

SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S CHORUS PRESENTS

DANCING THROUGH DECEMBER

HOLIDAY CONCERT



CONDUCTORS Alexander Grambow and Jessica Suderman
ACCOMPANISTS Kamilyn Davis, Meagan Kilpatrick and Ryan Lee



Sacramento
Children's
CHORUS

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
Carmichael Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sacramento

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Message From the Artistic Director

Welcome to the first concert of SCC's 25th season! On behalf of the artistic team and staff, I want to say what a pleasure it is to work with such talented and joyful singers.

Our theme for this concert, *Dancing Through December*, presents different musical styles — and elements of the holiday season — to inspire finding joy during this busy time of year. Some of the songs' titles and lyrics show the theme, such as "Norwegian Dance Carol" and "Come, Sing! Come, Dance!" and other songs use musical elements to reveal the dancing spirit.

In Eugene Butler's "Gloria," the piano introduction ascends with an energetic, syncopated sequence. Suddenly, the dance begins when the singers enter in the compound meter of 7/8. This time signature creates a feeling of excitement and relaxation within every measure.

Two of our songs, "Deck the Nutcracker Hall" and "Merry Christmas, Mozart," combine traditional Christmas carols with familiar classical melodies. "Deck the Nutcracker Hall" blends the carol "Deck the Hall" with the music of "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" from Tchaikovsky's beloved *The Nutcracker*. And "Merry Christmas, Mozart" features seven different Mozart melodies — see how many you recognize!

For our finale, "Somewhere in My Memory," all of the choirs join together to show that the simple things such as "candles in the window" and "precious moments, special people, [and] happy faces" live within us and are a part of our identity. This song expresses the importance of holiday traditions and I hope inspires everyone to capture these joyous moments. *Dancing Through December* is a time to celebrate traditions that bring together community, family and loved ones. Thank you for making the Sacramento Children's Chorus a part of your tradition.

Alexander Grambow

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All Choirs

Christmas Welcome Audrey Snyder

Allegro

December's Rose Michael Coghlan
Norwegian Dance Carol arr. Dolores Hruby
Pat-a-Pan arr. Andy Beck

Dolce Girls

I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm arr. Kirby Shaw

Brio

Fum, Fum, Fum arr. Judith Herrington and Sara Glick
Dreydl, Dreydl, Dreydl arr. B. Wayne Bisbee
Winter Wonderland arr. Andy Beck

Dolce

Come, Sing! Come, Dance! Linda Spevacek-Avery
The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon arr. Michael Clawson
Gloria Franz Joseph Haydn

Dolce and Crescendo

Gaudete! arr. Kirby Shaw
Soloists: Brian Chow, Joseph Dozier, Molly Robinson and Olivia Smith

Crescendo

A La Nanita Nana arr. Sherri Porterfield
Beautiful December Amy F. Bernon
Magnificat Michael Haydn
Soprano I Soloist: Emily Hancock; Soprano II Soloists: Lily Kilgore and Victoria Lucas;
Alto Soloists: Abigail Williamson and Sophia Lucas
The Snow Edward Elgar

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Allegro

Reindeer Boogie Stephen Lawrence
Swingin' With Santa C! Michael Ryan

Brio

Deck the Nutcracker Hall arr. Greg Gilpin
As Long As There's Christmas arr. Mac Huff
Perfect Christmas Night arr. Greg Gilpin

Dolce

Merry Christmas, Mozart

Soloists: *Celina Smith and Jeremy Sigl*

Sleigh Ride

arr. Jay Althouse

arr. Andy Beck

Crescendo

Gloria

Swingin' at Santa's Place

Once Upon a December

The Christmas Song

Eugene Butler

Kirby Shaw

arr. Audrey Snyder

arr. Audrey Snyder

All Choirs

Somewhere in My Memory

arr. Audrey Snyder

INSTRUMENTALISTS:

Violin – Ji-na Park and Viktoriya Sinitsa; Percussion – Tim Metz; Finger Cymbals – Jenna Hansen and Mary Moyers; Hand Drum – Brian Chow and Celina Smith; Tambourine – Grace Fernandez; Triangle – Jeremy Sigl; Sleigh Bells – Lily Kilgore



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ALEXANDER GRAMBOW



Alexander Grambow, artistic director and conductor, believes that music provides children with a unique way to learn about the world and a safe and nurturing opportunity for self-expression. He directs SCC's Crescendo, the advanced touring choir and Dolce, the high school choir. Before joining SCC, Mr. Grambow taught in Twin Rivers Unified School District where he oversaw successful music programs at Foothill High School and at Foothill Ranch Middle School. Between the two schools, he taught 5th through the 12th grades and directed four choirs and two bands. Previously, Mr. Grambow taught in Stockton Unified School District at Harmony Stockton, an El Sistema inspired program, which is a globally recognized music program known for its musical and social benefits.

Mr. Grambow graduated from the University of the Pacific with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education with an emphasis in voice. While attending UOP, Mr. Grambow was the recipient of the Presser Scholarship. Mr. Grambow trained with Lynelle Wiens at UOP and currently studies voice with Robin Fisher.

Mr. Grambow's performing experience includes Music Circus, Woodland Opera House Theatre Company, Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra and Westminster Church Choir. Mr. Grambow is also Music Director at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

JESSICA SUDERMAN



Jessica Suderman, director of Allegro and Brio, is a lifelong musician and passionate educator with a love of the performing arts that began when she was just 3 years old. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education and a single subject teaching credential in music from Azusa Pacific University. While living in Southern California, she worked with the Los Angeles Little Angels Children's Chorale and student taught in the choral and instrumental programs at Pasadena High School. She moved to Sacramento in 2013 after completing her studies.

Jessica also teaches in the Twin Rivers Unified School District Visual and Performing Arts Department, where she has found tremendous joy in teaching elementary classroom music and an after-school choir for the last three years. When she is not teaching or practicing, Jessica can be found in ballet class, in the kitchen with her husband, Stephen, or spending time with their black lab, Theo. She is honored and excited to join the SCC community and looks forward to bringing out the best in herself and her students.

KAMILYN DAVIS



Kamilyn Davis, accompanist for Crescendo, enjoyed singing with the Santa Rosa Children's Chorus as a child so much that she began accompanying and conducting children's choirs when she was in junior high school. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Music at the Master's College, she worked in Southern California as an accompanist, choral conductor, and music educator for eight years before moving to Sacramento in 2006. She currently conducts

the Choristers at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, accompanies the Sacramento Women's Chorus, teaches music at the Shalom School and is the music director at Congregation Beth Shalom.

MEAGAN KILPATRICK



Meagan Kilpatrick, accompanist for Brio and Dolce, is a pianist, teacher, soloist, and chamber musician. Ms. Kilpatrick has taught piano for over 12 years and is a certified Suzuki teacher. She is a graduate from Rudolf Steiner College in Waldorf Education and received her Bachelor's and Master's in Piano Performance from California State University, Sacramento and New York University.

A member of the Music Teachers' Association of California and the Suzuki Association of the Americas, she lives in Sacramento with her husband Clayton and their son Kirin.

RYAN LEE



Ryan Lee is the accompanist for Allegro. As a young pianist, he competed at the local level, finishing first in back-to-back years at the Solano MTA Piano Competition. He was also a finalist at the Glenn Miller Instrumental Festival Competition in Clarinda, Iowa. He continued his piano studies and pursued his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at California State University, Sacramento.

Over the last 20 years, Ryan has been a choral accompanist for many churches, schools, and community and professional organizations. He has also participated in solo and ensemble performances in the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay Areas, New York (Carnegie Hall), Washington, D.C., and Canada. Ryan is currently the Choral Director and Student Volunteer Service Coordinator at St. Patrick-St. Vincent HS in Vallejo. He maintains a program of several choirs, a handbell choir, small bands, and is the chapter advisor of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

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Now in its 25th season, the **Sacramento Children's Chorus** is the region's premier youth choral ensemble. The singers perform a wide variety of modern and traditional works with numerous pieces reflecting languages and cultures from around the world.

SCC's notable concert appearances include:

- 2017 Selected to be part of the National Children's Festival Chorus performing Fauré's *Requiem* at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, June 12.
- 2016 The Baltics Concert Tour, June 20 - July 1 in Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
- 2015 Coastal Song Children's Choir Festival, July 11-16, in Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina.
- 2014 Women's Choral Festival at the Pacific International Children's Choir Festival – PICCFEST, July 7-13 in Eugene, Oregon, and the Green Show, Shakespeare Festival, Ashland, Oregon.
- 2013 Tour to China, June 17-29
- 2012 Chosen to perform at the ACDA Conference in Reno, Nevada
- 2010 Pacific Rim Children's Chorus Festival, July 13-21 in Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2010 *Brundibár*, a Children's Opera, in collaboration with the Sacramento Opera and the Sacramento Youth Symphony.
- 2009 Sing a Mile High Choral Festival, University of Denver, Denver CO.
Guest conductor, Rollo Dilworth
- 2008 Tour to Norway and Sweden
- 2008 15th Anniversary Season Concert at the Mondavi Center
- 2007 Pacific International Children's Choir Festival at the Oregon Bach Festival
- 2006 One of 30 choirs from around the world chosen to compete at the International Choral Kathaumixw Festival, British Columbia
- 2005 Carnegie Hall, New York City, under Dr. Donald Neuen
- 2005 Chosen to perform at the prestigious national convention of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) in Los Angeles
- 2004 Recipient of the Best of Sacramento award as the best children's chorus in the area
- 2003 Tour to Prague and Budapest
- 2002 Chosen to perform at the regional convention of the ACDA, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2000 Tour to England and France

SCC presents three seasonal concerts each year and has performed with the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra, Sacramento Ballet, Sacramento Master Singers, Sacramento Opera and at the Sacramento Jazz Festivals. Other noteworthy civic performances include the opening of the Legislative Sessions, the grand opening of the Crocker Art Museum and the opening games of the Sacramento River Cats.

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