



Presents

A WORLD OF CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 7:30pm



WELCOME

Thank you for coming to tonight's Strathmore Children's Concert program. We strive to share holiday music from myriad cultures and traditions represented in our ensembles and in our community, and we celebrate a new iteration of our SCC Touring Chorus.

CONCERT PROGRAM

COMBINED CHOIRS

Kentucky Wassail (2009, 2023), arr. Michael Wu (b. 1967), Southern Appalachian Mountains, collected by John Jacob Niles, 1892–1980

PREPARATORY CHORUS

Sevivon (2020), Hebrew Chanukah Song, arr. with additional text by Vicki Tucker Courtney, b. 1954
Elizabeth Eyler, *Tambourine*

Translation of the Hebrew: Dreidel, spin, spin, spin | Chanukah is a great holiday. | Chanukah is a great holiday. | Dreidel, spin, spin, spin. | A holiday of happiness it is for the nation. | A great miracle happened there. | A great miracle happened there. | A holiday of happiness it is for the nation.

Loy Krathong (2015), Thai Folk Song, arr. V. T. Courtney

Cold Snap (2016), Mark Hayes, b. 1953

APPRENTICE CHORUS

Bidi Bom (2003), David Eddleman, b. 1958

The Snow Carol, quoting Still, Still, Still (1995)
German Carol, arr. Audrey Snyder, b. 1953

Gaudeamus Hodie (1972), Natalie Sleeth, 1930–1992
Shivani Hancock, *Claves*
Anna Ibrahim, *Maracas*
Elizabeth Eyler, *Tambourine*

Translation of the Latin: Let us rejoice today!

TREBLE CHORUS

Cradle Hymn (2008), American Hymn Tune, arr. Susan Brumfield, living

Niño Precioso (2017), traditional Nicaraguan Folk Song, arr. Rosephanye Powell, b. 1962
Sofia Veshi, *Triangle*
Katelin Paige Velasquez, *Cabasa*
Garrett Cypress, *Egg Shaker*

Translation of the Spanish: Little child so precious, richer than diamonds, | Smiling little baby, | the God of love. | Peacefully resting in quiet slumber, | while I am singing with humble voice. | Little one, lie sleeping, from the cold air keeping. | Little one, lie sleeping, I will be near.

Banu Choshech Legaresh (1998), Hebrew Folk Song, arr. D. Eddleman

Translation of the Hebrew: Though the night is cold and dark. | In our soul, there lies a spark. | Each of us, is one small light. | All together, we shine bright. | Do a Mitzvah – light your spark. | Let your glow shine through the dark. | Do a Mitzvah – light your spark. | Let your soul shine through the dark.

TENOR BASS CHORUS

Ein unbegreiflich Licht erfüllt den ganzen Kreis der Erden (A Profound Light Fills All the World, Tenor Bass Duet from Cantata 125, written 1725), Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

Translation of the German: An unfathomable light fills the entire orb of the earth. | Ringing powerfully through and through | is the most highly desired assurance: | whoever believes shall be blessed

Barechu (1623), Salamone Rossi, c. 1570–c. 1630

Translation of the Hebrew: Bless you, O blessed one, forever and ever

Blue Christmas (1948, 2017), Billy Hayes, 1906–1993, and Jay Johnson, 1924–2001, arr. Roger Emerson, b. 1950

Garrett Cypress, *Soloist*
Adrian Ahmadi, *Soloist*

TOURING CHORUS

Gaudete (c. 16th Century), printed in the *Piae Cantiones* 1582

Lillian Fischer, *Soloist*
Adrian Ahmadi, *Soloist*
Tiffany Lolley, *Soloist*

Rinzin Phuntsokyi, Leele Ramaswamy,
Isabella Reyes, Peishi Yu,
Featured Small Group

Translation of the Latin: Refrain Rejoice, rejoice! |
Christ is born | of the Virgin Mary—| Rejoice! || The
time of grace has come—| What we have wished for;
| Songs of joy | Let us give back faithfully. || *Refrain*
|| God has become man, | With nature marvelling, |
The world has been renewed | By the reigning Christ.
|| *Refrain* || The closed gate of Ezekiel | Is passed
through, | Whence the light is risen' | Salvation has
been found. || *Refrain* || Therefore, let our assembly
| Now sing in brightness, | Let it bless the Lord, |
Greetings to our King. || *Refrain*

Shiru (2000), Allan E. Naplan, b. 1972

Translation of the Hebrew: Refrain: Sing a new song
| sing, shout all the earth. || Break forth, sing
aloud, and play music | shout all the earth | sing all
the earth | sing a new song. || *Refrain* || Let the
heavens rejoice | Let the earth be glad | Let the sea
roar, and all that fills it | Let the field exult, and all
that is in it | Let the trees of the forest sing for joy |
Let the rivers clap hands | Let the mountains sing
for joy. || *Refrain*

Total Praise (1996), Richard Smallwood, b. 1948,
arr. Doreen Rao, b. 1947

COMBINED TENOR BASS AND CONCERT CHORUSES

Jajang, Jajang, Ahgi Yesu (2005), words and music
by Hyun Chul Lee, b. 1973

Translation of the Korean: Lullay, lullay, Sleeping
softly, free from danger, baby Jesus, in a manger. |
Star in the dark sky shining, star in the dark night
shining, bringing good news to us, Baby Jesus, sing it
out with joy. | Light of the sky is come, Baby Jesus,
Light of the world is come, Baby Jesus, King over
all the earth, King of the heavens, Jesus, Son of the
Father, Jesus. | Down from heaven, by his mercy,
He came down to show us his love, here on earth to
save us. | Lullay, lullay.

Adinu (2011), Sufi melody, arr. Shireen Abu-Khader,
living, and André de Quadros, living

Lillian Fischer, *Soloist*
Garrett Cypress, *Soloist*
Camilla Fan & Lauren Jain, *Duet*

Translation of the Arabic: Refrain I follow the religion
of love | wherever love is found | for love is my religion
and my faith. || I follow the religion of love | wherever
love is found | for love is my religion and my faith. ||
Refrain || Holy, holy, holy, | You are the Lord God, |
Heaven and earth | are full of your glory. || *Refrain* ||
Almighty God, of great dignity, | our Creator, I ask you
to be merciful on all | I come to You, the revealer of all
obstacles | hoping for Your approval as I have none but
you. || *Refrain*

CONCERT CHORUS

Maoz Tsur (17th Century Italy, 1999), Benedetto
Marcello, 1686–1739, arr. Carl Zytowski, 1921–2018

Translation of the Hebrew: O Mighty Rock of my
salvation | to praise You is delight. | May my house
of prayer be established | and we will bring there a
thanksgiving offering. | When You have prepared
the slaying | of the blasphemous enemy, | then I
shall complete the consecration of the altar | with an
exalting song.

Garbe rame (1993, 2005), Gujarati Folk Song,
arr. Sheena Phillips, b. 1958

Ella Liu, *Flute*
Guest Musician from Maryland Classic Youth
Orchestra

Translation of the Gujarati: The Goddess Amda dances
in the Chachar square; | in the Charchar square, the
goddess mother dances.

**Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King (2000,
2017)**, based on the Spiritual “Go Tell It on the
Mountain” with additional words and music by Moses
Hogan, 1957–2003, arr. Kathleen Rodde, living

Elizabeth Eyler, *Soloist*
Emery Que, *Soloist*
Sarah Foote, *Soloist*
Sofia Veshi, *Soloist*
Anna Ibrahim, *Soloist*

COMBINED CHORUSES

Winter Wonderland (1934, 2021), Felix Bernard,
1897–1944, arr. Kirby Shaw, b. 1942

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