

FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

To mark our 10th anniversary in 2017, we created our first original version of The Christmas Revels, something many of our sister Revels companies had done in the past; it was a dream of mine for Santa Barbara to do so. I had read Richard Henry Dana's classic book, Two Years Before the Mast, and I had seen the tiles in Santa Barbara that memorialize his visit to the Casa de la Guerra, where he attended the wedding of Anita de la Guerra, daughter of the Presidio's comandante. She married Alfred Robinson, local agent for the Boston-based shipping company that Dana sailed for. This always struck me as providing rich potential for a story about the early days of Santa Barbara. I approached Jim Garcia, who had played with our company many times; I knew he had experience with the music of the Early California period. Turns out that his wife, Erin Graffy de Garcia had recently published a book about the local paintings, tiles, and murals that memorialize this time: Old Spanish Days: Santa Barbara History through Public Art, with photo illustrations by Fritz Olenberger. Erin and I worked together on the script, Jim provided much of the music that we incorporated into the production, and he brought in Luis Moreno, a noted specialist in this music. It was the first production for our new music director, Erin McKibben, and her husband, Nicholas Jurkowski, was able to transform the material into choral and instrumental parts for our purposes. It was an ideal coming together of elements and talents. We were so excited about creating and presenting this production.

Then the Thomas Fire happened, the smoke came, evacuations followed, and we had to cancel half our performances. We put our set into storage and vowed to return. Then COVID-19 happened, and – along with all our fellow performing arts companies – we shut down for a while, ultimately transitioning to virtual performances. Well, finally, we are back! We're performing live, and we're doing a show that we so wanted to share with our community.

The observations that Dana recorded give a rich, first-hand sense of what Santa Barbara was like in that time-period. Dropping out of Harvard College after a bout of measles had weakened his eyes, Dana spent time sailing up and down the California Coast in the mid-1830s on a ship that collected hides and tallow, the two primary products of the cattle-based economy. He recorded his adventures in detail, capturing a sense of the events and activities in this part of the world that still is enjoyed today.

Of course, our sailing has been somewhat rougher than Dana's was in his good ship *Alert*. Despite the challenges we have faced along the way, it has been a wonderful journey with incredibly talented and deeply knowledgeable companions. Finally, like Dana, we have reached our harbor safely. I am excited about the result of our efforts and eager to share it again with Santa Barbara: this is your show, your history! *Join us and be joyous!*

Susan Keller, Artistic Director

THE PROGRAM Part I

1. Overture

Themes from La Noche 'Sta Serena, La Varsoviana, and Spanish Ladies arranged by Nicholas Jurkowski.

The Santa Rosae Strings
Thomas Håkanson ~ Percussion

2. Cheerly Man

A halyard shanty, employed for longer hauling tasks, such as hoisting the topsails or topgallant sails. Mentioned by name by both Dana and Melville, it seems to have been widely employed from the 1830s-1840s on both British and American vessels. This shanty has solo part (sung by a shantyman), and a refrain, sung by the rest of the sailors, and used to coordinate their efforts. Arr. N. Jurkowski.

Stan Hoffman ~ Shantyman The Merchant Ship Sailors

3. The Wellerman

This shanty refers to the heyday of whaling in the South Island of New Zealand. The Sydney-based Weller brothers established their first whaling station at Otakou (Otago) in 1831. While its authorship is unknown, it may have been written by a pirate or shore whaler and may have served as a "cutting-in shanty" that whalers would sing as they slaughtered a whale. Arr. The Longest Johns.

THE MERCHANT SHIP SAILORS

4. La California Vals Jota

Although similar to the Spanish *Jota*, the California *Vals Jota* has enough distinctive patterns that it may not be a direct descendent of the older Spanish *Jota*. The two surviving versions of the California *Vals Jota* are from Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. *Barbareños* were

known for their quick and lively *Jota* steps. When President Benjamin Harrison visited Santa Barbara in 1891, *Barbareños* danced the *Jota* for President Harrison as part of the formal program of the presidential reception. Arranged by James Garcia and N. Jurkowski.

Baile de California The Revels Company The Santa Rosae Strings

5. La Pitanza

Complied by Antoni van der Voort from recordings by Doña Maria Antonia Jimeno de Arata, a granddaughter of Don Jose de la Guerra, who learned the *Californios'* songs as a child in her grandfather's home and sang them all her life. She was one of the *Barbareños* who performed for President Harrison. In 1927, when Doña Maria Antonia was 91 years old, van der Voort transcribed *La Pitanza* from her singing it to him. Arr. N. Jurkowski.

Luis Moreno - El Tecolero
The Solstice Singers
The Santa Rosae Strings

6. La Cachucha

A Spanish dance in 3/4 to 3/8 time, similar to Bolero. *La Cachucha* is danced to an Andalusian national song, and it often has castanet accompaniment. Related to the *Fandango*, the *cachucha* means "small boat or cap" in Spanish. Arr. J. Garcia and N. Jurkowski.

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7. The Twelve Days of Christmas

Victorian folk song collector and hymn writer Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924) published a version of this traditional English forfeit carol in *Northumbrian Minstrelsy*. This lively rendition needs help from members of the audience! Arr. Ken Pullig

BILL EGAN ~ SONG LEADER
THE REVELS COMPANY
THE BARBAREÑO BRASS ENSEMBLE

ALL SING:

On the first day of Christmas,

MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME

A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE.

- ...TWO TURTLE DOVES.
- ... THREE FRENCH HENS.
- ...FOUR CALLING BIRDS.
- ...FIVE GOLDEN RINGS.
- ...SIX GEESE A-LAYING.
- ...SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING.
- ...EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING.
- ...NINE LADIES DANCING.
- ...TEN LORDS A-LEAPING.
- ...ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING.
- ...TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING.

8. Children's Songs and Games

El Zapatero

Originating in Mexico, this was well known and popular in the early 1800's in both California and Mexico. *El Zapatero* also appears in a collection of songs performed in New Mexico during the Mexican period (prior to 1846). Charles Lummis collected *El Zapatero* in the late 1880s in California. Translation by Arthur Farwell.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHORUS
THE YULETIDE YOUTH
LUIS MORENO ~ GUITAR

A vint-i-cinc de desembre (On the 25th of December)

Usually called *Fum*, *Fum*, *Fum* in English, this is a 16th-century Catalan Christmas carol. The "fum" sound may imitate the sound of a drum or perhaps a strummed guitar. Arranged by George Emlen.

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THE BARBAREÑO BRASS ENSEMBLE

ALL SING:



9. Riu, Riu Chiu

The nonsense syllables "riu, riu, chiu," representing a nightingale's song, were a traditional call by Spanish shepherds when guarding their flocks. The song's lyrics refer to God keeping the wolf from the lamb. It is part of a mid-16th-century collection of music called the *Cancionero de Upsala* after the university library in Sweden that holds the only surviving original. Arr. Linda Spevacek, trans. N. Jurkowski.

Shaina Perez - Soloist

Luis Moreno - Soloist

The Solstice Singers
The Yuletide Youth
The Barbareño Brass Ensemble

10. Joy to the World

The words are by English hymn writer Isaac Watts, based on Psalm 98 in the Bible. The song was first published in 1719. The music was adapted and arranged to Watts' lyrics by Lowell Mason in 1839 from an older melody which was then believed to have originated from George Frideric Handel.

Erin McKibben ~ Song Leader
The Solstice Singers
The Yuletide Youth
The Barbareño Brass Ensemble

ALL SING:

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 NATURE SING.

Joy to the world! The Saviour Reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, Rocks, Hills, and Plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, Repeat the sounding joy.

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.

11. Las Posadas

The tradition of *Las Posadas* (Inns or Shelter) began in Mexico in 1587 with local community volunteers playing the various parts. Led by an angel, Mary, Joseph, and other pilgrims sing songs as they recreate the seeking shelter in Bethlehem. Repeated for 9 nights, beginning on December 16th and ending on Christmas Eve, this reenactment was popular in Mexico and was brought to California, including Santa Barbara, by the first settlers from Mexico. The songs are taken from *Christmas in California*, 1840, by Rosario Curletti (edited by Luis Moreno), and 9 Journeys to Bethlehem, Las Posadas: A Christmas Novena by Owen de Silva, O.F.M. Trans. Elizabeth Erro Hvolboll. Edited by Luis Moreno and Elizabeth Erro Hvolboll.

The Revels Company
Luis Moreno ~ Guitar

12. Duo a Nuestra Señora

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe is also called the Virgin of Guadalupe, in Roman Catholicism, the Virgin Mary in her appearance before St. Juan Diego in a vision in 1531. The name also refers to the Marian apparition itself. Our Lady of Guadalupe holds a special place in the religious life of Mexico and is one of the most popular religious devotions. Her image has played an important role as a national symbol of Mexico. Written by Ignacio de Jerusalem (1707-1769), one of the most preeminent Mexican Baroque composers.

Paula Lopez Isabelle Marchand Erin McKibben Meredith McMinn The Santa Rosae Strings

13. La Varsoviana

The Little Girl from Warsaw reflects 18th C. European musical styles. Brought by the Spanish to the New World, *La Varsoviana* came to California with the Spanish settlers. Because of its closed waltz

position, it was considered inappropriate by Mission Fathers and was banned in the 1820s. *La Varsoviana* was danced openly again when the ban was lifted in 1834. Arr. J. Garcia and N. Jurkowski after an arrangement by E.E. Hvollboll.

The Solstice Singers
The Yuletide Youth
The Santa Barbara Bailarines
Baile de California
The Santa Rosae Strings

14. La Noche 'Sta Serena

Collected and transcribed by Charles Lummis, this was in his 1923 publication, *Spanish Songs of Old California* (G. Schirmer, NY) with a piano accompaniment by Arthur Farwell. Lummis attributes this version to Doña Manuela Garcia of Los Angeles. Arr. N. Jurkowski.

Meredith McMinn & Kenneth Johnson
Paula Lopez Ochoa & Frank Artusio
Isabelle Marchand & Kai Convery
The Solstice Singers
The Santa Rosae Strings

15. Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter's modern lyrics to the Shaker song *Simple Gifts* are here translated into dance, using a compilation of traditional English Morris dance steps by Carol Langstaff, Martin Graetz and Jonathan Morse. This piece ends Part I of every production of "The Christmas Revels" across the U.S. The Revels Company invites you to join us in the dance through the aisles and onto the Lobero Promenade.

Bill Egan ~ Soloist Sara Weitzel & Matthew Weitzel ~ Dancers The Revels Company The Barbareño Brass Ensemble

ALL SING AND DANCE:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

INTERMISSION (15 minutes)

Part II

16. Entr'acte

A reprise of the *California Vals Jota* and *The Sailors' Alphabet* arranged by Nicholas Jurkowski.

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17. Story ~ The Rainbow Bridge

The first Chumash were created on Santa Cruz Island by the Earth Goddess Hutash, who fashioned them from the seeds of a magic plant. This legend tells how the Chumash people came from the island to the mainland.

Ernestine Ygnacio-Desoto ~ Story Teller The Children's Christmas Chorus

18. Abbots Bromley Horn Dance

Derived from an ancient ritual dance for good luck in hunting the stag and still danced every year in the Staffordshire village of Abbots Bromley in England. Its traditional supernumerary characters – the Fool, the Hobby Horse, the Man/Woman, and the Boy Archer – link it with the mumming tradition of Old Christmas. It is danced to a tune known as *The Wheelwright Robinson Tune*.

THE DANCERS:

GILBERT LUNA KHANH NGUYEN
FRED PERNER GARY SHAPIRO
ERIC WEITZEL GEORGE WILLIAMS

Kristine Haugh ~ *The Fool* Treasa McGettigan ~ *The Hobby Horse* Steve Baker ~ *The Man/Woman*

Antonio Luna ~ The Boy Archer

Robert Winokur ~ Tin Whistle

19. Las Blancas Flores

This *Californio* song was collected from Santa Barbara resident Francisca de la Guerra Dibblee, another one of Jose de la Guerra's grandchildren. Arr. N. Jurkowski.

Erin McKibben ~ Soloist
Women of The Solstice Singers
Girls of The Yuletide Youth
The Santa Rosae Strings

20. El Capotin

Reflecting the Californios' love of onomatopoeia, this song was recorded and transcribed in 1904 by Charles Lummis from his neighbors, Rosa and Luisa Villa of Los Angeles. The song is also found in Spain and throughout Latin America. The title refers to a type of rain cloak commonly made from tulles or palm fronds. Arr. J. Garcia and N. Jurkowski.

Luis Moreno ~ *El Tecolero* Men of The Solstice Singers The Merchant Ship Sailors The Santa Rosae Strings

21. Alabado

An *alabado* is a hymn of praise in Spanish. This particular *Alabado* was sung throughout California by settlers and Native Americans in Franciscan mission settlements beginning in the early 1700s. The music, sung by unaccompanied voices in unison, is metrically free. Father Junipero serra sang the *Alabado* at the founding of the Santa Barbara Royal Presidio on April 21, 1782. Arr. E.E. Hvolboll.

Treasa McGettigan *- Soloist* Erik Bell *- Padre Durán* The Solstice Singers

22. Round - Dona Nobis Pacem

Translated as "Grant us peace," this is a phrase found in the Agnus Dei section of the Roman Catholic Mass.

Erin McKibben ~ Song Leader
The Revels Company

ALL SING:

Dona Nobis Pacem



23. Children's Songs & Games ~ El Gallo Copetón

Another of the songs transcribed by Antoni van der Voort from recordings of Doña Maria Antonia Jimeno de Arata singing the songs of her childhood in 1927, when she was 91 years old. Traditional.

The Children's Christmas Chorus
The Yuletide Youth
Luis Moreno ~ Guitar

24. La Colaza

Doña Maria Antonia Jimeno de Arata recalled learning this song as an adolescent from visitors who came to her grandfather's home from Northern California. In 1927 she sang it for Antoni van der Voort, who transcribed it from her singing. Arr. N. Jurkowski after A. van der Voort.

Paula Lopez ~ Soloist

Women of The Solstice Singers
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25. Spanish Ladies

One of the oldest extant sea songs, with the first reference to a ballad of that name appearing in 1624. Originally British, by the early 20th century, there were American, Newfoundlander, and Australian versions, in both major and minor modes. Arr. N. Jurkowski.

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26. Sombrero Blanco

Lyrics accompanying this dance were collected by Charles Lummis from two different *Californio* informants in 1904: Doña Adalaida Kamp and Porfirio Rivera. Some of the lyrics describe a situation in which impossible feats are demanded of a would-be wooer, who meets the demands with word play rather than exertion. The chorus reflects, in nursery rhyme style, the political rivalries of previous generations — with hat ribbons of white or blue denoting which camp one claims. Arr. J. Garcia and N. Jurkowski.

The Santa Barbara Bailarines
Baile de California
The Santa Rosae Strings

27. Mummers' Play ~ Davy Jones' Locker

An idiom for the bottom of the sea, Davy Jones' locker is used as a euphemism for drowning or shipwrecks in which the sailors' and ships' remains are consigned to the bottom of the sea. The origins of the name of Davy Jones, the sailors' devil, are unclear, with a 19th century dictionary tracing Davy Jones to a "ghost of Jonah."

Other explanations of this nautical superstition have been put forth, including an incompetent sailor or a pub owner who kidnapped sailors. Written by Susan Keller.

Los Padres Players:

Sarah Gorman - Narrator Stan Hoffman - Davy Jones Tyler X Koontz - Young Sailor Krystal Freedom - Siren Gillian Conway - Kraken Michele Neilson - Doctor

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Susan McNeill - *Drum* Robert Winokur - *Tin Whistle*

28. Adios Amores

This song was included in Charles Lummis' *Spanish Songs of Old California* (1923, G. Schirmer, NY). It also appears in collections from New Mexico. Although the song speaks of a longing to return to one's native land, *Barbareños* traditionally sang this song at the close of a party or fiesta as a way of saying, "Good-bye my friends until the next time." Katherine Bell remembers learning this song as a small child in Santa Barbara in the 1840s, when it was already the traditional ending to a fiesta. Trans. C. Lummis. Arr. N. Jurkowski.

THE REVELS COMPANY
THE SANTA ROSAE STRINGS

29. Poem ~ The Shortest Day

Written for Revels by award-winning author Susan Cooper in 1977, this poem has become a traditional part of every Christmas Revels performance throughout the country.

Susan Keller - Founder,

SANTA BARBARA REVELS

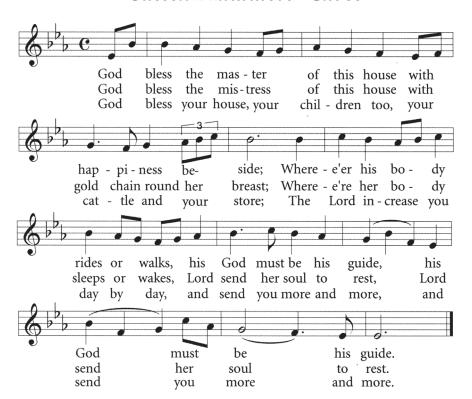
30. Sussex Mummers' Carol

A traditional English carol sung as an ending to a folk play in Horsham, Sussex. In each of the nine cities where Revels is produced annually, this carol is sung with the audience at the conclusion of every performance. The brass arrangement is by Brian Holmes, with descant and final verse harmonization by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Revels Company
The Barbareño Brass Ensemble

ALL SING:

Sussex Mummers' Carol



Welcome Yule!

PERFORMERS

Joseph Velasco ~ Narrator

Tyler X Koontz - Richard Henry Dana

BILL EGAN ~ CAPTAIN THOMPSON

Luis Moreno - El Tecolero

Frank Artusio - Jose de la Guerra

KAI CONVERY ~ ALFRED ROBINSON

Isabelle Marchand - Anita de la Guerra

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Stan Hoffman

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Susan Keller

Gilbert Luna

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THE YULETIDE YOUTH

Elizabeth Avila

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THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Madden Avent

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Antonio Luna

Yana Martin

THE SANTA ROSA STRINGS

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Rebekah Scogin - Harp

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THE MERCHANT SHIP SAILORS

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Thomas Håkanson - Timpani

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GRATITUDES

In our 2017 program, I reflected upon the many personalities and talents that had contributed to our company during the previous ten years. I listed our Music Directors: Nathan Kreitzer, Steven Hodson, the sadly-departed Ken Ryals, Adam Phillips, and our current and dearly-loved, Erin McKibben. Our Children's Chorus Directors have included founding colleague Pam McLendon, Emily Jewell, Diane Stevenett, and Sarah Phillips Eglin. Maggie Mixsell was essential as our original Stage Director, and Matt Tavianini has been with us since the 2010 show, filling a variety of directing duties. Then, there are company members too numerous to mention who joyfully performed with us prior to moving on to other locations and commitments. Each contributed to the growth and success of **Santa Barbara Revels** in so many ways.

We've had individual donors and local foundations who have been enormously loyal and generous: especially the Ann Jackson Family Foundation, Anne Smith Towbes, and – this year – the Brown Family Foundation, sponsoring our Community Preview Performance. We've also had generous community support from groups that have provided us with much needed, affordable rehearsal space: First Presbyterian Church, Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, and – most significantly, for the past two years – Girls, Inc.

However, **Santa Barbara Revels** simply would not exist without the special contributions of three people. They've been with us from the start and have given tirelessly of their time and talents on a completely volunteer basis: **Gene Lerner**, Foreman of the Pacific Sword Company; his associate, **Fred Perner**, PSC Squire, who began dancing with Revels in Oakland almost 40 years ago; and **Helen Pasley**, Gene's wife, who has filled in as a sword dancer, taught dancers for our shows, and underwritten our rehearsal space. They are **Santa Barbara Revels** own heroes. We dedicated our 2017 presentation to them, but – as you know – calamity sadly curtailed that production. Thus, once again in 2021, with much gratitude for all they have done and with our deep affection, we dedicate this year's Early California show to them.

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