

# Maple Ridge Chorus

PRESENTS

## *Enchanted Winter: A Journey Beyond the Classics*

Friday, December 13, 2024

7:00 PM



# I Wonder as I Wander

JOHN JACOB NILES

ARR. JOHN RUTTER

SOLOIST: ALEX VAN AERT

**I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus, the Saviour, did come for to die.  
For poor ornerly people like you and like I:  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

**When Mary birthed Jesus,  
‘twas in a cow’s stall,  
With wisemen and farmers  
And shepherds and all.**

**But high from God's heaven  
A star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.**

## **Lullaby**

**If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;  
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing  
He surely could have had it,  
'Cause he was the King.**

**I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus, the Saviour, did come for to die.  
For poor ornery people like you and like I:  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.**

# Himig Pasko

TRADITIONAL FILIPINO CHRISTMAS CAROL

ARR. GEORGE HERNANDEZ

**Loo loo loo....**

**Malamig ang simoy ng hangin,  
Kay saya ng bawat damdamin,  
Ang tibok ng puso sa dibdib,  
Para bang hulog na ng langit.**

**Himig pasko'y laganap  
Mayro'ng sigla ang lahat.  
Wala nang kalungkutan  
Lobos ang kasiyahan!**

**Himig pasko ay umiiral  
Sa loob ng bawat tahanan.**

**Masaya ang ma nga tanawin  
May awit ang simoy ng hangin.**

**Loo ...**

**Hum...**



**Himig pasko'y laganap  
May ro'ng sigla ang lahat.  
Wala nang kalungkutan  
Lubos ang kasiyahan!**

**Malamig ang simoy ng hangin,  
Kay saya ng bawat damdamin  
Ang tibok ng puso sa dibdib,  
Para bang hulog na ng langit.**

**Loo loo loo**  
**Ng langit.**

**Ding dong...**

# La Virgen Lava Pañeles

TRADITIONAL

ARR. RUBEN FEDERIZON



**La Virgen lava pañales y los  
tiende en al romero y los  
pajaritos cantan, y el agua  
se variendo.**

**Pastores venid, pastores llegad.  
Adorar al niño  
Adorar al niño que nacido ya.**

**El niño Dios se ya perdido  
y todos le están buscando,  
A la orilla del mar,  
Peces estaba pescando.**

**La Virgen lava pañales y los  
Tiende en al romero y los  
Palaritos cantan, y el agua  
Se variendo**

**Pastores venid, pastores lleagad.**

**Adorar al niño**

**Adorar el niño que nacido ya.**

**El Niño, Dios se ya perdido  
y todos le estan buscando,**

**A la orilla del mar,**

**Peces estaba pescando.**

**Adorar al niño.**



# Carol of the Stable Dog

CORLYNN HANNEY

MRC CHAMBER SINGERS

SOLOIST: BETH MACKINNON

**“Why, why do you look so sad?”**

**Mary asked the stable dog.**

**”I have nothing, nothing to give a king**

**Nothing that shines, nothing to bring**

**Here at the feet of God.”**

**I’m here at the feet of God.**

**And all through the night,  
He stayed by her side  
And he kept them safe  
With his heart of gold,  
And he kept them warm  
In the winter's cold,  
And the gift he gave  
was his faithful soul  
there at the feet of God.**



**“Do you hear sweet caroling?”**

**Mary asked the stable dog.**

**“It’s the tiny angels as they fly,**

**Singin’ your son’s first lullaby,**

**Here at the feet of God.”**

**And all through the night,  
He stayed by her side  
And he kept them safe  
With his heart of gold,  
And he kept them warm  
In the winter's cold,  
And the gift he gave  
was his faithful soul  
There at the feet of God.  
There at the feet of God.**

# Remembering Decembers

PINKZEBRA

MRC CHAMBER SINGERS

**I'm remembering Decembers,  
In the quiet of the evening.  
I'm recalling winter moments long ago.**

**I saw life through the eyes of a child then,  
Playing games in the snow with my best friends.  
And now, how it warms my heart.  
Life was at the start.**

**I'm remembering Decembers,  
Spent with loved ones, filled with laughter  
Time was moving so much slower  
In those days. In those days.**

**There was wonder and joy in the small things  
I can still feel it now when the bells ring  
They ring like they did before.  
My heart is filled once more**



**The candle lanterns glowing in the snow  
Shining like the stars at night.  
Ignite my memories leading me back home.  
Leading me back home again.  
The seasons turn with lessons learned  
As life unveils its play, in its own way.**

**I'll remember this December,  
I'll forever hold it closely  
When I look back on this season  
I'll recall time with you, by your side,  
Spent together.**

**In my dreams these are days  
I will treasure  
So now, come and join with me,  
Join with me. Make a memory.**

# Star of the East

WORDS BY GEORGE COOPER &  
MUSIC BY AMANDA KENNEDY

SOLOIST: MELISSA PRATAS, ROSE KOYAMA  
& MATT LAITY

International Carol Suite No 4  
Carols of Central and South America

ARR. MARK HAYES

# 1. The Journey



**Din, din, din, the journey must now begin,**

**Din, din, din, the journey to Bethlehem.**

**See the Holy Family leaving Nazareth.**

**See the Holy Family leaving Nazareth.**

**See the Virgin Mary, Mother of our Saviour.**

**Quietly she ponders secrets of her heart.**

**See the little donkey, humble beast of burden,**

**Guiding husband Joseph on to Bethlehem.**

**Din, din, din, the journey must now begin,  
Din, din, din, the journey to Bethlehem  
See the Holy Family leaving Nazareth.  
See the Holy Family leaving Nazareth.**

**Joseph and his Mary saying their farewells to  
All their friends and loved ones, leaving all behind.  
Hot and dusty journey, trudging down that long road  
Faithful to the promise, on to Bethlehem.**

**Din, din, din, the journey must now begin,**

**Din, din, din, the journey to Bethlehem.**

**Los esposos van desde Nazaret**

**Los esposos van desde Nazaret,**

**Nazaret, Nazaret.**

## 2. Going to Bethlehem

**Good night, most Holy Mary  
I come to you with great pity.  
I come to you with great pity  
For the little Jesus Child.**

**The children are here, and they're singing  
Sweet songs for the Holy Infant**



**Vamos, vamos, vamos a Belén  
Vamos, vamos que vamos a ver.  
Aver al Niño Jesús,  
La Virgen y San José**

**We are going to Bethlehem.  
We are going to see the Child,  
To see the Baby Jesus,  
And the Virgin, meek and mild.**

# 3. The Babe

**A la rururu, niño chiquito,  
Duérmase ya mi Jesusito**

**Del Elefante hasta el mosquito,  
Guarden silencio, no le hagan ruido**

**A la rururu, niño chiquito,  
Duérmase ya mi Jesusito**

**Noche venturosa, noche de alegría.  
Bendita la duce, divina María.**

**A la rururu, niño chiquito,  
Duérmase ya mi Jesusito**

**Coros celestials, con su dulce acento canten  
Lavventura de este Nacimiento.**

**A la rururu, niño chiquito,  
Duérmase ya mi Jesusito**

# 4. At the Hour of Midnight

SOLOIST: CHRYSTHELLE OLIVARES



**La la la la la la ...**

**At the hour of midnight,  
'neath an icy moonlight,  
Born was heav'n's Redeemer,  
Blessed Saviour Jesus.**

**At the hour of midnight,  
A rooster hailed His coming.  
Praises filled the hillside  
With heaven's angels singing.**

**La la la la la la...**

**Su madre lo mira sin poderle dar  
Ni lech oni cuna done reposar.  
Tiernecito Niño, mi Jesús, mi Dios  
Eres suavey dulce eres todo amor**

**La la la la la la...**

# 5. Song of the Wise Men

SOLOIST: KIRK BROWN

**From a distant land this night  
we've come to see you,  
with the Eastern star,  
the light to lead us to you.**

**To the newborn child  
who is King of every nation,  
we will offer gold  
in humble adoration.**

**O shining star, the herald of the morning,  
Forever may your light be there to guide us.  
Glory in the highest to the Son, our Savior.  
Glory in the highest, on earth good will to all.**

**O shining star, the herald of the morning,  
Forever may your light be there to guide us.  
Glory in the highest to the Son, our Savior.  
Glory in the highest, on earth good will to all,  
Peace and love to all, to all. Amen**

# The Little Drummer Boy

KATHERINE DAVIS, HENRY ONORATI & HARRY SIMEONE

ARR. JOEL RANEY

MATT LAITY, PIANO

**Come, they told me (pa-rum-pum-pum pum),  
a newborn King to see (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum).  
Our finest gifts we bring (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),  
to lay before the King (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum...).**

**So, to honor Him (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),  
when we come.**



**Little Baby (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),  
I am a poor boy, too (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum).  
I have no gift to bring (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),  
to lay before the King (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum...).**  
**Shall I play for You (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),  
on my drum?**

Mary nodded (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),  
the ox and lamb kept time (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum).  
I played my drum for Him (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum).  
I played my best for Him (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum...).

Then He smiled at me (pa-rum-pum-pum-pum),  
me and my drum.

Come, they told me, come, they told me,  
(pa-rum-pum-pum-pum, pum, pum, pum).

# Solstice Song

JAN GARRETT

ARR. LARRY NICKEL

**Deep in the darkest winter night,  
here with my candle burning.  
Cozy and warm inside the light,  
now that the year is turning.**

**What does the future hold in store,  
where has our journey brought us?  
How can we learn from what's gone before,  
what has experience taught us?**

**Heart of Creation,  
Lover of shadow and light.  
Sing us the songs of a billion stars  
silently all thru' the night.**

**Friendship will light the darkest hours,  
true love will hold the vision.**

**Peace and good will on earth is ours,  
Let it be our decision.**

**Do do do do .....**

**Heart of Creation,  
Lover of shadow and light.  
Sing us the songs of a billion stars  
silently all thru' the night.**

**Deep in the darkest winter night,  
here with my candle burning.  
Cozy and warm inside the light,  
now that the year is turning.  
Feel how the year is turning.**

**Do do do do...**

GLORY IN  
THE DARKEST PLACE

BRITTANY BORN

SOLOIST: SUSAN PICHUGIN, SHAWNA VAN AERT,  
& MATT LAITY



# Home for the Holiday

DIANA GRIFFITHS

MRC CHAMBER SINGERS  
SOLOIST: MELISSA PRATAS

**You can't go home again they say,  
I know that isn't true  
For I have found come Christmas Day  
Goin' back is the right thing to do.**

**Home for the Holiday  
Best time of year.  
Home for the Holiday  
Christmas is here.**

**This is the time we put aside  
All the pieces of life  
That didn't fit when we tried  
We go back to a place  
Where things came out right  
And a blanket of snow  
Makes the world clear and bright**

**Home for the Holiday**

**Best time of year.**

**Home for the Holiday**

**Christmas is here**

**Christmas is here.**

# Sing-a-long

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

# Twelve Days After Christmas

FREDERICK SILVER

SOLOIST: EMMY O'LEARY

**The first day after Christmas,  
my true love and I had a fight.  
And so I chopped the pear tree down  
and burned it just for spite.  
Then with a single cartridge,  
I shot that blasted partridge,  
my true love gave to me.**

**The second day after Christmas,  
I pulled on the old rubber gloves,  
and very gently wrung the necks  
of both the turtle doves,  
my true love gave to me.**



**The third day after Christmas,  
my mother caught the croup.  
I had to use the three French hens  
to make some chicken soup.**

**The four calling birds  
were a big mistake,  
for their language was obscene.  
The five gold rings were completely fake,  
and they turned my fingers green.**

**The sixth day after Christmas,  
the six laying geese wouldn't lay.  
I gave the whole darn gaggle to the BCSPCA.**

**On the seventh day,  
what a mess I found:  
all seven of the swimming swans had drowned,  
my true love gave to me.**

**The eighth day after Christmas,  
before they could suspect.**

**I bundled up the eight maids a-milking,  
nine pipers piping, ten ladies dancing,  
'leven lords a leaping, twelve drummers drumming,  
well, actually, I kept one of the drummers!**

**And sent them back collect.**

**I wrote my true love,**

**“We are through love.”**

**And I said in so many words:**

**“Furthermore, your Christmas gifts  
were for the birds**

**(four calling birds, three French hens,  
two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree!)**

# Carol of the Bells

PETER J. WILHOUSKY & MYKOLA LEONTOVYCH

ARR. DAVID MOSER MCKAY & JEFFERY L. AMES

**Christmas is here bringing good cheer  
To young and old, meek and the bold  
With joyful ring all caroling**

**Hark! How the bells, sweet silver bells,  
All seem to say, “throw cares away.”**

**Christmas is here bringing good cheer  
To young and old, meek and the bold.  
Ding, dong, ding, dong,  
That is their song,  
With joyful ring all caroling.**

**One seems to hear words of good cheer  
From everywhere, filling the air.  
Oh how they pound, raising the sound.  
O'er hill and dale, telling their tale.  
Gaily they ring, while people sing,  
Songs of good cheer,  
Christmas is here!**



**Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!**  
**(One seems to hear words of good cheer)**  
**Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!**  
**(from ev'rywhere, filling the air.)**

**On, on they send, on without end,**  
**Their joyful tone to every home.**

**We three kings of Orient are.**

**Fa la...**

**Gaily they ring, while people sing,**

**Songs of good cheer,**

**Christmas is here.**

**Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!**

**Oh come oh come Emanuel**

**(Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!)**

**Hark how the bells, sweet silver bells,  
(Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!)  
All seem to say, “throw cares away”  
(And ransome captive Israel)**

**Christmas is here, bringing good cheer,  
To young and old, meek and bold.  
(Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!)**

**Ding, dong, ding, dong That is their song  
(Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!)**

**With joyful ring, all caroling.  
(Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!)**

**Oh come, o come Emanuel  
And ransom captive Israel**

**Gaily they ring while people sing,  
Songs of good cheer,  
Christmas is here!**

**Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!  
Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas!**

**Christmas is here bringing good cheer  
To young and old, meek and the bold  
With joyful ring all caroling  
O come, O come Emanuel!**

# ***Our Singers***

## ***Soprano***

Courtney Belanger  
Carolyn Gosling  
Kathy Hachey  
Kristi Hines  
Beverley Jones  
Virginia Kuran  
Nithya Mascarenhas  
Heather McCain  
Emmy O'Leary  
Jancis O'Mara  
Chrysthelle Olivares  
Laura Pachal  
Rosemarie Page  
Claudia Peters  
Marilyn Piticco  
Melissa Pratas  
Peggy Rogers  
Katie Sather  
Shawna Van Aert

## ***Alto***

Maria Agostino  
Susan Albert  
Bonnie Allan  
Lorraine Anchor  
Geri Bolan  
Kirsten Boulier  
Jude Conroy  
Pauline De Silva  
Bianca Desaulniers  
Ellen Flett  
Brooke Frostwood  
Rachel Hagel  
Georgina Harris  
Rose Koyama  
Sandra Kushniruk  
Afton Lamb  
Beth MacKinnon  
Susan Pichugin  
Saphina Sha

## ***Tenor***

Kirk Brown  
Julia Byrne  
Mandy Fan  
Thyra Gillese  
Joe Grill  
Mary Heaton  
Ryan Hines  
Nye Holmes  
Shirley Jones  
Jennifer Krajsek  
Jean O'Brien  
Sherry Schellenberg  
Tom Schroeder  
Glenda Speight  
Alex Van Aert

## ***Bass***

Jim Biggar  
Jordan Demos  
Ian Francisco  
John Gardner  
Damon Hines  
Kevin Hrankowski  
Matt Laity  
John Simms  
Kevin Warburton  
Asher Witwicki-Fishman

## ***Our 2024/2025***

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Member at Large

Shawna Van Aert

Artistic Director

Frank Zieginson



# ***Our Artistic Director***

Canadian pianist **Frank Zieginson** is sought after as both performer and music educator, currently making his home in Vancouver, BC.

Since coming to the piano at the age of eighteen, Frank has established himself as a dynamic and versatile artist, known for his creative programming of repertoire be it for solo piano, art song, chamber music, or choral music. He has been described as “a highly gifted pianist who has a real sense of collaboration with other instrumentalists and singers” and was “easily the most outstanding pianist of the six pianists selected.”

Stemming from his passion for chamber music and art song, Frank formed *Songscape Duo* with American soprano, Madeline Miskie-Jaeger in August of 2014. Frank is also the founding member of the Ricordanza Trio and the Founding and Artistic Director of the Ricordanza Summer Chamber Music Festival (Victoria, Canada).

In addition to his work as a musician and educator, Frank is also the Minister of Music at Lynn Valley United Church, Artistic Director of Lynn Valley Voices, The Rainbow Chorus, and the Maple Ridge Chorus.

He holds several degrees in music, including a Master of Music: Collaborative Piano (University of Maryland), Master of Music: Solo Performance (Brandon University), Bachelor of Music: Piano Performance (University of Lethbridge) and a Performance Diploma (Red Deer College).



# ***Our Pianist***

**James Dekker** is a talented multi-instrumentalist who enjoys performing and accompanying in many musical styles. He currently holds the accompanist position with the Maple Ridge Chorus and the Rainbow Chorus of New Westminster.

A proud graduate of Capilano University's Jazz Studies Program, he has had the opportunity of working with musicians such as Dee Daniels, Donny McCaslin, and many more.

James has been interested in music all his life, starting to play piano not long after learning to walk.

Recently, he has enjoyed performing and recording with groups such as the Jamie Lee Trio (a modern jazz/fusion group) and Big Madge (a ska/punk band formed with fellow Capilano graduates).

When he isn't playing music, James can often be found rock climbing or playing board games with friends.





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# ***Join Us!***

Our Spring Season will commence on  
**January 28, 2025**

We welcome new members  
during the first 3 weeks of the season.

Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
12145 Laity Street, Maple Ridge



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# ***Fundraising***

Proceeds from our 50/50 draw will go towards our new bursary fund, to help those who may not be able to pay the registration fee still receive the benefits of joining our choral community, and the purchase of risers.



**Maple Ridge  
Choral Society**

## ***About Us***

The Maple Ridge Chorus is the oldest, largest, secular, all-inclusive, non audition community choir for adults in Maple Ridge.

Although as a non-profit we still officially operate as the Maple Ridge Choral Society (our original name), we now publicize our choir as the  
**Maple Ridge Chorus.**

We enjoy singing an eclectic mix of music: popular, show tunes, Christmas, folk, sacred, classical, and more.



Thank you for Attending  
Merry Christmas!



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