



I Heard The Bells



On Christmas Day

RIVER CITY CHORALE
CHRISTMAS 2013



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RIVER CITY CHORALE

Directed by Richard Morrissey

Accompanist, Kathy Earl

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River City Orchestra

and

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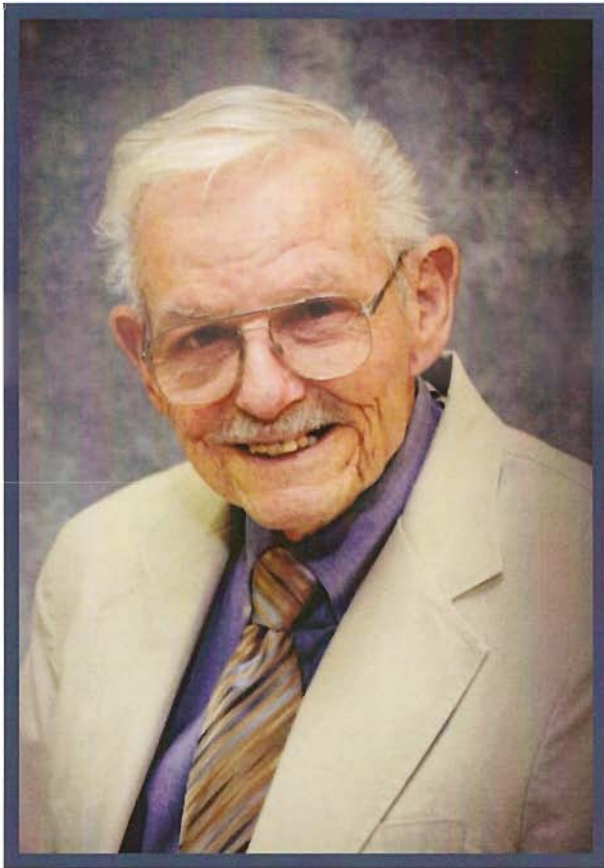
Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.
Northminster Presbyterian Church
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Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.
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**This concert is dedicated to
DON FOLEY**

Don and his wife Eloise sang with River City Chorale for many years. He was a fine musician and he always loved to sing, any time and any place. Don was known for his wit, and he could also write and recite wonderful poetry for any occasion. He and Eloise have been generous financial supporters of the chorale.

He will be remembered fondly.



**In Loving Memory
COL. DONALD JAMES FOLEY
August 11, 1931 - September 27, 2013**



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River City Chorale

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Arr. H. Sorenson

Magnificat Kevin A. Memley

I. Magnificat

II. He Has Come to Aid His Servant

III. Gloria Patri

I Saw Three Ships Arr. Andrew Carter

Have a Holly Jolly Christmas Arr. Harry Simeone

In Silent Night Mitchell B. Southall

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas Arr. A. Kerr

Audience Carols Arr. Richard Morrissey

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Away In a Manger

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Bel Tempo Handbells

Fum, Fum, Fum Arr. Jason Krug

A Midnight Clear Arr. Sondra Tucker

Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child Arr. Lloyd Larson

Caroler's Hoedown Arr. Valerie Stephens

INTERMISSION

Chamber Choir

All is Calm, All is Bright

Michael John Trotta

Wassail!

Arr. John O. Edwards

Up on the Housetop

Arr. Jay Althouse

Choreographer, Vera Refnes

River City Chorale

I'll Be Home for Christmas

Arr. Mark Hayes

Men of the choir

Sans Day Carol

Arr. John Rutter

Christmas is...

Arr. Harry Simeone

Women of the choir

It's a Wonderful Christmas

Arr. Mark Hayes

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The Christmas Song

Because it's Christmas

Christina Chappell, Alto



Please: Silence all electronic technology
No flash photography

Director's Notes

Our principle work on this concert is a new "Magnificat" by composer Kevin A. Memley. Completed in 2012, this is, as far as we know, the first performance of the work in the Sacramento area. It is challenging music, with constantly changing meters and a very high tessitura for all the voices in the choir. We have toiled mightily on this music and hope that you find it as exciting and refreshing as we do.

The rest of our program contains many new arrangements of familiar Christmas and holiday music. From "I Heard the Bells" and "Up on the Housetop" through our concert closer, "It's a Wonderful Christmas", we hope we leave you with a wonderful feeling of the Christmas spirit that makes this time of year special for all of us.

*Merry
Christmas*

Richard Morrissey



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About the Chorale

The 60-voice River City Chorale has been bringing fine choral music to the Sacramento area since 1977 singing 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, donors, advertisers and ticket sales. In addition to presenting concerts in December, March and May each year, the chorale has participated in nine international concert tours.

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

The Chorale and the Chamber Choir are available for special performances. Please call **(916) 967-9221**.

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Mary Balkow, Director

Mary Balkow has directed handbells for over 20 years and currently directs a bell choir 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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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. Between rehearsals and working, Kathy enjoys reading, gardening, traveling, photography, her two granddaughters and her cats.



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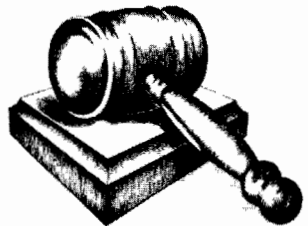
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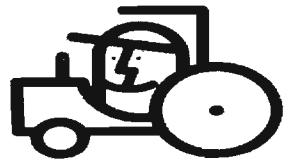
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