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 15th Anniversary 2008 - 2023

Eleanor Johnson, Director

GLORIA!
Holiday Concert and Singalong

3 p.m. Sunday, December 3, 2023

Camelback Bible Church
3900 E. Stanford Drive, Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253

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Once in Royal David's City

Christmas carol originally written as a poem by Cecil Frances Alexander. The carol was first published in 1848 in her hymnbook *Hymns for Little Children*. A year later, the English organist Henry Gauntlett discovered the poem and set it to music.

Arranged by Philip Stopford
Soloist: Laurent Heidmann

Vivaldi's GLORIA!

The Gloria is a familiar and popular piece among sacred works by Antonio Vivaldi. It was written around 1715.

I. Gloria in excelsis Deo

(Glory to God in the highest)

II. Et in terra pax hominibus

(And on earth peace to men of good will)

III. Laudamus te

(We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you)

Soloists: Laurent Heidmann, Catherine Lane

IV. Gratias agimus tibi

(We give thanks to you)

V. Propter magnam gloriam

(for your great glory)

VI. Domine Deus

(O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty)

Soloist: Sarah Smith

VII. Domine Fili Unigenite

(O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ)

VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei

(O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, heavenly King, only-begotten Son, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us)

Soloist: Emily Derks

IX. Qui tollis peccata mundi

(Who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer)

X. Qui sedes ad dexteram

(Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us)

Soloist: Emily Derks

XI. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus

(For you only are holy, you only are the Lord, you only are the most high, Jesus Christ)

XII. Cum Sancto Spiritu

(With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father, Amen)

Ave Maria

Ave Maria by Franz Biebl is a motet composed for double choir, a large four-part choir and a three-part choir which can be performed by soloists.

It is a setting of part of the Latin liturgical Angelus prayer, which contains the Ave Maria as a refrain.

Soloists: Chris Herrera, Vince Lane

♪ Sing-Along ♪

Festival First Nowell

A glorious arrangement of this beloved 17th-century English carol. The orchestration adds rich texture to this piece, making it truly regal. Designed for the audience to sing along!

Refer to the insert for the lyrics!

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Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Traditional Spiritual Hymn arranged by Lloyd Larson

Mary's Lullaby

Written in 1978 for the choir of Clare College, Cambridge, this gentle, dreamy lullaby has gone on to become one of John Rutter's most popular carols.

Words and Music by John Rutter

♪ Sing-Along ♪

A Christmas Festival

Arthur Fiedler asked Leroy Anderson to write a special concert piece for a Christmas recording in 1950.

Anderson selected eight of the most popular Christmas carols and one Christmas song, "Jingle Bells."

Arranged by Russell Robinson

Refer to the insert for the lyrics!

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson's winter standard has never sounded cooler!

This sleigh ride swings in big-band style, offering bright (and sometimes tight) harmony paired with jazzy rhythms for a truly refreshing version of the holiday classic.

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Somewhere in My Memory

The magical atmosphere of a cold, snowy Christmas Eve is brought to life in this melodic song from the movie, "Home Alone."

"...all of the music, all of the magic, all of the family home here with me..."

Words by Leslie Bricusse, Music by John Williams
Arranged by Audrey Snyder

A Child is Born in Bethlehem

This 14th Century Latin hymn is brought to life in this joyful, rhythmic and vital arrangement by Philip Stopford.

O Magnum Mysterium

O Magnum Mysterium is a motet for choir, a cappella, by Morten Lauridsen. The text is drawn from the Matins of Christmas in the Roman Breviary.

He composed his version of the sacred 16th century Gregorian chant for Christmas in 1994.

Mary Did You Know?

The talented arranger, Jack Schrader, has perfectly captured the sweeping, epic drama of this powerful contemporary Christian, Christmas song.

Words by Mark Lowry, Music by Buddy Greene.

♪ Sing-Along ♪

Rudolph, Frosty & Suzy

Three holiday all-stars are featured in this four-and-a-half minute show-stopping medley by popular choral arranger Mark Hayes!

Refer to the insert for the lyrics!

In the Bleak Midwinter

The well-loved Christina Rossetti poem and Gustav Holst tune come to life in this stunning arrangement by Mark Hayes that rises and falls in complexity from the beginning solo soprano voice to its return at the end. Hauntingly beautiful!

Soloist: Sarah Smith

Winter Wonderland

Kirby Shaw's jazzy arrangement is inspired by Michael Bublé's recording of this cherished holiday standard.

Each new refrain glistens more than the last as the lightly syncopated gem unfolds.

Words by Dick Smith, Music by Felix Barnard

Christmas Bells are Ringing

Carol of the Bells, Ding Dong! Merrily on High, and I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, make up this sparkling five-minute montage arranged by Mark Hayes.

The Performers

SOPRANO

Nikki Baker
Phyliss Banucci
Danielle Bright
Martha Cooper
Jennifer Donato
Patricia Dumovic
Claire Fiori
Pam Fischer
Lauren Heidmann
Helen Hendricks
Barbara Hoehne
Mary Ann Iagulli
Kelly Johnson
Barbara Knaggs
Catherine Lane
Lindsey Montague
Anita Murcko *
Carolyn Nyland
Elizabeth Reymann
Meghan Skillen *
Amberly Smith
Sarah Smith
Kate Sylvester
Amy Wilson
Beverly Zduniak

ALTO

Shannon Barrett
Nancy Browne
Emily Derks
Linda Fuller
Katherine Gleason
Joan Kwamboka
Sally-Heath Lloyd
Margaret Neno *
Mary Neuman
Terry Palmer
Teresa Papp
Monika Phillips
Michelle Serries
Randy Weiss
Linda Williamson
Pamela Wirth

TENOR

Eduardo Bonal
Phil Digati
Emmanuel Durazo
Eric Jensen
Vince Lane
Travis White

BASS

David Cesal
Brad Doebbeling
Ralph Dumovic
Lucas Hawthorne
Chris Herrera
Graham Johnson *
Craig Metzger
Gervais Neno *
Jim Pourchot
John Prosek *
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About the North Valley Chorale



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).

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

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. Check out our schedule at www.northvalleychorale.org.



Message from Our Director

Eleanor Johnson, Founding Director, NVC

Well, we began our season with an incredible gift from God—four new tenors!! Anyone who has sung in a choir knows that tenors are hard to come by and, in the NVC, they get double the salary of everyone else. 😊 We were also blessed with a couple of new baritones, some altos and a sprinkling of sopranos. And would you believe it? They’re all wonderful people who love to sing and who have just made themselves a valuable part of the chorale.

As always—a production like this does not “just happen.” There are countless hours put in behind the scenes to make sure everything is organized and ready for our audience. My heartiest thanks to our choir board under Dr. Anita Murcko’s direction. These people know the meaning of hard work and they never cease to amaze me with all they do. John Prosek, Gervais & Margaret Neno, Graham Johnson, Anita Murcko, Mark Wallace, Meghan Skillen, Carol Rosales and Mary Neuman, Gary & Karen Tomson, Kate Krietor and her helpers....what an awesome group of volunteers we have!

On another note: We were all deeply saddened by the passing of one of God’s most special people—Charley Hudson in July. Charley was a true gentleman and such a hard-working board member and chorister. We all knew he did so very much, but hadn’t a clue until we began divvying up his responsibilities! He had the sweetest smile and the kindest ways and he is dearly missed by all of us who knew him.

Finally—my thanks to all the spouses/significant others of our members for encouraging them in their gift, especially during the past week when we’ve had so many rehearsals. And to you, our audience, for your continued support. We hope you enjoy every minute of your time with us and please “SING OUT” when we have our singalongs!



LOVE IS IN THE AIR



Don’t miss our next show! Join 100 friends for an intimate gathering with singers from the North Valley Chorale who will serenade you with love songs about romance, friendship, and family while you relax at your table with refreshments in a casual atmosphere.

Save the date and check our website www.northvalleychorale.org for tickets. They will go fast!

Friday, February 16, 2024, 7 PM
Saturday, February 17, 2024, 3 PM

Phoenix Boys Choir Center, 1131 East Missouri Avenue, Phoenix





♪ Sing-Along ♪

Festival First Nowell

The first "Nowell" the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of
nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!

♪ Sing-Along ♪

A Christmas Festival

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n & nature sing
and heav'n & nature sing,
and heav'n, and heaven and nature sing.

Deck the Hall

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la la la la la.
Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa la la la la la la la la
Troll the ancient yuletide carol
Fa la la la la la la la la

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen;
let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ, our Savior
was born on Christmas day.
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort & joy, comfort & joy
O tidings of comfort & joy.

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas last looked out
on the feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about,
deep & crisp & even
Brightly shone the moon that night,
though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight,
gathering winter fuel.

Hark the Herald

Hark the herald, angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth & mercy mild,
God & sinner reconciled!
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.

Silent Night

Silent Night, Holy Night
All is calm, All is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
in a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go laughing all the way--
Ha, Ha, Ha
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride & sing
a sleighing song tonight.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
in a one horse open sleigh, Hey!
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
in a one horse open sleigh.

♪ Sing-Along ♪

Rudolph, Frosty & Suzy

Choir Intro

Rudolph

Ladies:

Rudolph, the red nosed reindeer
Had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows.

Men:

All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games.

All:

Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then all the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
You'll go down in history!

Frosty

Frosty the snowman
was a jolly happy soul,
With a corncob pipe and a button nose,
And two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty the snowman
is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow,
but the children know
How he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in
That old silk hat they found.
For when they placed it on his head,
He began to dance around.

Oh, Frosty the snowman,
Was alive as he could be.
And the children say
he could laugh and play,
Just the same as you and me.

Thumpety thump thump,
Thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpety thump thump,
Thumpety thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.

Suzy Snowflake

Here comes Suzy Snowflake,
Dressed in a snow white gown.
Tap, tap, tappin' at your windowpane,
To tell you she's in town.

Here comes Suzy Snowflake,
Soon you will hear her say,
"Come out everyone and play with me
I haven't long to stay."

If you wanna make a snowman,
I'll help you make one, one, two, three.
If you wanna take a sleigh ride,
The ride's on me.
Yea, the ride's on me.

Here comes Suzy Snowflake,
Look at her tumblin' down.
Bringing joy to every girl and boy,
Suzy's come to town.

Choir Finale