

# Carols in the Round

A Celebration of  
Christmas Music

Featuring the Motet Singers  
Fran Morrison, conductor  
Matthew Manwarren, piano

Sunday, December 4, 2016  
6:30 pm

*Please silence your cell phone.*



## AUDIENCE CAROL SING

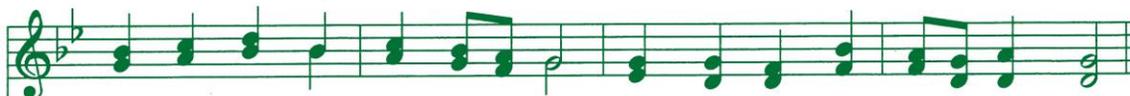
SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

*Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland*

*Verses 1-2 – Motet Singers; Verses 3-4 -- All*



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Your home.
2. From the God-head forth You came, And re - turn un - to the same,
3. You, the cho - sen Ho - ly One, Have o'er sin the vic-tory won.
4. Bright-ly does Your man - ger shine, Glo - rious is its light di - vine.



Mar - vel now, O hea - ven and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!  
Bound-less shall Your king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?  
Let not sin o'er-cloud this light; Ev - er be our faith thus bright.



## PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

*arr. Vincent M. Ryan  
(b. 1971)*

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today. Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today. Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim.  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today. Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce, with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today. Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## FUM, FUM, FUM

*Traditional Spanish Carol  
arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw*

On December five and twenty, Fum, Fum, Fum!  
Oh, a child was born this night, so rosy white.  
Son of Mary, Virgin Holy, in a stable mean and lowly,  
Fum, Fum, Fum!

On December's most important day, let us be gay!  
God will send us days of feasting, Fum, Fum, Fum!  
Both in hot months and in cold, for young and old,  
when we tell the Holy Story, ever singing of His glory,  
Fum, Fum, Fum!

## SOLO

### O, PO' LITTLE JESUS

*Traditional Spiritual*

Oh po' little Jesus  
this world's gonna break your heart  
for there's no place to lay your head, my Lord.  
Oh po' little Jesus

Oh Mary, she's the mother.  
Oh Mary, she bowed down and cried  
for there's no place to lay his head, my Lord.  
Oh po' little Jesus

Come down, all you holy Angels  
sing round him with your golden harps  
for some day he will die to save this world.  
Oh po' little Jesus

Todd Geer, Tenor

## AUDIENCE CAROL SING

### ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

*Regent Square*

**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:**

***Refrain:***

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

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light.  
*(Refrain)*

**A SPOTLESS ROSE**

*Bryan L. Greer  
(b. 1980)*

A spotless rose is growing, sprung from a tender root,  
of ancient seer's foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;  
its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter,  
and in the dark midnight.

The rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,  
is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest maid;  
for through our God's great love and might the Blessed Babe she bare us  
in a cold, cold winter's night.

**LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING**

*Es Ist Ein' Ros'  
arr. Michael Praetorius  
(1571-1621)*

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.  
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind,  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

**GOIN' TO BETHLEHEM**

*Jay Althouse  
(b. 1951)*

Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby.  
Goin' to Bethlehem, see that child.  
Goin' to Bethlehem, gonna take a while.  
Look over yonder and see the wisemen, on a journey they travel afar.  
Look over yonder and see the wisemen, led to Bethlehem by a star.  
Look over yonder and see the shepherds watching over their flocks by night.  
Look over yonder and see the shepherds, by the light of a star so bright.  
I'm gonna sing heavenly melodies when I see that child.  
Shout hallelujah when I see that child.  
Look over yonder and see the angels; from the heavens they come to earth.  
Look over yonder and see the angels, singing praise of a baby's birth.

**AUDIENCE CAROL SING**

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

*Forest Green*

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**SOLO**

**THE LITTLE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM**

*Michael Head  
(1900-1976)*

As I walked down the road at set of sun,  
the lambs were coming homeward one by one.  
I heard a sheepbell softly calling them, along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door as I drew nigh,  
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.  
She sang about the lambs at close of day, and rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheepbells rang.  
"The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary sang.  
"Your star of gold, your star of gold is shining in the sky. So sleep, my little King, go lullaby."

As I walked down the road at set of sun,  
the lambs were coming homeward one by one.  
I heard a sheepbell softly calling them, along the little road to Bethlehem.

Charlotte Judge, Soprano

**INSTRUMENTAL SOLO**

**LE CYGNE**

*Camille Saint-Saens  
(1835-1921)*

Sasha Barlow, Viola

**MASTERS IN THIS HALL**

*arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw*

Masters in this hall, hear ye news today  
brought from over sea and ever I you pray:  
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we clear!  
Holpen are all folk on earth, born the Son of God so dear:  
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we loud!  
God today hath poor folk raised and cast a-down the proud.  
Going o'er the hills, through the milk-white snow,  
heard I ewes bleat, while the wind did blow.  
Then to Bethlem town we went two and two,  
and in a sorry place heard the oxen low.  
Therein did we see a sweet and goodly May,  
and a fair old man, upon the straw she lay;  
and a little child on her arm had she,  
"Wot ye who this is?" said the hinds to me.  
This is Christ the Lord, Masters be ye glad!  
Christmas is come in, and no folk should be sad.

Michael Rukstelis, Baritone; Mark Hayes, Bass

**AUDIENCE CAROL SING**

**THE FIRST NOEL**

*The First Noel*

**The First Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields where they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.**

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took it rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

**THE LAMB**

Little Lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed  
by the stream and o'er the mead;

Gave thee clothing of delight,  
softest clothing, woolly, bright;  
gave thee such a tender voice,  
making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;  
he is called by thy name,  
for he calls himself a Lamb.

He is meek, and he is mild.  
He became a little child.  
I, a child, and thou a lamb,  
we are called by his name.  
Little lamb, God bless thee!

*John Tavener  
(1944-2013)*

**SOLO**

**GESU BAMBINO**

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows  
upon a winter night,  
was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,  
the King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,  
the grateful earth rejoiced;  
and at His blessed birth the stars  
their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows  
to greet the holy night,  
that gave the world its Christmas Rose,  
its King of Love and Light.

Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name,  
the grateful chorus swell.  
From paradise to earth He came  
that we with Him might dwell.

O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

*Pietro Yon  
(1886-1943)*

Fran Morrison, Soprano; Sacha Barlow, Violin

**AUDIENCE CAROL SING**

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

*Antioch*

## DECK THE HALL

*arr. John Rutter  
(b. 1945)*

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa, la la.  
'Tis the season to be jolly, . . .  
Fill the mead cup, drain the barrel,  
Troll the ancient Christmas carol,

See the flowing bowl before us,  
Strike the harp and join the chorus.  
Follow me in merry measure,  
while I sing of beauty's treasure.

Fast away the old year passes,  
Hail the new, ye lads and lassies,  
Laughing, quaffing all together,  
Heedless of the wind and weather,

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Traditional West Country Carol  
Arr. by Arthur Warrell  
(1883-1939)*

We wish you a merry Christmas  
and a happy New Year.  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.  
Now bring us some figgy pudding,  
and bring some out here.  
For we all like figgy pudding,  
so bring some out here.  
And we won't go till we've got some,  
so bring some out here.

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# The Motet Singers

*Janice Bradner and Charlotte Judge, rehearsal accompanists*

### **SOPRANOS**

Cindy Green  
Debbi Grosch  
Charlotte Judge  
Barbara Mishoe  
Karen Riley  
Jane Seawell

### **ALTOS**

Janice Bradner  
Bobbie Campbell  
Karen Mayer  
Dana Mitchell  
Nancy Rider  
Deb Steiner

### **TENORS**

Dan Compton  
Vince DeLap  
Todd Geer  
Jerry Hoogenakker  
Ted Phillips

### **BASSES**

Mark Hayes  
Barry Love  
Greg Mayer  
Bill Miller  
Michael Rukstelis

***We invite you to other upcoming Advent events  
at Myers Park Baptist Church.***

## *Advent Schedule 2016*

### *Sunday, December 4 - Advent II*

**Worship**

*11:00am in the Sanctuary*

**Carols in the Round Featuring the Motet Singers**

*6:30pm in Heaton Hall*

### *Saturday, December 10*

**Children's Christmas Pageant**

*4:00 - 5:00pm in Heaton Hall*

### *Sunday, December 11 - Advent III*

**Service of Lessons and Carols**

*11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary*

### *Wednesday, December 14*

**Wonderful Wednesday**

*5:45pm Christmas Dinner in Heaton Hall*

*(Reservations by noon on 12/12 by phone x156,  
at myMPBC or email [runderwood@mpbconline.org](mailto:runderwood@mpbconline.org))*

*6:30pm "A Charlie Brown Christmas"*

*6:30pm "Awakening to Racial Injustice Series: Faith and Race"  
in Shalom Hall*

### *Sunday, December 18 - Advent IV*

**Worship, featuring Sadowski's *Magnificat* with Soloists and Brass**

*11:00am in the Sanctuary*

**Taizé Service to Mark the Changing of the Seasons**

*5:00-6:00pm in the Chapel*

### *Wednesday, December 21*

**Service of Lament and Loss with Communion**

*6:30pm in the Sanctuary*

### *Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve*

**Family Worship with Communion**

*4:00pm in the Sanctuary*

**The Music of Christmas with Harp and Organ**

*5:30pm in the Sanctuary*

**Candlelight Worship with Communion**

*6:00pm in the Sanctuary*

**Nativity Tableau with Communion**

*7:15-8:00pm "drop in" in the Sanctuary*

### *Sunday, December 25*

**Christmas Day Worship in the Round - *Service of Hope***

*10:00-10:45am in Heaton Hall*

### *Sunday, January 1, 2017*

**New Year's Day Worship in the Round - *Service of Beginnings***

*10:00-10:45am in Heaton Hall*



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