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## Campus Christmas Concert

Almost 300 students shared their God-given talents last weekend in the annual MLC Christmas concert, a program that included contributions from Chorale, Männerchor, Women's Choir, the Hosanna Ringers, College Choir, and Wind Symphony.

Chapel of the Christ was filled with song as the musicians performed popular sacred hymns and festive choral anthems. With a Saturday night and Sunday afternoon performance, campus hosted hundreds of community members, alumni, and students and their families.

“As both an instrumentalist and a choir member, I look forward to the MLC Christmas concert every year,” says **Zachary Scharlemann** (*MVL / St. Paul-New Ulm*). “I’ve been blessed to be a part of four of these now. A thousand people singing of Christ’s birth at the top of their lungs is something that will stay with me for the rest of my life.”

**Hope Loersch** (*LPS / St. Mark-Watertown WI*), a student in both Wind Symphony and College Choir, says, “It really put my mind in the right place. Performing wasn’t just a break from studying, but brought to mind why I came to MLC in the first place—to serve God to the best of my ability.”



All four choirs perform a combined piece, accompanied by **Zachary Scharlemann** on the timpani and an ensemble of other Wind Symphony members.

## Student Spotlight: Jennifer Adickes

While most students choose either band or choir, a few brave souls every year take on both. Junior **Jennifer Adickes** (*Luther / First-La Crosse WI*) has done just that, playing clarinet in Wind Symphony and singing soprano in the Martin Luther College choir as she double-majors in elementary education and secondary vocal music.

Every student has a story, and Jennie shared hers with us. “I’ve wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember. My parents and grandparents attended DMLC and became teachers. They were (and still are!) some of the most influential people in my life,” she says. “I knew I wanted to be just like them from a very early age. I grew up watching my grandpa and dad direct choirs at Luther. They supported me in every musical endeavor I had from kindergarten on, and when I was finally old enough to join my dad’s choir, I loved the experience. The enthusiasm and passion he had for music and for his students led me to feel the same way. Because of my family, I decided I wanted to be a music teacher and come to MLC.”



Jennie’s favorite part about the music program here is that we all make music for the same reason: to praise God and share the gospel. “I love being able to see the gospel in action when we sing in College Choir. When we sing songs with a particularly powerful text, I can see tears glistening in the eyes of the audience as well as other choir members. Many of the songs we sing have stuck with me and served as an encouragement throughout my life. I hope that someday I can have my own choir, teach voice lessons, and inspire children to praise their Savior through song.”