

~WELCOME~

There are so many wonderful things about being associated with the Genesee Chorale; talented, motivated singers, great friendships and fellowship, and exposure to glorious music. But one of my favorite things about the Chorale happens before our season even begins.

I love the time I get to spend selecting music for a performance season. I love listening to and browsing scores. I love being exposed to new pieces and new composers. I love discovering those “hidden gems.” Selecting the music for this performance may have been one of my most enjoyable ever.

I wanted the Chorale to offer a Christmas performance that would not soon be forgotten. I wanted the Chorale to embrace the music and sing it with their entire being. I wanted the audience to leave our performance having experienced a complete array of emotions. I wanted the audience to have an interactive experience with the Chorale.

It is my hope that we have accomplished just that.

This performance takes the biblical story of Christmas and sets it to music. No narration required. The performance is divided into sub-themes, each illustrating a character or object from the story. Throughout the performance, the audience will be invited to join the Chorale in song. There will be moments of pure joy and moments of quiet introspection.

It is with great pleasure that we are joined by the new Genesee Children’s Chorus. This wonderful group, founded and directed by Heather Lovelace, has been preparing for today since September. We welcome them in their first-ever performance, and hope it is the first of many to come.

We are also pleased to have the Greycliffe String Quartet join us on a number of pieces, as well as soloist Kijana Crues and oboist Danny Cruz. These talented individuals serve to bring tonight’s music to life in the manner it was intended.

In closing, I ask just one thing from our audience. If you leave this performance having been moved, either musically, emotionally, or spiritually, please let others know. Tell them about the Genesee Chorale. And then please come back! Stay in touch with the Genesee Chorale. Look for our posters about upcoming concerts and visit our website. Performance is what we do. And we love to have a large audience to perform for. And if you are interested, we are always looking for new members for both the Genesee Chorale and the Genesee Children’s Chorus. Please visit our website at www.GeneseeChorale.com for more information.

From our Genesee Chorale family to yours, Merry Christmas!

Ric Jones

~PROGRAM~

THE BIRTH

O CLAP YOUR HANDS	RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
ALL FOR A BABY	RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM
THE FIRST NOEL	ARR. DAN FOREST
PEACEFUL NIGHT*	TERESA JENNINGS
SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS*	ARR. JOHN RIGGIO

THE STAR

STAR CAROL**	JOHN RUTTER
ANCIENT NOVA	CRAIG COURTNEY
MAUREEN DEGOLYER AND MORIAH BLISS, SOPRANOS	
BEHOLD THE STAR	WILLIAM DAWSON
KIJANA CRUES, SOPRANO	

THE ANGELS

SERENITY (O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM)	OLA GJEILO
PAUL-JOSEPH STRUCKMANN, VIOLIN	
HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING	ARR. DAVID WILLCOCKS
<i>Please join us</i>	
LUX AURUMQUE	ERIC WHITACRE
HEATHER LOVELACE, SOPRANO	

THE SHEPHERDS

RUN TO THE MANGER	VICTOR JOHNSON
THE SHEPHERD'S CAROL	ARR. DAN FORREST
WITH THE GREYCLIFFE STRING QUARTET	

THE KINGS

WE THREE KINGS	ARR. CRAIG COURTNEY
<i>Please join us on the refrain</i>	

INTERMISSION

ENTER THE NATIVITY

ENNISCORTHY CAROL

ÉMIL ALWYN

DANNY CRUZ, ENGLISH HORN

PHILIP BRIATICO, FINGER CYMBALS

IN THE SILENCE

CRAIG COURTNEY

DANNY CRUZ, OBOE

PHILIP BRIATICO, WIND CHIMES

MARY

AVE MARIA

FRANZ BIEBL

SCOTT GREFRATH, TENOR

FRANCIS THOMAS, BARITONE

TOM VENVERTLOH, BASS

JOSEPH

THE HANDS THAT FIRST HELD MARY'S CHILD

DAN FORREST &

PATRICK O'DONNELL, VIOLONCELLO

THOMAS TROEGER

JESUS

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT**

ARR. HAL HOPSON

WITH THE GREYCLIFFE STRING QUARTET

Please join us on verses 1, 3 & 4

THE JOY

OUR GIFT FOR YOU

JERRY ESTES

CHRISTMAS WISHES

MIKE WILSON

HOW GREAT OUR JOY!

CRAIG COURTNEY

WITH THE GREYCLIFFE STRING QUARTET

JOY TO THE WORLD

TRADITIONAL

WITH THE GREYCLIFFE STRING QUARTET

Please join us on verses 1 & 4

* - THE GENESEE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

** - THE GENESEE CHORALE & THE GENESEE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A RECEPTION
FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE

~TRANSLATIONS~

Serenity

O Magnum Mysterium et admirabile sacramentum

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament

Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum iacentem in praesepio

that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger

Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare

Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear

Dominum Christum, Alleluia

Christ the Lord, Alleluia

Lux Aurumque

Lux, calida gravisque pura velut aurum

Light, warm and heavy as pure gold

et canunt angeli molliter

and the angels sing softly

modo natum.

to the new-born baby.

Ave Maria

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae et concepit de Spiritu sancto.

The angel of God visited Maria and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.

Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, Jesus.

Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Maria said: See the servant of the Lord. May it happen to me according to your word.

Et Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

Holy Mary, pray for us now and in the hour of our death.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

~LYRICS~

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

We Three Kings

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Silent Night, Holy Night

Verse 1: (all)

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Verse 2: (choir alone)

Verse 3: (men only)

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

Verse 4: (all)

Silent night, holy night
wondrous star, lend thy light
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Joy to the World

Verse 1: (all)

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Verse 2 & 3: (choir only)

Verse 4: (all)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Ric Jones

Genesee Chorale

Musical Director

Ric has served as the Director of the Genesee Chorale since January 2008 as well as the Director of the Middleport Community Choir since May 2003.

Ric is the founder and owner of Imagine Music, a music publishing and retail company that offers a wide array of quality music while specializing in music for double reeds. Ric is an active member of the International Double Reed Society and has organized and sponsored recitals at each of its past five international conferences. He currently publishes the music of over eighty composers from around the world.



Ric received both his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education/Trombone Performance and Master's Degree in Music Education from Ithaca College. His educational experience includes instructing high school bands, marching bands, pep bands, and chamber ensembles at Corinth High School, Cincinnatus High School, Greater Johnstown High School, Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Medina High School, and Fonda-Fultonville High School. In addition to his daily responsibilities of running Imagine Music, Ric also serves as organist at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Medina.

Ric has also served as Principal Trombonist with the Tri-Cities Opera Orchestra, St. Cecilia Orchestra, and the Gerald Wolff Singers Orchestra.

Ric resides in Medina with his wife Karen, and their three children, Nicholas, Ryder, and River.

Heather Lovelace
Genesee Children's Chorus
Musical Director

Heather Lovelace has a degree in Music Education from SUNY Fredonia where she studied voice with Margaret Kuhl and Dr. Gerald Gray. She also has a Masters degree in Music Technology from Duquesne University (PA).

Currently, Heather is the vocal and classroom music teacher at Depew Middle School. Past education experience includes Heim Elementary School and South High School in the Williamsville School District. Heather is also very active in promoting the use of technology in the music classroom. She has given presentations throughout Western New York and has received special recognition from the Erie County Music Educators Association for her innovative teaching style.



In addition to her 15-year membership in the Festival Chorus, Heather has performed with several other choirs in the Western New York, including The Genesee Chorale (Batavia) and Harmonia (Buffalo). Additionally, she has been a paid chorister and cantor in several local churches. She is also the founding director of the Genesee Children's Chorus. Heather has also served as a member of the French Horn section of The Lockport Union Band AFM Local 98, as well as several community ensembles.

Currently, Heather resides in East Amherst with her husband, Marcus.

The Greycliffe String Quartet

Violin I	Jessica Tufte
Violin II	Emily Weinheimer
Viola	Paul-Joseph Struckmann
Violoncello	Patrick O'Donnell

The Greycliffe String Quartet is a professional, classically trained, experienced, and flexible ensemble. Their repertoire includes classical, jazz, rock-n-roll, show tunes, and just about everything in between.

The Greycliffe String Quartet was formed in August 2006, as part of the Chamber Music Program at the University at Buffalo. During its time in the program until 2010, the quartet performed on many chamber recitals and on-campus events, including the Remembrance Service for victims of Flight 3407 in February 2009. It has collaborated on live performances with Zodiac, a dance group associated with the Center for the Arts at UB. Greycliffe has performed in several master classes with internationally renowned professional string quartets including the Colorado, Ives, Mendelssohn, NEO, Alexander, Pacifica, and Tokyo String Quartets.



Greycliffe prides itself on its ability to perform genres of music other than classical. It has performed modern works including a composition by Jonathan Thomas Miller, a composer in Los Angeles, who has composed many film scores and music for television programs on the Discovery Channel. Greycliffe also enjoys performing popular and jazz favorites as part of its repertoire.

Since ending its career at UB, Greycliffe and its members have performed at music festivals, string workshops, taught lessons, and have done some recording. Greycliffe has also performed for many weddings, receptions, private parties, and other special occasions in and around Western New York.

Visit their website at www.GreycliffeQuartet.com

Kijana Crues

“Tall” and “beautiful” are ways to describe this soul singer who is aiming to create a musical empire with meaningful soulful songs and collaborations.

This poetic song bird was born in Rochester, New York. Raised in a musical and creative family, she was brought into this world with music and art in her blood. Her mother, a bass guitar player, was raised in a family band and her late father, a lead guitar player, was a sketch artist and painter. With all of this art in her blood it isn't hard to see how Kijana and her sibling were taught to appreciate the arts.



Kijana has always been involved in singing through out her school years, from chorus in high school, to being in musicals and other musical productions in college.

Kijana has attended college for Graphic Design and Illustration. Although her love is art, she has admitted to not being able to live without music in her life. It's what she breathes; a part of her in every aspect.

Visit her website at www.QueenKijana.com

~THE GENESEE CHORALE~

Ric Jones, Musical Director

Joanne Cole, Accompanist

Soprano

Vicky Ball
Jessie Barth
Moriah Bliss
Sally Bliss
Karen Czaja
Rachel Chrostowski
Marsha Coy
Maureen B. DeGolyer
Phyllis Draycott
Diane Eldridge
Joan Ellison
Cindy Evans
Alice Fedrigan
Kathy Friedman
Merry Lou Holley
Karen Kish
Sharon A. Larsen
Heather Lovelace
Susan McEvoy
Lois Nicholson
Diane Ohlson
Barbara Pierce
Sharon Stanley

Tenor

Alan Barcomb
Beth Boyce
Tom Cox
Richard Dunn
Scott Grefrath
Lynn Lomanto
Anne Ortwein
Nadine Pacynski
Mark Ross
Duane Scarborough
Carl Schoonover
Deborah Starr
Norman Woodworth

Alto

Marie Barcomb
Patti Bartz
Barbara Bliss
Sandra Brady
Deborah Davis
Theresa DeMars
Patty Drew
Jennifer Dunn
Janine Fagnan
Linda Fry
Pat Fussell
Michelle Granat
Nancy Hoag
Betsy Howes
Joyce A. Kelly
Elizabeth Kerwin
Beth Ryan
Ginny Tiede
Lilo Townsend
Eileen Witherel

Bass

John P. Allen
Jonathan A. Barber, Sr.
Philip J. Briatico
Mark Christensen
Ronald DeFazio
Jim Ellison
Wayne Grefrath
Richard Heye
Robert Holley
Erling Maine
Steven Metcalfe
Arthur Munger
Jonathan Stanley
Fran Thomas
Tom VenVertloh
Richard Zarajczyk

~THE GENESSEE CHILDREN'S CHORUS~

Heather Lovelace, Musical Director

Jocelyn Coburn
Eva Fisher
Kayla Fussell
Jenna Mott
Sarina Reed
Tatiana Reed
Catherine Richardson
Margaret Richardson
Elizabeth Sorensen
Carolena Williams

~THANK YOU~

Our Guests:

The Genesee Children's Chorus
The Greycliffe String Quartet
Kijana Crues
Danny Cruz

Our Hosts:

Oakfield United Methodist Church
The First Presbyterian Church of LeRoy

Our Liaisons:

Sandy Brady
Juanita Brooks

Carl Schoonover (program editing and stage management)
Diane Ohlson (ticket and poster design)
Ric Jones (for his talent, expertise and many hours spent in making this concert a success)
Heather Lovelace (for her talent, vision, patience, and determination in making The Genesee Children's Chorus a reality)
Marsha Coy (for her fundraising efforts)
Rachel Chrostowski (for her fundraising efforts and program editing)
Maureen DeGolyer, Debbie Davis & Ron DeFazio (for providing rehearsal refreshments)
The Genesee Chorale Board (Maureen DeGolyer, Art Munger, Alan Barcomb, Heather Lovelace, Marsha Coy, Francis Thomas, Barbara Pierce, Norman Woodworth)