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"I'll be Home for Christmas"



Directed by Richard Morrissey Accompanist, Kathy Earl Midgley

> <u>Featuring</u> River City Chamber Choir

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River City Orchestra
and
Golden State Brass Quintet



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"I'll Be Home for Christmas" is the theme of our Christmas Concerts this year. We have a great variety of Christmas and holiday music for your listening pleasure, and we hope you leave today's performance filled with the Christmas spirit. Enjoy the program!





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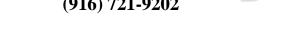
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Vera Refnes
Diane Salter
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Guy Warren
Sandi Warren

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About the River City Chorale

The Chorale, consisting of approximately 60 members, has been performing in the Sacramento area since 1977, singing a wide variety of music from the classics to the contemporary. Richard Morrissey has been the director since 2001 following the earlier leadership of Jack Carey, Walter Kerfoot and Mel Olson. Kathy Earl Midgley has been accompanist since 2007.

<u>Season Performances</u> begin with gala Christmas Concerts in early December by chorale and orchestra to usher in the holidays. This is followed by a fun Cabaret in March with a casual café setting and included hors d' oeuvres. The Spring Concert in May always provides a wide variety of music. The chorale has performed in nine international concert tours, and three CDs have been produced.

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

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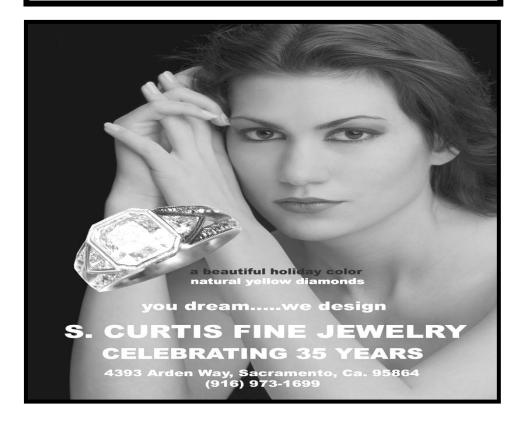


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Tenor

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Stan Muther

Vera Refnes

Diane Salter

Gary Varney



Bass

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Richard Morrissey, Director Kathy Earl Midgley, Accompanist



River City Chorale

I'll Be Home for Christmas

Arr. Mark Hayes

This popular ballad exemplifies the spirit of the Christmas holiday season.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Kevin Memley

Brilliant! Exciting! Fresh! These are words that describe Memley's new GLORIA - a 10 minute work in 3 continuous sections for mixed choir with brass quintet, piano, timpani and percussion. See an English translation on the back cover.

Soprano, Pat Junod Alto, Sharlene St. Clair Tenor, Vera Refnes

Christmas Lullaby

John Rutter

English composer John Rutter is famous for his beautiful Christmas carols. This is a perfect example of his creative genius.

Nowel

Randall Thompson

An original carol for men's voices in four parts.

Merry Christmas

Arr. Maurice Gardner

This fun song for three part women's voices contains snippets of six Christmas songs;

Deck the Hall

Jingle Bells

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Good King Wenceslas

Joy to the World

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Did you hear them all?



Christmas is A-Comin'

Frank Luther

A wonderful, humerous holiday song arranged for SATB divided choir, a cappella

It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas Arr. Anita Kerr Another popular ballad with beautiful descriptions of Christmas in America.

Angels We Have Heard On High Arr. Mack Wilberg An exciting new arrangement for choir and orchestra of a beautiful, traditional carol.

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Arr. Mark Hayes

We close this part of our program with this wonderful jazz waltz that describes why we all look forward to the Christmas holiday season.

Intermission

<u>Golden State Brass Quíntet</u>

Joy to the World

Arr. R. Price

Enjoy this stunning arrangement for brass quintet of the traditional carol written by George Frederic Handel in 1719

Victor Pietrzak, Tom Goff - Trumpets Chis Jones - French Horn Pat O'Neil - Trombone Julian Dixon - Tuba

River City Chamber Choir

A Medley of Alfred Burt Carols

Arr. Mark Hayes

Caroling, Caroling

We'll Dress the House

Bright, Bright the Holly Berries

Nigh Bethlehem

Star Carol

Some Children See Him

Alfred Burt was an American jazz musician who is best known for composing the music for fifteen Christmas carols between 1942 and 1954. The carols were sent to his family as Christmas cards and were not heard by the public until after his death.

River City Chorale

Crown Him King of Kings

J.S. Bach

J. S. Bach is arguably one of the greatest composers in the history of music. This chorus is from his cantata, "Auf. Schmetternde Tone."

Deck the Hall

Peter Aston

Traditional words set to an entirely new melody.

'Tis a Wonderful Thing

Arr. Jay Rouse

This contemporary swing style song is based on Luke 2:14 from the Bible, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men with whom He is pleased".

The Many Moods of Christmas

Arr. Robert Shaw

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Silent Night

Patapan

Adeste Fideles

Our performance ends with this beautiful setting of four traditional Christmas Carols.

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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 CUS 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 River City Chorale in many of the larger cities of Europe, in Canada and 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 trees and playing in two brass quintets; Gold Country Brass in Nevada City and Sutter Buttes Brass in Yuba City.

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Kathleen Earl Midgley, Accompanist

Born and reared in nearby Stockton, Kathy has been active in music almost since birth, including private lessons on piano, violin and voice. She sang in church choirs, participated in every school



musical 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 was accompanist, and then became assistant conductor of the Stockton Chorale. She also conducted the Stockton Youth Chorale. She founded the Delta Valley Young Singers and the Delta Valley Women's Chorus while 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 just retired as a librarian from the Los Rios Community College District after 12 years.

Kathy and husband Bob enjoy traveling, photography, grand-parenting, and just being together.



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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.



"O Nata Lux"

O light born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with kindness deign to receive the praise and prayer of supplicants. You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

