# CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD Family Concert PHOENIX CHAMBER CHOIR YEARS OF PHOENIX

We acknowledge that we live, work, and make music on the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish People. Specifically, this concert is performed on the land of x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy'əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Selĭl'witulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations

We ask you to acknowledge the land that you are on, and to recognize that acknowledgement is merely the beginning; we must all commit to active efforts towards reconciliation.



#### **Phoenix Chamber Choir**

Nicholle Andrews, Artistic Director Dave Rosborough, Assistant Conductor

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#### Joy to the World - arr. Derric Johnson (living composer)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And Heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ.

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love!



## **Toyland - arr. Rosana Eckert** (living composer) Dance performed by Anna Pigott

Toyland! Toyland! Little girl and boy land. While you dwell within it, you are ever happy there.

Oh, childhood's joyland mystic, merry Toyland! Once you pass its borders you can ne'er return.

When you've grown up, my dears, and are as old as I, You'll laugh and ponder all the years that roll so swiftly by, my dears, that roll so swiftly by.

Childhood's joyland mystic, merry Toyland!

Once you pass its borders you can ne'er return again.



#### Go, Tell It On the Mountain - arr. Stacey V. Gibbs (b. 1962)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. (Brother, won' you go!) (He is born, yes!)

When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day.

I asked the Lord to help me, and He showed me the way.

They found a lowly manger, where humble Christ was born, And God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn.





#### Frosty the Snowman

Walter Rollins (1906 - 1973) & Steve Nelson (1907 - 1981)

Frosty the Snowman
Was a jolly happy soul
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the Snowman
Is a fairytale 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 top 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

Thumpity-thump-thump, Thumpity thump thump Look at Frosty go,
Thumpity-thump-thump, Thumpity thump thump
Over the hills of snow!



#### Frosty the Snowman

continued

Frosty the Snowman, knew the sun was hot that day, So he said, "Let's run, and we'll have some fun now, before I melt away."

Down to the village
With a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there, all around the square
Sayin', "Catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop;
And only paused a moment when He heard him holler, "Stop!"

For Frosty, the Snowman
Had to hurry on his way
But he waved goodbye sayin' "Don't cry
I'll be back again some day."

Thumpity-thump, Thumpity thump thump Look at Frosty go,
Thumpity-thump-thump, Thumpity thump thump
Over the hills of snow!



#### **Here Comes Santa Claus**

Lyrics by Gene Autry (1907 - 1998), Music by Oakley Haldeman (1909 – 1986)

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeers pulling on the reins
Bells are ringing, children singing, all is merry and bright
So hang your stockings and say your prayers, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane
He's got a bag that's filled with toys for boys and girls again

Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle, oh what a beautiful sight
So jump in bed and cover your head, '
cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus Lane
He'll come around when chimes ring out that it's Christmastime again
Peace on earth will come to all if we just follow the light
So let's give thanks to the Lord above,
'cause Santa Claus comes tonight



### Here Comes Santa Claus Continued

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeers pulling on the reins
Bells are ringing, children singing, all is merry and bright
So jump in bed and cover your head, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight

He is a miracle come to all if we just follow the light So let's give thanks to the Lord above, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight So let's give thanks to the Lord above, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight



#### Vox Panacea

Pippa Andrew, Director Carolyn Shiau, piano

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#### A Joyous Carol of the Bells - arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney (b. 1954)

a Ukrainian carol

Merry Christmas! Choirs are ringing!
Songs of joyous Noels bringing!
Merry Christmas! Bell choirs are ringing!
Songs of joyous Noels bringing!

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

On, on they send, on without end, Their joyful tones, to ev'ry home.

#### Sevivon - arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney (b.1954)

A Hanukkah song

Sevivon, sov sov sov, spin the dreidel, let the game begin. Sevivon, sov sov sov, land on nun, hey, gimmel, shin!

It's a time for joy and happiness, celebrate the wonders of yesterday.

Join in song and dance, it's Hanukkah, come, enjoy the holiday.



#### A la Nanita Nana - arr. Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)

#### A Spanish Carol

A la nanita nana, nanita ella, nanita ella Mi niña tiene sueño, bendito sea, bendito sea A la nanita nana, nanita ella, nanita ella Mi niña tiene sueño, bendito sea, bendito sea Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by
My baby's sleepy, bless him, bless him.
Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by
My baby's sleepy, bless him, bless him.

Fuentecita que corre clara y sonora Ruiseñor que en la selva, cantando y llora Calla mientras la cuna, se balancea A la nanita nana, nanita ella Little spring bubbling clear and loud, Nightingale singing plaintively in the forest: Keep quiet while the cradle rocks to and fro, Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by.

#### Praise Noel – arr. Cristi Cary Miller (b. 1959)

A Kenyan and Liberian Carol

Sing noel, sing noel, noel, noel,

Sing we all noel!

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#### Come and I Will Sing You - Andrea Ramsey (b. 1977)

Come and I will sing you

What will you sing me?

I will sing you...

One-o, What will the one be?

One, the one is all alone and evermore shall be so.

Two-o, What will the two be?

Two of them were lily-white babes clothed all in green-o.

Three-o, What will the three be?

Three of them were drivers.

Four-o, What will the four be?

Four, the gospel creatures.

Five-o, What will the five be?

Five, the flem boys under the bush.

Six-o, What will the six be?

Six, the six bol'wagers.

Seven-o, What will the seven be?

Seven, the seven stars under the sky.

Eight-o, What will the eight be?

Eight, the Gabriel angels.

What will the nine be?

Nine, the bright-eyed shiners.

Come, and I will sing you

What will you sing me?

I will sing you ten-o

What will the ten be?

Ten, the Ten Commandments.

Nine, the bright-eyed shiners.

Eight, the Gabriel angels.

Seven, the seven stars under the sky.

Six the six bol'wagers.

Five, the flem boys under the bush.

Four, the gospel creatures.

Three of them were drivers.

Two of them were lily-white babes clothed all in green-o.

One, the one is all alone and evermore shall be so.



## World Premiere - All is Found (Frozen II) arr. Carolyn Shiau (living composer) Performed by Phoenix Chamber Choir and Vox Panacea

Where the north-wind meets the sea, there's a river full of memory Sleep, my darling, safe and sound, for in their river all is found.

In her waters deep and true lie the answers, and a path for you, Dive down deep into her sound, but not too far or you'll be drowned.

Yes, she will sing to those who hear, and in her song, all magic flows But can you brave what you most fear? Can you face what the river knows?

Where the north-wind meets the sea, there's a river full of memory Sleep, my darling, safe and sound, for in their river all is found.



#### Deck the Halls - arr. Jeffrey J. Torres (b. 1985)

Deck the halls with boughs of holly 'Tis the season to be jolly,

Don we now our gay apparel, Troll the ancient Yuletide carol.

Fast away the old year passes, Hail the new ye lads and lasses,

Come sing we joyous all together, Heedless of the wind and weather.

See the blazing Yule before us, Come strike the harp and join the chorus Follow me in merry measure, while I tell of Yuletide treasure.

Deck the Halls! Sing Fa la la la la la la la!



## The Night Before Christmas - Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863)

Read by Brad Bonnell Illustrated by Kenneth Bontje



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house. Not a creature was stirring, not even

a mouse;

The stockings were bung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;



The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,



When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.



The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow

Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

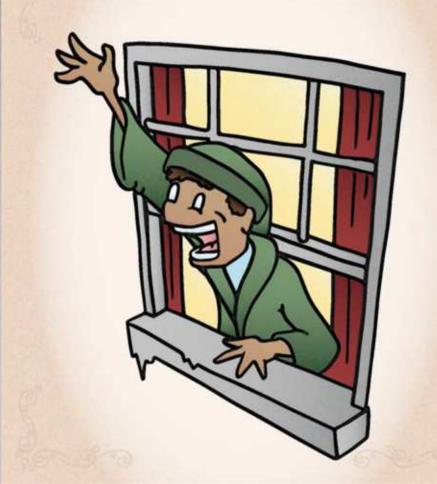


With a little old driver, so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St.

Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;



"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now,
Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet on Cupid! on, Donner and
Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!

Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"



As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle,
mount to the sky,

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St.
Nicholas too.



And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.



He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.



His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;



The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly,

That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.



He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;



He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;



He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,



## HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!





#### **Jingle Bells** James Pierpont (1822 - 1893)

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tail ring,
making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride, And soon Miss Fanny Bright Was seated by my side; The horse was lean and lank Misfortune seemed his lot We got into a drifted bank, And then we got upsot.

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh



#### Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer John David Marks (1909-1985)

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen
But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names

They never let poor Rudolph Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him As they shouted out with glee "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer You'll go down in history"

You'll go down in history!



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## PHOENIX CHAMBER CHOIR





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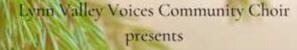












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