TIDEWATER WINDS PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

YULETIDE CELEBRATION



DEC MON GUEST VOCALIST 7:30PM SYMONE HARCUM

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Maestro John Brewington

Dear Friends of the Winds,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this evening's Tidewater Winds holiday program, Yuletide Celebration. Like many of you, this is my favorite time of year—a season to gather with family, friends, and tonight, with one another as we share the joy and warmth of the holidays through music. I remain deeply grateful for your loyal presence and generous support, which sustain our mission and make performances like this possible.

Tonight's program is a festive and heartfelt musical experience! We open with Sean O'Loughlin's "Holiday Portraits", a spirited medley weaving together beloved carols including O Christmas Tree, O Come All Ye Faithful, Angels We Have Heard on High, Deck the Halls, Good King Wenceslas, Joy to the World, and more. The first half continues with Stephen Bulla's "Rhapsody for Hanukkah", followed by the charming "Boléro de Noël" by Maurice Ravel, arr. Suzanne Welters and a beautifully reflective "I Wonder as I Wander" by John Niles, arr. Larry Clark. We then welcome our wonderful, featured vocalist, Symone Harcum, for two cherished classics: "Christmas Time is Here" by Mendelson/Guaraldi, arr. Hemmer & Brewington, and "The Christmas Song" by Mel Tormé. The first half concludes with the bright, rhythmic sparkle of Percy Faith's "Brazilian Sleigh Bells".

Following intermission, the Winds return with Stephen Melillo's powerful arrangement of "O Come Holy Night". We continue with Tyler Coughran's exhilarating setting of David Foster's "Carol of the Bells" and Douglas Wagner's nostalgic "Christmas from the '50s", featuring once again the extraordinary vocals of Symone Harcum. Symone also joins us for the tender and contemplative "Christmas Lullaby", by J.R. Brown, arr. John Conahan. Our program concludes with audience favorites: David Lovrien's "Christmas Sing-Along" and Leroy Anderson's timeless "Sleigh Ride".

Thank you for making our 2025 season so special for the Winds. The past 40 years of music-making have been possible only because of your continued kindness, generosity, and belief in the value of live performance. Now more than ever, your support sustains and strengthens our future. I wish you and your loved ones peace, joy, and the blessings of music throughout this holiday season.

Musically Yours, John H. Brewington Conductor and Music Director, Tidewater Winds

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December 8, 7:30 PM Sandler Center for the Performing Arts

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A YULETIDE CELEBRATION SING-ALONG, ARR. DAVID LOVRIEN

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH SWEETLY SINGING O'ER THE PLAINS, AND THE MOUNTAINS IN REPLY ECHOING THEIR JOYOUS STRAINS. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO!

AWAY IN A MANGER

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO!

AWAY IN A MANGER, NO CRIB FOR A BED,
THE LITTLE LORD JESUS LAID DOWN HIS SWEET HEAD.
THE STARS IN THE SKY LOOKED DOWN WHERE HE LAY,
THE LITTLE LORD JESUS ASLEEP ON THE HAY.

I SAW THREE SHIPS

I SAW THREE SHIPS COME SAILING IN ON CHRISTMAS DAY, ON CHRISTMAS DAY I SAW THREE SHIPS COME SAILING IN ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING

AND WHAT WAS IN THOSE SHIPS, ALL THREE

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, ON CHRISTMAS DAY? AND WHAT WAS IN THOSE SHIPS, ALL THREE ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING?

THE VIRGIN MARY AND CHRIST WERE THERE, ON CHRISTMAS DAY, ON CHRISTMAS DAY. THE VIRGIN MARY AND CHRIST WERE THERE, ON CHRISTMAS DAYS IN THE MORNING

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

GOOD TIDINGS WE BRING TO YOU AND YOUR KIN,
GOOD TIDINGS FOR CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,