



# Spring at CMU

Gather. Celebrate. Share.

**Friday, April 25, 2025**

7:00 PM

Loewen Athletic Centre



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## CMU Voices SA

**Conductor:** Dr. Janet Brenneman

### Soprano I

Faith Briden  
Annabel Buhler  
Maria Denysyuk  
Keona Vierneza  
Anja Waldner  
Ethel Walembe,  
Miracle Weisensel

Julia Norris  
Katie Ostapyk  
Bella Rogers  
Rhea Thiessen  
Sara Thiessen  
Shanley Vogan  
Stefanie Zacharias

### Alto I

Clara Fretz Corlis  
Jewels Enns  
Belle Hendricks  
Ashley Kineshanko  
Sophia Lobe  
Sage Penner

### Soprano II

Lia Campbell-Enns  
Lauryn Edel  
Astrid Franz-Warkentin  
Azure Froese  
Adrianna McCoy

Avery Plett  
Emma Servatius  
Grace Siemens  
Ellen Toews

### Alto II

Roan Boughton  
Carolynne Bracken  
Annie Fillion  
Marinna Fillion  
Mary Gill  
Avery Kellett  
Adalynne Pahl  
Beatrice Wichert

## CMU Voices TB

**Conductor:** Dr. Matt Pauls

### Tenor I

Alexia Cianni  
Eric Hui  
Jacob Kenny  
Lucas Peters Unrau  
Andres Proaños

### Baritone

Caleb Friesen  
Seth Gensorek-Lylyk  
Aiden Penner  
Micah Peters Unrau

### Bass

Erik Gillespie  
Will Harder  
Milo Klassen  
Thomas Kroeker  
RJ Martinez  
Matthew Pahl

### Tenor II

Connor Biggs  
Patrick Neufeld  
Seth Tomasson  
Ezra Unger Brandt

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Prof. Verna Wiebe, piano; Shanley Vogan, soprano; Avery Plett, mezzo-soprano; Miracle Weisensel, soprano; Ezra Unger-Brandt, tenor; Bella Rogers, violin

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## CMU Voices SA

As I Went Down in the River to Pray – arr. Cheryl Lynn Helms

## Welcome

Dr. Cheryl Pauls, President

## CMU Voices SA

Radiant Sister – David Brunner  
Da Pacem – Jeff Enns

*Give us peace,  
Give us peace, Lord,  
In all our days.  
Amen.*

All Together We are Love – Katerina Gimón

## With Gratitude, Set One

**Renaë Stahl**, BA, English

**Kara LeBlanc**, BA, Communications and Media

## CMU Voices TB

Holy, Holy, Holy – arr. Matthew Pauls  
Ev'ry Time I Feel the spirit – arr. William L. Dawson  
The Long Day Closes – Arthur Sullivan  
Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet – Greg Gilpin

## CMU Singers

I'll Fly Away – arr. Shawn Kirchner  
Triumph of the Spirit – Srul Irving Glick  
Avinu Malkeinu (Our Father, Our King)

*Our Father, Our King.  
Be gracious unto us and answer us,  
For we are wanting in good deeds;  
Treat us with charity and loving kindness,  
That we may be saved.  
Amen.*

Adonai, Adonai (The Lord, The Eternal)

*The Lord, the Eternal  
Is gracious and compassionate,  
Patient, abounding in loving kindness and faithfulness,  
Assuring love for a thousand generations  
Forgiving iniquity, transgressions and sin,  
And granting pardon.*

## With Gratitude, Set Two

**Abreham Jember**, BBA, Business Management

**Eleanor Reimer**, BSc, Biology

**Hannah Janzen**, MA, Peace and Collaborative Development

## Invitation to Support

Primavera Porteno (Spring) – Astor Piazzolla

**Will Harder**, violin, BMus (performance)

## CMU Singers

The Roof – Andrea Ramsey

Only in Sleep – Ēriks Ešenvalds

"From Now On" from The Greatest Showman – arr. Jennifer McMillan

**Closing** – Reception to follow in the Great Hall

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# CMU

CMU is a university rooted in the Anabaptist Christian tradition, committed to peace, justice, hospitality, and dialogue. Students learn together in an intentional environment shaped by academic excellence, compassion, and hope.

CMU graduates are in demand. They step into careers with purpose, lead in their communities and churches, and shape the world with conviction and clarity. Whether entering competitive graduate programs, launching professional careers, or serving in frontline roles, they are out there in the world and noted for their unique contributions.

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## Undergraduate Programs

Arts and Science  
Biblical and Theological Studies  
Biology  
Business and Organizational Administration  
Christian Ministry  
Communications and Media  
English  
Environmental Studies  
History  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
International Development Studies  
Mathematics  
Music; Music Therapy  
Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies  
Philosophy  
Political Studies  
Psychology  
Science  
Social Science  
Social Work

## Graduate Programs

Theology; Christian Ministry; Spiritual Care  
Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development  
Business (MBA)

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# A Sampling of Courses Offered in Spring 2025

### Media Skills: Radio Team

David Balzer  
T, TH 5:00–7:45 PM  
Starts May 20, 2025

### Indigenous Peoples of Canada

Tanis Kolysnik  
T, TH 6:00–9:00 PM  
Starts May 5, 2025

### Blurred Lines: Cultural Appropriation in Music

Anneli Loepp Thiessen  
M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Starts April 28, 2025

### Philosophy and Film After the Holocaust: Modern Violence and its Representation

Micah Enns-Dyck  
M, W 6:00–8:45 PM  
Starts May 5, 2025

### Theories of Addiction, Models of Care

Kara von Riesen  
M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Starts May 12, 2025

### Conflict Transformation Through Dialogue and Narrative

Izzeddin Hawamda  
T, TH 6:00–8:45 PM  
Starts May 5, 2025

### Peace Skills: Accompanying Those in Conflict

Karen Ridd  
June 20, 5:00–9:00 PM, June 21, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM,  
June 22, 1:00–6:00 PM

### Ezekiel: Exile, Trauma, and the Land

Jasmine Wiens  
M-F, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Starts May 19, 2025

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This spring, take the opportunity to deepen your learning and expand your perspective. CMU's spring courses—open for credit or audit—offer rich engagement with ideas that matter, taught in a supportive, intellectually vibrant community.

[cmu.ca/undergrad-courses](https://cmu.ca/undergrad-courses)

[cmu.ca/grad-courses](https://cmu.ca/grad-courses)

# Why CMU?

CMU intentionally blends academic excellence, individualized education, and a welcoming environment—all anchored in the Mennonite-Anabaptist faith tradition.

At CMU, education is more than just earning a degree—it's about growing in knowledge, relationships, skill, spirit, and character. CMU students engage deeply with ideas, develop critical thinking/writing skills, and prepare for careers—and lives—of meaning and purpose.



## Academic Excellence, Individual Mentorship

Small class sizes mean professors don't just teach well; they challenge, mentor, and invest in every student's success.



## A Supportive Environment

The CMU campus is a place where people actually know and support each other—professors know students' names and students become lifelong friends.



## Learning Beyond the Classroom

Every student gains practical work experience and has opportunities to engage actively in career preparation.



## Affordable and Accessible

Competitive tuition, robust scholarships, and generous financial aid make CMU accessible.

**At CMU, students don't just prepare for a career—they prepare for a life of curiosity, courage, and change-making.**

## Celebrate and Support Student Success

As we mark this joyful weekend of convocation, we celebrate the accomplishments of CMU students whose journeys have been shaped by the care of professors, the strength of community, and the generosity of supporters like you. The graduates of 2025 are stepping into the world equipped to contribute to the common good with wisdom, compassion, and courage.

Your support makes this possible. By giving to CMU, you help create the kind of learning environment where students thrive—today and for generations to come. Join us in investing in future graduates who, like those we honour this weekend, will be prepared to build a more hopeful, just, and compassionate world.



Consider a gift to CMU to make CMU education possible for future students.  
[cmu.ca/give](https://cmu.ca/give).





## **CMU Mission**

CMU is an innovative Christian university, rooted in the Anabaptist faith tradition, moved and transformed by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Through teaching, research, and service CMU inspires and equips for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.

## **Four Commitments**

Educating for Peace–Justice  
Learning through Thinking and Doing  
Generous Hospitality... Radical Dialogue  
Modelling Invitational Community

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## **CMU25 in 2025**

With joy we honour the 25-year story of a remarkable learning community and thousands of alumni whose lives call us forward.

Mark your calendar for an extra-special Fall at CMU as we celebrate CMU's 25th anniversary on September 19 and 20, 2025.

