

"Caroling, Caroling"



*River City Chorale
Christmas 2018*

River City Chorale

Richard Morrissey, Director
Dean Mora, Accompanist

Also Featuring
River City Chamber Choir
River City Orchestra
Golden State Brass



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Director's Notes



We have a great selection of music for our Christmas Concerts this year! Our performances will open with a medley of carols written by Alfred Burt, an American jazz musician who is best known for composing the music for fifteen Christmas carols between 1942 and 1954. He shared these carols only with his family and friends. Just one was performed outside his immediate family circle during his lifetime. American composer Mark Hayes has arranged six of the Burt carols for choir and we are delighted to sing them for you tonight.

The concerts will continue with a setting of the “Gloria” of the mass by Kevin Memley. Mr. Memley is a choral composer and pianist with over 65 published works to his credit. His music has been performed around the world. He has conducted his works in Carnegie Hall, has been featured prominently in ACDA conventions, and is commissioned frequently for new works.

Also included on the programs is another setting of the “Gloria” by J. S. Bach and some songs by Patrick Tierney, Roy Ringwald, Craig Courtney and the English composer Peter Aston. New settings of the holiday favorites “Winter Wonderland”, “Deck the Hall” and “The Christmas Song” round out the performances.

I hope you enjoy hearing the music as much as we enjoy singing it.

Richard Morrissey,
Artistic Director

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10:00 pm Traditional Worship



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Season Performances 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 March, 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.

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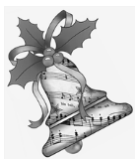
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"Caroling, Caroling"



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River City Chorale

Caroling, Caroling

Arr. Mark Hayes

Caroling, Caroling

We'll Dress the House

Bright, Bright the Holly Berries

The Star Carol

Some Children See Him

Greg Meyer, Tenor

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Kevin Memley

Soprano - Pam Mitchell, Beth Messina

Alto - Sharlene St. Clair, Christina Chappell

Tenor - Vera Refnes, Gary Varney

(Translation inside the back cover)

A Celtic Silent Night

Arr. Patrick Tierney

Winter Wonderland

Arr Ned Bennett

Carol of the Birds

Arr. Craig Courtney

Welcome Yule

Peter Aston

Sleep Little King

Don Besig

The Christmas Song

Arr. Mark Hayes

Intermission

Golden State Brass

The Twelve Days of Christmas **Arr. Andrew Kazdin**
Adapted for Quintet by Christopher U. Jones

We Three Kings **Arr. Gary Slechta**

River City Chamber Choir

Gloria in Excelsis **J. S. Bach**

O Nata Lux **Guy Forbes**

(Translation inside the back cover)

A La Nanita Nana **Ruth E. Schram**

Deck the Hall **Arr. Peter Aston**

River City Chorale

Christmas Suite **Arr. Mark Hayes**

Midnight Noel

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

O Holy Night

Audience Carols

(Words inside the back cover)

Christmas Joy **Arr. Richard Morrissey**

Joy to the World

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Jingle Bells



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Richard Morrissey, Director

Richard was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University Chico and has completed graduate level courses at Chico State, CSU Sacramento, University of Portland and CSU Humboldt. He has also studied at Occidental College in Los Angeles under Dr. Howard Swan.



He served as conductor and musical director of the Yuba-Sutter Oratorio Society Chorus and the Yuba-Sutter Symphony Orchestra for 25 years. He taught band, orchestra and theatre arts at Yuba City High School and served as District Supervisor of Performing Arts for the Yuba City Unified School District for 36 years. He has conducted choral concerts with the River City Chorale in many of the larger cities of Europe, in Canada and in Brazil.

Richard has composed and arranged over 150 works for choir, orchestra and brass quintet. He has been a member of the River City Chorale since 1996. He served as interim director during the chorale's 2001 European tour and was elected permanent director in November of that year. His hobbies include raising bonsai plants and playing the French horn in two brass quintets; Gold Country Brass in Nevada City and Sutter Buttes Brass in Yuba City. Richard also plays five other instruments.

Wayne Wong

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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, classical, musical theatre and Latin.



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 past five 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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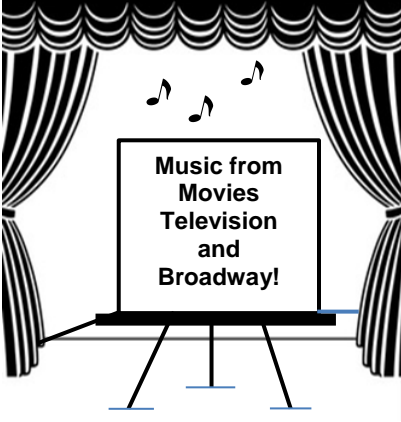
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Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
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Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heaven and nature sing.

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 and wonders of his love.

I HEARD THE BELLS

I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
their old familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet the words repeat
of peace on each good will to men.

I thought how as the day had come,
the belfries of all Christendom
had roll'd along th'un broken song
of peace on earth good will to men.



JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
o'er the fields we go, laughing all the way;
bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
what fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!

Oh! Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride,
soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side.
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot
he got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upstot.

Oh, Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way.
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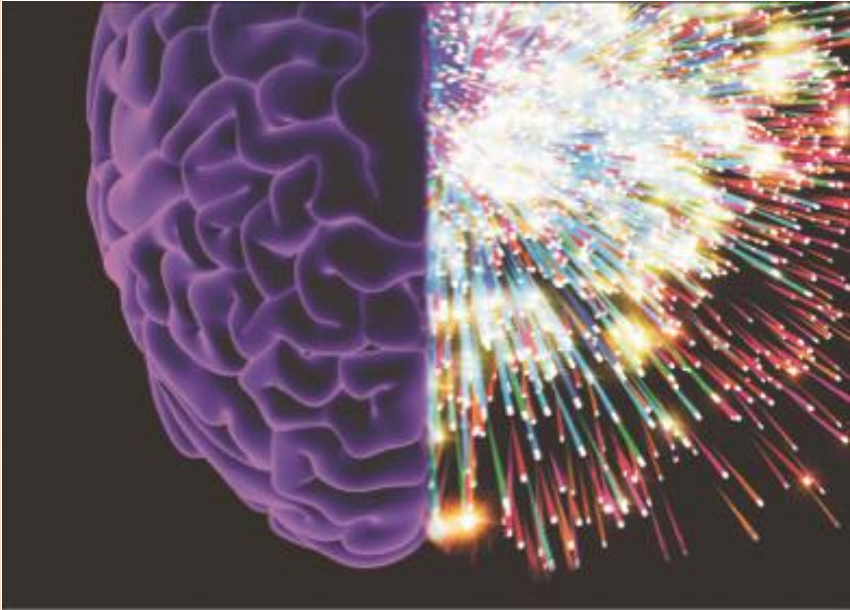
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“Gloria” of the Mass.

Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty, Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ most high, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us; Who takes away the sins of the world, hear our prayer. Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us; for you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

O Nata Lux

O born light of light, Jesus redeemer to all eternity,
Deem worthy compassionately the supplicant,
praises prayer and to accept.
Who in flesh once to cover you deigned for loss.
We members collect to be done, your blessed body.



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