

North Valley Chorale

Eleanor Johnson, Director



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Saturday, December 7, 2019 3:00 pm

Camelback Bible Church
3900 East Stanford Drive
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About Us

The North Valley Chorale (NVC) is a voluntary, nonprofit **501(c)(3)** community choir established in 2008. We are dedicated to the **cultural, musical, and social enrichment** of metropolitan Phoenix.

We serve the community by providing **affordable and accessible** performances of **choral music** from many traditions, eras and cultures. Our repertoire ranges from classical to pop, patriotic, gospel and Broadway. We have released four CDs, have had multiple TV appearances and premiered new works.

We are proud to be known as **"the choir that cares."** We share our gifts of music, companionship and goods with the needy, ill and homeless. Our local partners include St. Mary's Food Bank, Lost Our Home, Feed My Starving Children, UMOM shelters, the Banner Alzheimer Institute (BAI), St. Matthew's School, Duet, and local senior living communities.

We perform 3 local concerts per year and have graced the stages of **Kennedy Center** (Washington, DC), **Carnegie Hall** and **Radio City Music Hall** (New York City, NY), the **Herberger Theater** and **Orpheum Theater** (Phoenix, AZ).

We have toured internationally. In 2016, the Chorale sang in **Germany, Austria** and the **Czech Republic**. In 2019 we performed in **Ireland, Scotland, England** and **France**.

Love to sing? Join us! We rehearse most Wednesday evenings and some Sundays at the Phoenix Boys Choir, 1131 E. Missouri Ave, Phoenix. The schedule is at www.northvalleychorale.org. Come and check us out!



George Frideric Handel

Messiah

Highlights

Sarah Smith, soprano **Emily Seymour, alto**
Vince Lane, tenor **Stephen Schermitzler, bass**
(Please hold applause until the conclusion)

Overture	Orchestra
Comfort Ye my people	Tenor
Ev'ry valley shall be exalted	Tenor
And the glory of the Lord	Chorus
Thus saith the Lord	Bass
But who may abide the day of His coming?	Bass
And He shall purify	Chorus
Behold, a virgin shall conceive	Alto
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion	Chorus
For unto us a Child is born	Chorus
Pastoral Symphony	Orchestra
There were shepherds abiding in the field	Soprano
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them	Soprano
And the angel said unto them	Soprano
And suddenly there was with the angel	Soprano
Glory to God	Chorus
His yoke is easy, and His burden is light	Chorus
Hallelujah	Chorus

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Ding Dong Merrily on High

(Traditional French Carol)

Words: G. R. Woodward

Arr: Philip Stopford

Three Festive Carols for Christmas

Arr: Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

Please join and sing with Chorale except where marked [CHORALE only]

[AUDIENCE AND CHORALE]

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains, in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

[CHORALE only]

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

[AUDIENCE AND CHORALE]

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King!

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."

[AUDIENCE AND CHORALE]

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings,
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King."



Christmas Lullaby

Words and Music: John Rutter

Ladies of the NVC

O Holy Night

Words and Music: Adolphe Adam

Arr. Michael Frassetto, North Valley Chorale Composer-in-Residence

Stephen Schermitzler

Donkey Carol

Words and Music: John Rutter

Irving Berlin's Christmas

Words and Music: Irving Berlin Arr. Mark Brymer

Happy Holiday / I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm

Carolyn Nyland, Emily Seymour, Jake Browning, Stephen Schermitzler

Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep

Melody Gallo

Snow

White Christmas

Masters In This Hall

(Traditional French Carol)

Words: William Morris Arr: Mark Hayes

Twelve Days AFTER Christmas

Words and Music: Frederick Silver



North Valley Chorale

Eleanor Johnson *, Director
Michael Frassetto, Composer-in-Residence

Soprano

Kelley Jean Bagby
Penny Cimo
Patricia Dumovic
Pam Fischer
Melody Gallo
Barbara Hoehne
Mary Ann Iagulli *
Kelly Johnson
Catherine Le
Linda Morales
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Michelle Nettle
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Meghan Skillen
Sarah Smith
Beverly Zduniak

Tenor

Jake Browning
Joe Johnson
Peter Lafford *
Vince Lane
Peter Lourie
Richie Renfrow

Alto

Christine Dermanelian
Jennifer Gibson
Katherine Gleason
Kat Hofland
Kate Krietor
Joan Kwamboka
Barbara Lafford *
Sally-Heath Lloyd
Margaret Neno *
Mary Neuman
Anna Prassa
Michelle Serries
Mara Sevig
Emily Seymour
Randy Weiss
Linda Williamson
Pamela Wirth

Bass

Gary Ciba
Brad Doebling
Ralph Dumovic
Charley Hudson *
Graham Johnson *
Craig Metzger
Gervais Neno
Jim Nicol
Jim Pourchot
John Prosek *
Stephen Schermitzler
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Orchestra



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Eleanor Johnson, Music Director



Eleanor Johnson is the founding Director of the North Valley Chorale (NVC). For over 30 years, Mrs. Johnson has played an important role in Arizona's music community. A testimony to her leadership, NVC has grown since 2008 from 12 singers of sacred music to over 70 singers with a repertoire spanning pop, Broadway, classical and patriotic music.

Under her direction, the NVC has performed Handel's *Messiah* at Carnegie Hall in New York City, *Music Man in Concert* at the Orpheum, holiday selections at Radio City Music Hall before the Rockette's Christmas Spectacular, two seasons of Broadway at the Herberger Theater and tour performances in Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic and most recently, Ireland, Scotland, England and France. When she is not teaching or directing, Eleanor enjoys her grandchildren, hiking, gardening, crossword puzzles and traveling with Graham, her love for over 40 years.

Message from the Director

I write this message with a thankful heart for the blessings of this past year—for the NVC, and for me personally.

2019 has been an incredibly busy year for the chorale—beginning with our performance with the Symphony of the Southwest’s production of Carmina Burana in March to our “Gotta Sing” performance in May, followed by our tour to the British Isles and France in May/June.

We took a couple of weeks off to recover and then rehearsals began for our “Broadway at the Madison” shows in October—What a year and what an amazing group!

Beginning rehearsals for Messiah in October was like revisiting an old friend for us. It was so wonderful to sing the familiar melodies, to be able to use our music, AND to remain standing in the same place for the whole song!

Thanks to those choristers who are joining us for our 1st “Sing A Long” Messiah. I hope this will be a very enjoyable experience for you and that you’ll be kind to the people on either side of you. Please take the time to introduce yourself and make a new acquaintance. For my part, I am truly looking forward to having a “surround sound” experience with voices coming from all around me.

Finally—thanks as always to our choir board of directors under Dr. Anita Murcko’s leadership, our members and their great, understanding families, our volunteers under Karen Thomson’s guidance, and you, our loyal supporters.

We hope our music will touch your hearts and help bring you into the holiday spirit.

Eleanor Johnson

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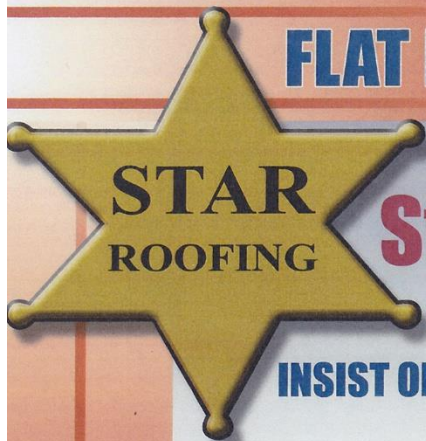


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