridder  
Rita Schwab-Parcel  
Joel Tjarks  
Eric Wicks

### Bass

Joe Brejda  
Ted DeLange  
Jacob Fossing  
Joel Gullickson  
Bill Hungate  
Brandon James  
Chase Kramer  
Frederick Matthews  
James Moore  
Kaden Sivertsen  
Shawn Stemsrud  
Daniel Stratton  
Liam Swart  
Peter Tuff  
Collin Waltner  
Ryan Wilkison  
Tim Worthington  
Shane Wuebben  
Tyler Youngquist



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A poster for "Music at Augustana" featuring a photograph of jazz pianist Matthew Whitaker. The top half has a dark blue background with the word "Music" in a large, white, cursive font and "AT AUGUSTANA" in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. The bottom half shows Matthew Whitaker, a Black man with long hair and sunglasses, wearing a blue patterned shirt, playing a piano. To his right, a block of text describes his role as an inaugural artist-in-residence. The Augustana University logo and website are at the bottom.

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Augustana students are sharing the stage with Matthew Whitaker — internationally acclaimed jazz pianist, composer, educator and the university's inaugural artist-in-residence. His artistry is inspiring faculty, shaping students and enriching the campus and community.

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An advertisement for the Sheraton Sioux Falls Hotel & Convention Center. The top half shows a photograph of the hotel's modern interior lobby with comfortable seating and warm lighting. The bottom half is a dark grey section with the Sheraton logo and text describing the hotel's location and amenities.

  
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