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PROCLAMATION

Sing Choirs of the World!

May your voices spring
there where fire burns.

May your songs put roses
there where battlefields lay.
Open furrow and sow love
to harvest fruits of hope.

Sing to liberty where despots rule,
Sing to equality where poverty nests,
Sing to love where hate prevails.

May your singing direct the world
so that peace takes over wars,
so that all will cherish Earth,

so that all race or color discrimination is banished so that we will be together as sisters and brothers so that this planet rejoices with your voices.



WINTER GALA

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PROGRAM

Prelude of Carols

USC THORNTON BRASS QUINTET & TROMBONE CHOIR TERRY S. CRAVENS, conductor

TRADITIONAL CAROLS

"Achieved is the Glorious Work" from The Creation

USC THORNTON TROMBONE CHOIR TERRY S. CRAVENS, conductor

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN (1732-1809)

USC Holiday Cheer Medley

USC THORNTON CHORAL ARTISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS EMILY SUNG, conductor

TRADITIONAL CAROLS ARR. GARY FRY (b. 1955)

Alleluia When The World Quiets Down Ai, Nama Mamina Ave Maris Stella Tshela Moya / Ke nna yo Morena USC THORNTON CONCERT CHOIR HYO-WON WOO (b. 1974) CHING-JU SHIH (b. 1967) ANDREJS JANSONS (1938-2022) MARK THOMAS (1956-2023) TRADITIONAL SESOTHO HYMN ARR. MICHAEL BARRETT (b. 1983)

Jingle Bells (Audience sing-along)

USC THORNTON CHORAL ARTISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS EMILY SUNG, conductor

JAMES PIERPONT (1822-1893) ARR. REGINALD UNTERSEHER (b. 1956)

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening The Boar's Head Carol

SEAN NATARAJAN, CHARLIE RICHARDSON, PERCY ZHOU, soloists

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

USC THORNTON APOLLO CHORUS

RANDALL THOMPSON (1899-1984) TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL ARR. DAVID WILLCOCKS (1919-2015)

TRADITIONAL GOSPEL SPIRITUAL ARR. PAUL CALDWELL (b. 1963) & SEAN IVORY (b. 1969)

In the Bleak Midwinter

USC THORNTON BRASS QUINTET

GUSTAV HOLST (1874-1934) ARR. SEB SKELLY

The Frost

Hlonolofatsa

USC THORNTON UNIVERSITY CHORUS

ERIN PROPP ARR. ABSALON FIGUEROA TRADITIONAL ZULU SONG ARR. UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA YOUTH CHOIR & TOVA OLSON

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

USC THORNTON BRASS QUINTET

SAMMY CAHN & JUNE STYNE ARR. SEB SKELLY

Shchedrïk: Carol of the Lark

Chiribim Chiribom

Adinu

MAHEEN HASEEB, soloist
USC THORNTON ORIANA CHOIR

Deck the Hall (Audience sing-along)

USC THORNTON CHORAL ARTISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS DUNCAN TUOMI, conductor

"And the Glory of the Lord" &
"For Unto Us a Child is Born"
from Messiah
"Mary Had a Little Baby"
from The Ballad of the Brown King
ASHLEIGH CONNER, ZINEB FIKRI, soloists
"Cum Sancto Spiritu" from Gloria
Corcovado

USC THORNTON CHAMBER SINGERS

Hine Ma Tov

Betelehemu

ASHLEIGH CONNER, MAHEEN HASEEB, HANNAH MCDONNEL, soloists DUNCAN TUOMI, conductor

Silent Night

EMILY SUNG, conductor

USC THORNTON CHORAL ARTISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

UKRAINIAN FOLK SONG ARR. PHOEBE J. ROSQUIST YIDDISH FOLK SONG ARR. ALI SANDWEISS HODGES SUFI MELODY ARR. SHIREEN ABU-KHADER & ANDRÉ DE QUADROS

THOMAS OLIPHANT (1799-1873)

ARR. REGINALD UNTERSEHER (b. 1956)

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685-1759)

ARR. MICHAEL RONDEAU (b. 1948)

MARGARET BONDS (1913-1972)

HYO-WON WOO (b. 1974) ANTONIO CARLOS JOBIM (1927-1994) ARR. KERRY MARSH

HEBREW FOLKSONG
ARR. NEIL GINSBERG (b. 1969)
VIA OLATUNJI & WENDELL WHALUM
ARR. BARRINGTON BROOKS

FRANZ XAVER GRUBER (1787-1863) ARR. SHAWN KIRCHNER

TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

CHING-JU SHIH

When the World Quiets Down

When the world quiets down, nostalgia rises to call forth memories of you. The wind howls outside the window. And the stars gleam and glint in the dark. When the world quiets down, I wake in the dark of night, thinking of you.

I cannot sleep in the dark of night, because I am thinking of you.

I think about the trail where we walked hand in hand, together.

The field bank fireflies lit by their light, The bamboo forest, thick fog and hillside. And the stream that whispered gently to us. When the world quiets down.

ANDREJS JANSONS

Ai, Nama Mamina

Oh, Mistress of the house, let me inside.

Mummers have arrived by the wagonload,
Hide the awls, hide the brushes,
The crowds of mummers are stealthy folks.
I won't steal your awls or needles.
I'll steal your brush; I'll need that
To brush the mummer children's hair.
Kaladu, kaladu!

MARK THOMAS

Ave Maris Stella

Ave Maris Stella

Hail, Star of the Sea, Loving Mother of God, And Virgin immortal, Heaven's blissful portal!

Receiving that "Ave"
From the mouth of Gabriel,
Reversing the name of "Eva,"
Establish us in peace.

Break the chains of sinners, Bring light to the blind, Drive away our evils, And ask for all good things.

Show thyself to be a mother, That, through thee, He may accept our prayers, He who, born for us, Chose to be your Son.

O incomparable Virgin,
Meek above all others,
Make us, freed from our faults,
Meek and chaste.

Keep our life pure, Make our journey safe, So that, seeing Jesus, We may rejoice together forever.

Let there be praise to God the Father, And glory to Christ the most High, And to the Holy Spirit, And to the Three be one honor. Amen.

ARR. MICHAEL BARRETT

Tshela moya / Ke nna yo Morena

Pour the Holy Spirit down upon us Lord, Messiah My eyes are like arrows fight for the Lord Here I am Lord I am the one who came

RANDALL THOMPSON

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know. His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer To stop without a farmhouse near Between the woods and frozen lake The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake To ask if there is some mistake. The only other sound's the sweep Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep.

ARR. PAUL CALDWELL & SEAN IVORY

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Children, go where I send thee How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee one by one One for the little bitty baby The baby boy born in Bethlehem

Children, go...

I'm gonna send thee two by two Two for Paul and Silas One for the little bitty baby The baby boy born in Bethlehem

Children, go...

I'm gonna send thee six by six
Six for the days when the world was fixed
Five for the bread they did divide
Four for the Gospel writers
Three for the Hebrew children
Two for Paul and Silas
One for the little bitty baby
The baby boy born in Bethlehem

Children, go...

I'm gonna send thee twelve by twelve
Twelve for the twelve disciples
'Leven of 'em singin' in heaven
Ten for the ten commandments
Nine for the angels choirs divine
Eight for the eight the flood couldn't take
Seven for the day God laid down his head
Six for the six when the world was fixed
Five for the bread they did divide
Four for the Gospel writers
Three for the Hebrew children
Two for Paul and Silas
One for the little bitty baby
The baby boy born in Bethlehem

Children, go where I send thee!

ERIN PROPP ARR. ABSALON FIGUEROA

The Frost

The frost beckoned me out of my bed the damp night had ushered it in.

I threw my woolen sheets down to the floor and I welcomed the winter song in.

The snowshoes buckled upon my feet I waded the snow sea to sing.

And it all came clear inside of my mind that the summer had been colder than spring.

You came out of the woods when I called you. You came out of the woods when I called you.

The summer had melted my pride and my will And it hardened my heart like a stone.

Now this winter it blew with the north wind a chill and awakened a love from of old.

I said, "What am I, Lord, to see such a frost? Not a good deed since I'd left my bed."

And I trode along just a singing this song and the frost made a crown for my head.

You came out of the woods when I called you. You came out of the woods when I called you.

You saved my soul, you saved my soul. Hallelujah, you saved my soul.

The frost came down, my hair was a crown.
Hallelujah, you came when I called you.
You came out of the woods when I called you.

ARR. UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA YOUTH CHOIR & TOVA OLSON Hlonolofatsa

Yo yo yo bless iyo Bless iyo Bless in the name of the father.

ARR. PHOEBE J. ROSQUIST

Shchedrik: Carol of the Lark

Faintly a song floats through the dark,
Open the door, in flies a lark
Singing to you, trilling a song
Calling you out into the dawn:
"May the new year fill you with cheer;
All that live here need never fear.
Yon will the lambs follow their dams,
Wooly and white, grazing the land.
Sunshine and rain fall on the field
Swelling with grain; sweet golden yield
On to the mill, grinding for bread;
Ev'ryone full, ev'ryone fed.
Everyone shall have a happy new year.
There by your side, joy of your life,
Dark-eyed and kind, your loving wife."

ARR. ALI SANDWEISS HODGES

Chiribim, Chiribom

Let us sing, children, a song together A little tune, a cheerful one with words that rhyme.

Mother cooks a noodle soup with dumplings and porridge.
Come the holiday Purim, we'll still be playing dreydl.

Once our rabbi was walking about When all of a sudden it started to rain. Our rabbi shouted to the clouds, "stop pouring water!"
All the people are out drinking but only the rabbi is wet!

One says that only fools make up the village of Khelem
If we were clever, we would have beautiful

I hear they only laugh at night, these bandits

Well, tell me who is foolish - we are all foolish!

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL ARR. MICHAEL RONDEAU

"And the Glory of the Lord" &
"For Unto Us a Child is Born"
from Messiah

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given:
and the government shall be upon His
shoulder:
and His Name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!

MARGARET BONDS

"Mary Had a Little Baby" from *The*Ballad of the Brown King

Mary had a little baby,
Jesus, that was His name.
All the world became much brighter
When little Jesus, the Christ-child, came.

That was in a lowly manger, Outside the night was cold. But within that lowly manger, Behold how warm His love is; Oh, behold!

Mary had a little baby, In the night a bright star shone. I, so lost, so lost and lonely, Nevermore, nevermore, Nevermore shall be alone.

Mary had a little baby, Jesus, that was His name. All the world became much brighter When little Jesus, the Christ-child, came.

HYO-WON WOO

"Cum Sancto Spiritu" from Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, Amen.

ANTONIO CARLOS JOBIM ARR. KERRY MARSH

Corcovado

Quiet nights of quiet stars, quiet chords from my guitar floating on the silence that surrounds us. Quiet thoughts and quiet dreams, quiet walks by quiet streams and a window looking on the mountains and the sea, how lovely.

This is where I want to be. Here, here with you so close to me until that final flicker of life's ember.

I, who was lost and lonely, believing life was only a bitter, tragic joke have found in you the meaning of existence, Oh my love.

PERSONNEL

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