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*Christmas with the  
River City Chorale*



*December 2012*

# RIVER CITY CHORALE

PRESENTS

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*Christmas with  
The River City Chorale*

Directed by Richard Morrissey

Also featuring  
River City Orchestra  
River City Chamber Choir  
Bel Tempo Handbells

**Friday, November 30, 7:30 pm**

Christ Community Church  
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**Saturday, December 1, 7:30 pm**

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## Director's Notes

Richard Morrissey, Artistic Director



I love Advent and Christmas. This time of year is filled with hope, joy and love and, for me, a great sense of new beginnings.

Our major work for this concert is "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham. It was composed in 1957 for the chorus of the New England Conservatory of Music and was first performed on December 1 of that year at Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts.

The rest of our program is a potpourri of Advent and Christmas music set in a variety of styles by some of my favorite composers, J. S. Bach, Mark Hayes, John Rutter, Moses Hogan and others. There is even a cute song I wrote in 1992 about the animals in the stable where Jesus was born and, of course, some wonderful Christmas music presented by Bel Tempo Handbells under the direction of Mary Balkow.

Thank you for joining us for this performance.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Pat Junod\*  
Beth Messina  
Lynn Lively  
Cathy Nickeson  
Barbara Olney  
Ella Warloe  
Alice Worsley

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Carol Ann Baltzell  
Pauline Chan  
Beth DePuy  
Pat Edmonds  
Carol Eikermann  
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Marilyn Kinikin  
Kelley Lints  
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Judy Raymond  
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Sharlene St. Clair\*  
Barbara Washington  
Lois Wright  
Sara Zeigler

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Franklin Munroe  
Stan Muther  
Vera Refnes\* \*\*  
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Guy Warren  
Sandi Warren  
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Paul Johnson  
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Greg Meyer  
Paul Peterson\*  
Jerry Powell  
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Section Leader\*  
Assistant Director\*\*

## *About the Chorale*

The 60-voice River City Chorale has been bringing fine choral music to the Sacramento area since 1977. Its repertoire includes a wide variety of music, ranging from the classics to the contemporary. Richard Morrissey is the fourth director of the Chorale, following the earlier leadership of Jack Carey, Walter Kerfoot and Mel Olson.

Membership in the Chorale is open to anyone, subject to audition and the needs of each voice section. Singers come from as far away as Yuba City and Elk Grove.

The River City Chorale is a non-profit corporation, supported by its members, by advertisers and by donors. In addition to presenting concerts in December, March and May each year, the chorale has participated in nine international concert tours.

The chorale and the chamber choir are available for special performances. For more information please call **916- 967-9221**.

Three CDs have been produced: "At Christmas Be Merry", "25th Anniversary Concert" and "Gloria". They are for sale in the narthex and also available on our website.

For more information about the Chorale, to place an ad in our programs, to make a tax-deductible contribution, or to purchase tickets, visit us at [www.rivercitychorale.org](http://www.rivercitychorale.org), or call **916-331-5810**.  
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Mary Balkow has directed handbells for over 20 years and currently directs two bell choirs at Northminster Presbyterian Church, as well as the community-based Bel Tempo Handbells. She has directed the Bel Tempo on seven international tours.

Mary is the Founding Director and Dean of the annual Handbell Conference at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, and frequently serves as clinician and director for many workshops and conferences across the country. She also arranges many of the pieces of music performed by Bel Tempo.

Mary received her Master of Arts degree from California State University in Sacramento, where she taught Voice, Choral Direction, Music for Children and Handbells. In 1977 Mary and her husband Bob organized the River City Chorale.

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Alan Clark

### Bass

David Rees

### Flute

Vicki Schaevitz

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Laura Harrington, Fri.  
Lindsay Dow, Sat. & Sun.



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Doug Hoffman

### Bassoon

Cathleen Williams

### Trumpet

Victor Pietrzak  
Tom Goff

### French Horn

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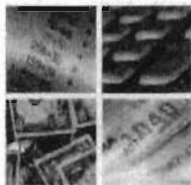
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## Chamber Choir Members

### Soprano

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Pat Junod  
Beth Messina  
Marty Peterson

### Tenor

Harold Esola  
Stan Muther  
Vera Refnes  
Sandi Warren



### Alto

Pauline Chan  
Beth DePuy  
Brenda Kidd  
Judy Raymond  
Sharlene St. Clair  
Sara Zeigler

### Bass

Joe de Illy  
Jim Eckerman  
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Paul Peterson

**Daniel Pinkham**  
**“Christmas Cantata”**  
**Translation of the Latin text**

1. *Quem vidistis pastores?*

Whom do you see? Shepherds, tell us!  
Proclaim to us: who has appeared on the earth?  
We saw the newborn child and choirs of angels  
praising the Lord.

2. *O Magnum Mysterium*

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament  
that animals should see the newborn Lord lying  
in their manger.  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy  
to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace  
to those of good will. O be joyful in the Lord  
all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and  
come before His presence with a song. Alleluia.



Richard DeTrano, D.D.S.

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# River City Chorale

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### **River City Chorale**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Mark Hayes

Christmas Cantata  
Maestoso/Allegro  
Adagio  
Allegro

Daniel Pinkham

Behold That Star!

Larry Shackley

Christmas Night

Arr. John Rutter

Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King  
Beth Messina, Soprano

Moses Hogan

### **Bel Tempo Handbells**

O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Christmas Toys on Parade  
Out Under the Sky  
Christmas Joy

Arr. Michael Helman  
Arr. Jason Krug  
Arr. Douglas Wagner  
Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

**Intermission**



**River City Chamber Choir**

Magnificat in D Major, Part 1

Johann Sebastian Bach

Tomorrow shall be My Dancing Day

John Gardner

All the Little Animals

Richard Morrissey

**River City Chorale**

Rejoice and Sing Noel

Allan Robert Petker

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

Away in a Manger

Arr. Paul Sjolund

Pat Junod, Soprano

Sharlene St. Clair, Alto

Christmas Bells are Ringing

Arr: Mark Hayes

Ding Dong, Merrily on High

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Carol of the Bells

**Please Silence all electronic technology  
No flash photography**

*Richard Morrissey, Artistic Director*

Richard Morrissey 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. Richard has conducted choral concerts in many of the larger cities of Europe, Canada and Brazil.

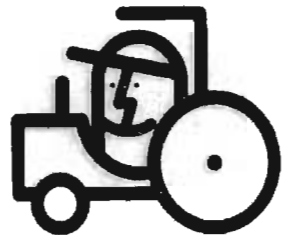
Richard has composed and arranged over 75 works for choir and orchestra, eleven of which have been published. He has been a member of the River City Chorale since 1996. He served as interim director during the Chorale's 2001 European tour, and was elected permanent director in November of that year. His hobbies include raising bonsai trees and bicycling.

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## **Kathleen Earl, Accompanist**

Born and reared in nearby Stockton, Kathy has been active in musical organizations almost since birth, including private lessons on piano, violin, and voice. She sang in church choirs, participated in every school music group offered, and played in the local youth symphony and the Stockton Symphony. She obtained her BA degree in Music (piano) at Sacramento State University.



Kathy was a public school teacher for 25 years, the last ten years as a high school music, photography, and theater instructor. She accompanied, then became assistant conductor of the Stockton Chorale and conducted the Stockton Youth Chorale. She founded the Delta Valley Young Singers and the Delta Valley Women's Chorus in Stockton.

Taking courses toward a choral conducting masters degree at San Jose State University, she had to retire from conducting and teaching due to an unusual hearing disability. She went back to San Jose State for a different masters degree (MLIS) and is now a librarian working for Los Rios Community College District as a cataloger.

In between rehearsals and working, Kathy enjoys reading, gardening, traveling, photography, her cats and her two granddaughters.



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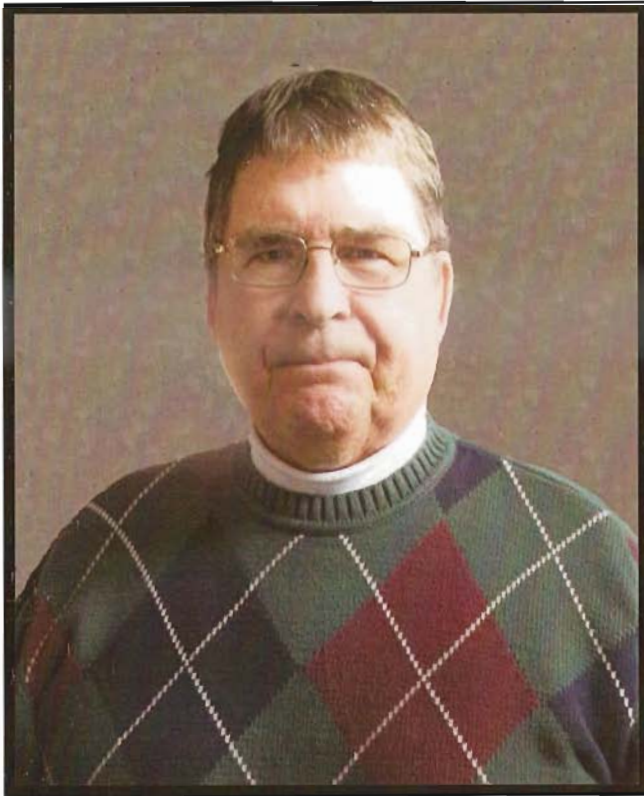
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He will be remembered fondly.



**In Loving Memory  
ROGER FORREST ADCOCK  
December 16, 1939 - August 6, 2012**