

COLUMBIA *CHORALE

With

Mastersingers Youth Choir

A Classical Christmas

SONGS OF THE SEASON

Friday, Dec 6, 7PM Saturday, Dec 7, 1PM

*Chief Joseph Middle School, Richland

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PROGRAM

Mastersingers Youth Choir

I Saw Three Ships Traditional English, Arr. John Riggio

Silent Night Franz Gruber

It Feels Like Christmas Paul Williams, Arr. Audrey Snyder

COMBINED CHOIRS

Gaudete 14th Century Latin Carol, Arr. Michael Burkhardt

COLUMBIA CHORALE

Ave Maria Franz Biebl

Soloists: Mani Estacio, Charles Harris

Sussex Carol Traditional English, Arr. Ian Crawford

Lully, Lulla, Lullay Traditional Carol, Arr. Philip WJ Stopford

Soloist: Rebekah Bodine

Soloist: Jim Mailloux

Gesu Bambino Pietro A. Yon

Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy Peter Tchaikovsky, Arr. Jeff Funk

Sing We Now of Christmas Traditional Carol, Arr. Mark Hayes

Love's Pure Light (Silent Night) Elaine Hagenberg

O Come All Ye Faithful Traditional Carol, Arr. Dan Forrest

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Thank you for joining us for *A Classical Christmas*, a celebration of timeless choral works that embody the spirit and beauty of the season.

I have always been captivated by the classics—their ability to connect us to history, humanity, and the enduring richness of the world around us. But what makes something a classic? A simple definition describes a classic as an outstanding example of its kind, possessing lasting worth, timeless quality, and exceptional craftsmanship. Oxford further defines it as "remarkably and instructively typical" or "a work of art of recognized and established value."

For me, a classic becomes truly personal when it does more than impress with its artistry. A classic transforms us—shaping how we think, feel, and connect with the world and one another. It is something we return to time and again, drawn by a desire to rediscover its depth, meaning, and beauty. Each encounter leaves us enriched and inspired, no matter how familiar the experience.

This is the journey we have shared as singers throughout our preparation for tonight's performance. It has been a joy to immerse ourselves in these timeless works, and it is our hope to bring their classic influence to life for you, our audience.

May these melodies fill your hearts and homes with the wonder of the season. From all of us, may you and your family experience the joy, peace, and hope of Christmas.

Warmest wishes,

Marianne Larsen

COLUMBIA CHORALE

DIRECTORMarianne Larsen

ACCOMPANIST Cheryl Cannard

SOPRANO Sherrie Blodgett Rebekah Bodine Melinda Brown Kenzy Christensen Jennifer Corwin Amy Faulk Lindsey Field Coyana Furniss Ann Garcia Linda Garner Jennifer Goodman Nancy Gordon Pamela Gregg Julie Harris Alison Heggstrom Dorothy Hey Kimberly Hillebrant Jenny Lundquist Linda Mackie Danielle Madsen Lexi Mailloux Jill Montgomery Tammy Pattillo Laura Peer Gaylene Powers Ashton Preuninger Rebecca Rawson Jaimie Roderick Hannah Roosendaal Suzanne Salvage Bobette Sudweeks Denise Swanson Barbara Tanner Briana Tippetts Kaitlyn Tippetts Stephanie Welsch Marilyn Wright

Dottie Zagar

Alto Anne Adams Amanda Adams Lightfoot Sydney Anderson Barbara Bishop Fern Blake Sara Briggs Jen Childers Jennifer Cicero Kathy Costin Michelle Duckett Ashley Gangl Jana Hair Linnea Hillesland Canon Jensen Cheryl Kulas Elinor Lake Shirlene Larsen Alanna Lindlom Emily Loseke Sherrie McCullough Evelyn Moos Victoria Remington Peggy Roberts Angela Schmidt Jean Seibert Karen Sharp Anna Tadlock Julia Ward

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Marlies Wuttig

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Spencer Anderson
Chris Bauer
David Broweleit
Patrick Faulk
Gene Gower
Charles Harris
Kimball Larsen
Fred Liesk
Shaela Odd

David Anderson Bevan Briggs Mani Estacio Tony Garcia Duane Garner Don Gordon Brian Gruendell Nathan Humphreys Dane Jensen Elijah Lien Gavin Lightfoot Jim Mailloux Jacob Miller Tyler Sharp Brando Suarez Karl Wallin

BASS

Mastersingers Youth Choir

DIRECTOR Debi Teague

ACCOMPANIST
Kirsten Sauey Hofmann

SINGERS
Carson Chastain
Talia Hofmann
Geordie Lightfoot
Emma Nelson
Luis Rivera
Baxter Wood
Colton Zech

GUEST MUSICIANS

PIANO Allen Madsen

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We are so grateful for your presence at tonight's performance. Your attention and engagement as audience members play an essential role in creating a meaningful and memorable concert experience for everyone.

To help us present these beautiful works at their best, we kindly ask that you:

Silence electronic devices: Please turn off or silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.

Remain seated: Once the concert begins, we ask that you stay seated for the duration of the performance.

Support all performers: Please stay and enjoy the contributions of all groups performing.

Applause etiquette: Kindly hold applause between movements and wait until the conductor lowers their hands.

Young audience members: We love seeing families attend! If you bring small children, please sit near an aisle and exit promptly if needed, re-entering only during applause. Remind little ones that attending a concert is different from other events like movies or games—staying seated and listening quietly helps everyone enjoy the music.

Timely exits: If you must leave during the performance, please wait for applause and use the rear exit whenever possible.

Respect performances: Avoid walking in front of or past a choir while it is performing.

No food or drink: Please leave all refreshments outside the performance venue.

Minimize distractions: Avoid talking during the performance. If necessary, keep comments to a quiet whisper between pieces.

Your thoughtful participation allows our performers to shine and ensures a wonderful experience for all. Thank you for being part of this special evening.

Come sing with us!

Columbia Chorale is for any singers over 16 years of age and rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mastersingers Youth Choir is for any singers in 4th-6th grade and rehearses after school on Thursdays at The Academy of Children's Theatre.

No auditions or prior experience required.

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