

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

presents

The Sounds of Christmas

25
YEARS



with the Skyline Brass and the Blue Ridge Ringers

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1994 AT 8 P.M.

Lehman Auditorium, Eastern Mennonite University

GRETCHEN W. WELCH, CONDUCTOR

BERYL W. HOAK, ACCOMPANIST

PROGRAM

The audience is invited to join the Choral Society in singing the carol verses printed below.

A Christmas Introit

Arr. Ron Jeffers

The First Nowell

Traditional English Carol, arr. David Willcocks

2. They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest; O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

6. Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And with his blood mankind hath bought:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

Quem Vidistis from **Christmas Cantata**

Daniel Pinkham (b. 1923)

Shepherds, what have you seen? Speak to us! Tell us what has appeared!
We saw a birth and heard the angel chorus singing praise to the Lord! Alleluia!

From Heaven Above to Earth I Came

Arr. John A. Behnke

I Saw Three Ships

English Carol, arr. Mack Wilberg

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arr. Gary Meredith and Greg Goida

O Magnum Mysterium from **Christmas Cantata**

Pinkham

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament when the animals saw the Lord
born and lying in the manger! O blessed virgin, worthy was your womb to
carry our Saviour Jesus Christ!

Holy Harmony

Carlton Young

Away in a Manger and Silent Night

Arr. Gail Leven Pollock

We Three Kings

John Hopkins, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Reading: The Gift

William Carlos Williams

Jay Landis, reader

The Three Kings

Healy Willan (1880-1968)

O Come All Ye Faithful

J. F. Wade, arr. Willcocks

1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him Born the King of Angels:
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God In the highest: Refrain.
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain.

Carol of the Bells

Leontovich, arr. Alinda B. Couper

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Arr. Luther Henderson

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

John Marks, arr. Vance and Kjelson

Gloria in Excelsis Deo from **Christmas Cantata**

Pinkham

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill!

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye nations, serve the Lord with gladness!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill!

Come before his presence with singing!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill!

Know ye that the Lord, he is God. It is he that made us and not we ourselves!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill! Alleluia!

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Traditional English Carol, arr. Willcocks

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.
3. Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas All others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Christmastide

Traditional, arr. Pollock

Silver Bells

Livingston and Evans, arr. Charles Naylor

Reading: Old Christmas Returned

Traditional

Anne Bullis, reader

Gloucestershire Wassail

English Carol, arr. Norman Luboff

Beth Harter, soloist

Pat-a-pan

Burgundian Carol, arr. Gary Meredith

Jingle Bells

J. Pierpont, arr. Willcocks

Jingle Bells and Deck the Halls from **Christmas Crackers**

Arr. John Iveson

Winter Wonderland

Felix Bernard, arr. Ed Lojeski

Libbie Robinson, soloist

White Christmas

Irving Berlin, arr. Dobrinski

Reading: The Joy of Giving

John Greenleaf Whittier

Sylvia Fellows, reader

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Traditional English Carol, arr. John Rutter

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

Arr. Sharon Elliott Cheek