

River City Chorale December 6 and 8, 2019

River City Chorale

is pleased to welcome David Vanderbout Artistic Director

Dean Mora, Accompanist

<u>Featuring</u> River City Chamber Choir River City Orchestra Golden State Brass Quintet



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Director's Notes

The holiday season is my favorite time of year. It is a time of revered traditions, beautiful music, and gathering with friends and family. It is a time filled with peace, kindness, and goodwill to all. And it is a time to share stories from the past and present; stories that inspire, stories that ignite the spirit, stories that bring comfort and joy.

Tonight, we share these familiar and festive stories through song, music, and spoken word. As the new Artistic Director for the River City Chorale, I am honored to present this evening's performance, *Good Tidings We Sing!*

The performance opens with sacred themes as we retell the story of the nativity through chapters from different generations and cultures. Yet all of the variations of the nativity story we share tonight are connected by messages of peace and humility, rejoicing and reconciling. We hope the selections from legendary composers such as Bach and Britten, as well as traditional carols from around the world will stir and uplift the spirit.

Keeping spirits bright, the second half of our program is a musical sleigh ride full of holiday favorites. The stories now turn to jingling bells, chestnuts roasting on an open fire, boughs of holly, twinkling lights, and freshly fallen snow. A delight for all ages, these timeless seasonal tunes are sure to ring in the holidays on a high note.

On behalf of the River City Chorale, I would like to wish you a very merry holiday season and a prosperous new year to come. We look forward to seeing you at our Pops Concert, *At the Hop*, in February.

David Vanderbout, Artistic Director

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The River City Chorale

<u>The Chorale</u>, consisting of approximately 50 members, has been performing in the Sacramento area for over 40 years, singing a wide variety of music from the classics to the contemporary. David Vanderbout became the director this year following the earlier leadership of Jack Carey, Walter Kerfoot, Mel Olson and Richard Morrissey.

<u>Season Performances</u> begin in December with gala Christmas Concerts by chorale and orchestra to usher in the holidays. This is followed by a fun Pops Concert in February, and the Spring Concert in May always provides a variety of wonderful music. The Chorale has performed in ten international concert tours, and has produced three CDs.

<u>Special Performances</u> are available. The Chorale and Chamber Choir welcome invitations to perform at various events, from special galas to private celebrations. Call 916-967-9221.

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"Good TídíngsWe Síng!"

A Procession of Holiday Carols and Songs

David Vanderbout, Artistic Director Dean Mora, Accompanist

Translations in the back of the program

Hodie Chritus Natus Est Gregorian Chant Soloists: Greg Meyer & Bob Schaevitz

<u>River City Chorale</u> Once In Royal David's City

H. J. Gauntlett Arr. Richard Morrissey

Jauchzet Frohlocket Johann Sebastian Bach From Christmas Oratorio (BWV 248)

A Hymn To The Virgin Benjamin Britten Ouartet:

Christina Chappell, Beth Messina, Greg Meyer, Vera Refnes

Sussex Carol English Traditional Carol

Betelehemu Trans. Jonathan Crutchfield African Folk Tune Soloists: Pat Junod & Bob Schaevitz

<u>River City Chamber Choir</u> O Magnum Mysterium

Tomas Luis de Victoria

Arr. Sir David Wilcocks

The Holly and the Ivy English Traditional Carol Arr. John Rutter

River City Chorale Angel's Carol

Joy To The World

Lowell Mason Arr. John Rutter

Somebody's Talkin 'Bout Jesus **Traditional Spiritual** Soloists: Rosemarie Felver, Pat Junod, **Beth Messina. Pam Mitchell**

Intermission

Golden State Brass Quintet **Toccata on Jolly Ol' St. Nick**

Good Rest Ye Merry Gents

River City Chorale Yorkshire Wassail Traditional English Carol

Arr. Paul Brandvik

Sweet Songs of Christmas

Chris Dedrick **Arr. Emily Crocker**

River City Chorale (Sopranos/Altos) Jingle Bells

James Pierpont Arr. Jack Gold & Marty Paich **Choral Adapt. Mark Haves**

River City Chamber Choir

S'vivon **Traditional Hebrew Song** **Arr. Betty Bertaux**

Merry Christmas, Darling **Richard Carpenter & Frank Pooler** Arr. Kirby Shaw

Arr. J. A. Ryther

Arr. James Faulconer

Arr. Bob Krogstad

John Rutter

<u>River City Chorale (Tenors/Basses)</u> Santa, Bring My Baby Back Claude Demetrius & Aaron Schroeder Arr. Ryan O'Connell

<u>River City Chorale</u> Somewhere In My Memory

> Leslie Bricusse & John Williams Arr. Audrey Snyder

White Christmas/The Christmas Song

Irving Berlin/Mel Torme Arr. Jim Elsberry Orch. Bob Edson

Audience Carols

(Words in the back of the program) Sing, Choirs of Angels Arr. Jay Althouse Hark the Herald Angels Sing It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Angels We Have Heard On High O Come All Ye Faithful

Silent Night

Arr. Edwin Fissinger

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Arr. John Rutter



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David Vanderbout, Artistic Director

David is thrilled to embark upon his first season as Artistic Director of the River City Chorale. He looks forward to the opportunity of building upon the dynamic and diverse legacy of the Chorale.



In addition to this position, David is the Choral Director at El Camino Fundamental High School. Now in his eighth year at the high school, he has expanded the choral program and developed the multiple choirs into award-winning ensembles. Under his direction, the choirs have received top ratings at festivals, toured extensively, and served as ambassadors for the high school in both the local Sacramento community and abroad. He also directs the choral program at Arden Middle School.

David received his Master of Music in Choral Conducting and Bachelor of Music in Music Education from California State University, Sacramento. In addition to his teaching duties, he performs regularly as both a soloist and in ensembles throughout the region.





Dean Mora, Accompanist

Dean is a native of Los Angeles and is a recent transplant to the Sacramento area. He has been enjoying a career as a professional pianist and organist for the past 25 years, playing in many gigs involving a wide range of



music genres including jazz, rock, Latin, classical, and musical theatre.

For the Disney organization, Dean's ragtime ensemble recorded the background music tracks for Main Street USA, which have been heard by millions over the years. He is also a staff organist at the famed El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood, a position he has held since 2013.

Currently, Dean is the organist/choir director for St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Woodland. He and his wife Adrian (who has sung with the River City Chorale) are parents of young Hamilton.



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Hodie Christus Natus Est Gregorian Chant

Hodie Christus natus est: hodie Salvator apparuit: hodie in terra canunt angeli, laetantur archangeli: hodie exsultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia.

Today Christ is born; today the Savior has appeared; today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

<u>River City Chorale</u> <u>Jauchzet Frohlocket</u> From Christmas Oratorio (BWV 248) Johann Sebastian Bach

Jauchzet, frohlocket, auf, preiset die Tage, Rühmet, was heute der Höchste getan! Lasset das Zagen, verbannet die Klage, Stimmet voll Jauchzen und Fröhlichkeit an! Dienet dem Höchsten mit herrlichen Chören, Laßt uns den Namen des Herrschers verehren!

Shout ye exultant this Day of Salvation, Glory to God in the Highest today! Fear ye no longer, forsake lamentation, Sing ye with gladness, exultant and gay! Worship the Master and bow ye before him, Come all ye faithful with song to adore him.

<u>A Hymn To The Virgin</u> Benjamin Britten

Of one that is so fair and bright *Velut maris stella*, [As a human star] Brighter than the day is light, *Parens et puella*: [Parent and daughter] I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, *Tam pia*, [so holy] That I may come to thee. Maria! [Mary] All this world was forlorn *Eva peccatrice*, [Eve is sinful] Till our Lord was y'born, *De te genetrice.* [according to the Mother] With ave it went away Darkest night, and comes the day Salutis, [salvation] The well springeth out of thee. Virtutis. [powerful virtue] Lady, flow'r of ev'rything, *Rosa sine spina*, [Rose without a thorn] Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King, *Gratia divina:* [Divine grace] Of all thou bear'st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise *Electa:* [one chosen] Maid mild, mother es Effecta. [for accomplishment]

Betelehemu African Folk Tune Trans. Jonathan Crutchfield

Betelehemu Awa yo ri Baba gbojule, Awa yo ri Baba fehinti. Nibo labe, Jesu. Nibo labe bii. Betelehemu ilu ayo, Nibo labe Baba o daju. Yeen, Yeen, Yeen Yeen Baba lo go. A dupe fu o. A dupe fu o. A dupe fu o lo jooni, Baba o lo reo. Fi yeen fo luwa. Fi yeen fo luwa lo jooni, Baba to da wa si. Awa yi yo Baba Gbojule, Awa yi yo Baba fehinti. Nibo labe Baba o daju.

Bethlehem

We are glad that we have a Father to trust. We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon. Where was Jesus born? In Bethlehem, the city of wonder. That is where the Father was born for sure Praise be to Him. We thank you for this day, gracious Father. Praise be to You, merciful Father.



<u>River City Chamber Choir</u> <u>O Magnum Mysterium</u> Tomas Luis de Victoria

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum Jacentem in praesepio. O beata Virgo, cujus viscera me ruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

O blessed Nativity! The Son of God most holy to Earth came, That all the world might see the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. So lowly and in humility. Shepherds were abiding, angels sang on high, Kings came riding to see the Holy Child, Jesus, our Lord. Alleluia.

<u>S'vivon</u> Traditional Hebrew Song Arr. Betty Bertaux

S'vivon, sov, sov, sov, Hanukka, hu hag tov, Hanukka, hu hag tov, S'vivon, sov, sov, sov! Hag simha hu laam, Nes gadol haya sham! Nes gadol haya sham, Hag simha hu laam!

Little dreydl, spin, spin, spin, Hanukka is a festive time. A joyous holiday for everyone, For a great miracle happened there.



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 ANGELIC HOST PROCLAIM, "CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM!" HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, "CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM".

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR, THAT GLORIOUS SONG OF OLD. FROM ANGELS BENDING NEAR THE EARTH TO TOUCH THEIR HARPS OF GOLD.

"PEACE ON THE EARTH GOOD WILL TO MEN FROM HEAV'N'S ALL GRACIOUS KING." THE WORLD IN SOLEMN STILLNESS LAY TO HEAR THEM SING, THE ANGELS SING, TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING.



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, GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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

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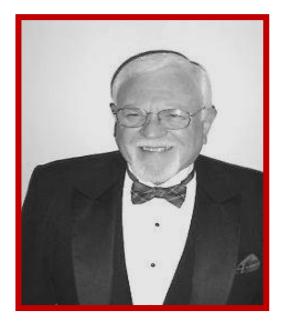


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