



THE CITY  
SINGERS

Kathleen Jagielski, *Director*

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Community Outreach Chorus of  
THE CITY CHOIR OF WASHINGTON

**Willard InterContinental Hotel**

December 23, 2023

6:00 & 7:15 p.m.





## ABOUT THE CHORUS

**The City Choir of Washington** is a member-driven choral community that is as committed to the music it performs as to the city it serves. It presents moving and thoughtfully curated musical events throughout the Washington, DC metro area to uplift and inspire audiences and singers alike. City Choir is a diverse group of over 140 volunteer singers from throughout the Washington metro region. The singers performing for you today are a subset of this larger chorus.

**The City Singers**, the engagement arm of the City Choir of Washington, was created to perform quality choral music—light classical, popular, secular, patriotic, show tunes, folk music—in all its myriad forms and genres to organizations and audiences who may not be able to attend regular concert performances of the City Choir of Washington.

The City Singers is conducted by **Kathleen Jagielski**, who is also the assistant conductor of the City Choir of Washington. Kathleen has earned her Bachelor's of Music Education degree from Shenandoah University and her Masters of Music in Vocal Pedagogy from The Catholic University of America. Since 2005, she has worked in the area actively as a singer and teacher and has directed choruses and vocal ensembles for Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, and Charles County Public Schools. She is currently in her ninth year as the Choral Director at Trailside Middle School with Loudoun County Public Schools. Miss Jagielski has helped to create music for many churches in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area and was recently the Choral Director for Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church in Ashburn, Virginia. Miss Jagielski has served as the music director for many theatrical productions in Charles and Loudoun County Public Schools. She is an active member of NAFME, and ACDA.



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# Program Order

**\* Please sing along with us!**

**The Christmas Song** 

*Mel Tormé & Robert Wells; arr. Walter Ehret*

**Do You Hear What I Hear?**

*Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne; arr. H. Simeone*

**\*O Come All Ye Faithful**

*Trad. 18th c.; arr. David Willcocks*

**Hanukkah, O Hanukkah** 

*Traditional; arr. Christi Cary Miller*

**The Sleigh (Á la Russe)**

*Richard Kountz; arr. W. Riegger*

**\*White Christmas**

*Irving Berlin*

**Glow** 

*Words by Edward Esch; Music by Eric Whitacre*

**Laudamus Te**

*From Vivaldi's Gloria*

**\*The First Nowell**

*Trad. English; arr. David Willcocks*

**Dashing Through the Snow**

*James Pierpont; arr. John Leavitt*

**Bidi Bom** 

*David Eddleman*

**\*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

*Words by C. Wesley; Music by F. Mendelssohn*

**Sing Ding-a Ding-a Dong**

*Lynn Shaw Bailey*



**You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch**

*Words by Dr. Seuss; Music by Albert Hague*

**\*We Wish You a Merry Christmas** *Arthur Sydney Warrell*

**Sleigh Ride** 

*Words by Mitchell Parish; Music by Leroy Anderson; arr. Michael Edwards*



## O Come All Ye Faithful

*Composer unknown (probably 18th c.)*

*Arranged by David Wilcocks*

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God, begotten not created  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.



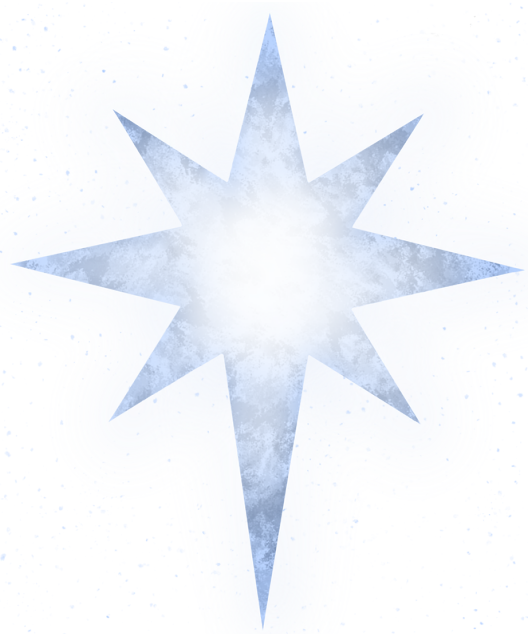
## White Christmas

*Irving Berlin*

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,  
Just like the ones I used to know.  
Where the tree tops glisten  
And children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,  
With ev'ry Christmas card I write.  
"May your days be merry and bright,  
And may all your Christmases be white."





## The First Nowell

*Traditional English; arranged by David Willcocks*

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

**Refrain:** *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. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star  
Three wisemen came from country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and Earth of naught  
And with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*



## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Felix Mendelssohn  
Arranged by David Willcocks*

Hark! The herald-angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled”  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem”  
Hark! The herald-angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born King!”

Christ by highest Heaven adored  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see,  
Hail th’incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man, with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark the herald Angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

*(continued)*

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings;  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
“Glory to the new-born King!”







## We Wish You a Merry Christmas

*Traditional West Country English  
Arranged by Arthur Sydney Warrell*

We wish you a merry Christmas (3x)  
And a happy new year!

**Refrain:** *Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin,  
Good tidings for Christmas  
And a happy new year!*

O bring us some figgy pudding (3x)  
And bring it right here!

[refrain]

We won't go until we get some (3x)  
So bring some out here!

[refrain]

We wish you a merry Christmas (3x)  
And a happy new year!



# The City Singers



Kathleen Jagielski, *Director*

Lani Kanakry, *Coordinator*

Merzana Kostreci, *Accompanist*

## Soprano:

Vivian Chakarian  
Lani Kanakry  
Susan Schumacher  
Rachel Tester  
Emily Tsai  
Reshmina William

## Alto:

Georgia Cotter  
Jennifer Gerbi  
Barbara Greene  
Elaine Wunderlich  
Patricia Yee

## Tenor:

John Clewett  
David Flaxman  
Meg Hemingway  
Joe Jones  
Drew Riggs  
Will Stewart  
Benjamin Tsai

## Bass:

Jim Blackburn  
Kevin Boteler  
William Gilcher  
Jeff Jenkins  
Mark Moverman



*Don't miss our upcoming concert celebrating  
W.A. Mozart's 268th Birthday!*

## **For Mozart's Birthday**



**W.A. Mozart: Great Mass in C minor**

January 28, 2024 | 5 p.m.  
National Presbyterian Church  
*Washington, DC*

**The City Choir of Washington, Erin Freeman, Artistic Director**

*Special Guests: 2023 Wolf Trap Opera Studio Artists*  
Jazmine Saunders, soprano | Tessa McQueen soprano  
Micah Perry, tenor | Adam Partridge, bass-baritone

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