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Sounds of the Season

Sunday, December 13, 2020 Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library

WINTERTHUR





CHOIR SCHOOL OF DELAWARE presents

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Choir School of Delaware Arreon A. Harley-Emerson - Director of Music & Operations Brittney L. Stanton - Director of Education & Assistant Conductor Gabriel Benton - Collaborative Keyboardist

Variations on "Jingle Bells"

A DICKENS CHRISTMAS

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SPECIAL EVENT

Fables, Folklore, & Fairytales

Sunday, April 25, 2021 | 4:00 pm Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library WINTERTHUR

Variations on "Jingle Bells" JAMES PIERPOINT arr. Mark Hayes 1822-1893	Jingle, jingle, jingle jingle bells! Ring them jingle bells! Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Hey! Dashing thru the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
	O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way (Hey, hey, hey!). Bells on bobtails ring (ring-a-ling), Making spirits bright (spirits bright). Oh, what fun it is to sing a sleighing song tonight. Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!
	The holidays are near, we want to have some fun, But how can we be merry when we're always on the run? (on the run?) Jingle bells are great, but a sleigh ride just won't do. Wouldn't you rather sail away on a Caribbean cruise?
	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 (all the way!) Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Start ringin' those bells (oh, ring them bells), Keep ringin' them bells (jingle bells!).
	Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way; Oh, what merry fun it is to take a ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way; Oh, what merry fun it is to take a ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Ring them bells, those jingle jangle, jingle jangle bells!
	Listen you can hear the sound spreading cheer throughout the town. Come on ev'rybody ring them bells! Jinglin' janglin' jinglin' jing jang Jingle bells, those merry bells that jingle all the way (ringing good news on the way). Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Jinglin' janglin' jinglin' janglin' jing jang Jingle bells, ringing good news on the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Jingle, jangle, ring them bells!
A DICKENS CHRISTMAS I. All Hail to the Days STEPHEN McNEFF (b. 1951)	Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Who is there that singeth so?
	All hail to the days that merit more praise Than all the rest of the year And welcome the nights that double delights As well for the poor as the peer.
	Good fortune attend each merry man's friend

Good fortune attend each merry man's friend That does but the best he may, Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs, Carols and songs to drive the cold winter away.

I. All Hail to the Days (continued)	This time of the year is spent in good cheer, And neighbors together do meet, To sit by the fire with friendly desire, Each other in love to greet.
	Old grudges forgot are put in the pot, All sorrows aside they lay. The old and the young doth carol this song, Carol this song to drive the cold winter away.
II. King of the Seasons	I care not for Spring; on his fickle wing Let the blossoms and buds be borne: He woos them amain with his treacherous rain, And he scatters them ere the morn. An inconstant elf, he knows not himself, Or his own changing mind an hour,
	He'll smile in your face, and, with wry grimace, He'll wither your youngest flower. Let the summer sun to his bright home run, He shall never be sought by me; When he's dimmed by a cloud I can laugh aloud, And care not how sulky he be;
	But my song I troll out for Christmas stout, The hearty, the true, and the bold; My bumper I drain, and with might and mane, Three cheers for this Christmas old. We'll usher him in with a merry din that shall gladden his joyous heart, And we'll keep him up while there's bite or sup And in fellowship good we'll part.
	A mild harvest night, by the tranquil light Of the modest and gentle moon, Has a far sweeter sheen for me, I ween, Than the broad and unblushing noon, But every leaf awakens my grief, As it lieth beneath the tree; So let Autumn air be never so fair, It by no means agrees with me.
	But my song I troll out for Christmas stout, The hearty, the true, and the bold; My bumper I drain, and with might and mane, Three cheers for this Christmas old. Then again I sing 'til the roof doth ring And it echoes from wall to wall, To the stout old wight, fair welcome tonight, As King of the Seasons all.

A DICKENS CHRISTMAS (continued) III. A Christmas Far Away	Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Who is there that singeth so?
	All hail to the days that merit more praise Than all the rest of the year And welcome the nights that double delights As well for the poor as the peer.
	Good fortune attend each merry man's friend That does but the best he may, Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs, Carols and songs to drive the cold winter away, To drive the cold winter away.
	This time of the year is spent in good cheer, And neighbors together do meet, To sit by the fire with friendly desire, Each other in love to greet. Old grudges forgot are put in the pot, All sorrows aside they lay. The old and the young doth carol this song, Carol this song to drive the cold winter away.
	There comes a ship a-sailing with angels flying fast; She bears a splendid cargo and has a mighty mast. This ship is fully laden, right to her highest board; She bears the son of heaven. God's high eternal word. Upon the sea unruffled, the ship moves in to shore, To bring to us all the riches she has within her store. And that ship's name is Mary, the flower of rose is she, And brings to us her babe from sin to set us free.
IV. Chorale (Little 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, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
	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!

A DICKENS CHRISTMAS (continued) V. Catch (The Carnal and the Crane)	As I passed by a river side, And there as I did reign, In argument I chanced to hear A carnal and a crane.
	The carnal said unto the crane, "If all the world should turn, Before we had a Father, But now we have the Son!
VI. Finale (Mr. Fezziwig's Party)	We'll usher him in with a merry din That shall gladden his joyous heart, And we'll keep him up while there's bite or sup, And in fellowship good, we'll part. We'll usher him in with a merry din That shall gladden his joyous heart, And we'll keep him up while there's bite or sup, And in fellowship good, we'll part.
	Then again I sing 'til the roof doth ring And it echoes from wall to wall, To the stout old wight, fair welcome tonight, As King of the Seasons all. We'll usher him in with a merry din That shall gladden his joyous heart, And we'll keep him up while there's bite or sup, And in fellowship good, we'll part.
	All hail to the days that merit more praise Than all the rest of the year And welcome the nights that double delights As well for the poor as the peer. Good fortune attend each merry man's friend That does but the best he may, Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs, Carols and songs to drive the cold winter away.
	This time of the year is spent in good cheer, And neighbors together do meet, To sit by the fire with friendly desire, Each other in love to greet. Old grudges forgot are put in the pot, All sorrows aside they lay. The old and the young doth carol this song, Carol this song to drive the cold winter away.
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Christmas Island LYLE MORAINE arr. Alan Billingsly (1914-1988)	How'dja like to spend Christmas on Christmas Island? How'dja like to spend the holiday away across the sea? How'dja like to spend Christmas on Christmas Island? How'dja like to hang a stocking on a great big coconut tree?
	How'd you like to stay up late like the islanders do? Wait for Santa to sail in with your presents in a canoe If you ever spend Christmas on Christmas Island You will never stray for everyday your Christmas dreams come true.
O Holy Night ADOLPHE-CHARLES ADAM arr. Arreon Harley-Emerson (1803-1856)	O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining It is the night of our dear Savior's birth Long lay the world in sin and error pining 'Til He appears and the soul felt its worth.
	A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born O night, O Holy night, O night divine!
	Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His Gospel is Peace Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother And in His name, all oppression shall cease.
	Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we Let all within us Praise His Holy name Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim!
A New Year Carol BENJAMIN BRITTEN (1913-1976)	Here we bring new water from the well so clear, For to worship God with, this happy New Year. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.
	Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.
	Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Bashana Haba'ah

NURIT HIRSCH arr. V. Pasternak, ed. Henry H. Leck (b. 1942)

Bashana Haba'ah Neishev al hamirpeset V'nispor tziporim nod'dot

Y'ladim b'chufsha Y'sachaku tofeset Bein habayit I'vein hasadot

Kama tov yihiyeh Bashana bashana haba'ah

Od tir'eh, od tir'eh

Joy to the World

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL arr. Keith Hampton & Walter Whitman, Jr. (1685-1759) 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

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

King of kings (for ever and ever) And Lord of lords (hallelujah, hallelujah!) And He shall reign for ever and ever King of kings (for ever and ever) And Lord of lords (hallelujah, hallelujah!) And He shall reign for ever and evermore. Next year we will sit on the porch and count migrating birds.

Children on vacation will play tag between the house and the fields.

You will yet see, you will yet see, how good it will be next year.

Annual Gala: We Tell The Story

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 | 6:00 pm **DuPont Country Club**

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS



The Choir School of Delaware is a comprehensive, multifaceted, year-round program that has a strong legacy of serving and engaging Wilmington's youth and families through music and mentoring. The Choir School of Delaware has a long tradition of excellence, training young people to lift their voices and enrich their lives for more than 135 years.

The Choir School provides professional musical training, leadership development, language skills, academic support, and college-bound and career mentoring in an intergenerational environment for youth in Wilmington, Delaware and surrounding regions.

With a history of promoting new music, the Choir School of Delaware recently premiered commissions

from Tim Brent and Rollo Dilworth, and performed in master class with composer Philip W. J. Stopford . The Choir School also collaborates with internationally renowned ensembles such as The Swingles and VOCES8. Last season, the Choir School partnered with Winterthur Museum, Garden, & Library alongside Philip W J Stopford for a lecture and performance of music written by or for the British Monarchy in *A Royal Affair*. In March of 2020, The Choir School intergenerational choir was a featured performer at the American Choral Director's Association Eastern Division Conference.

For more information about the Choir School of Delaware's transformative program and 2020-2021 season, please visit www.choirschoolofdelaware.org



Arreon A. Harley-Emerson, Director of Music and Operations, was appointed to the Choir School of Delaware in June, 2013. In this position, he is responsible for the musical components of the renowned Choir School program as well as the day-to-day operations of the organization.

Arreon began singing with Doreen Falby and the Peabody Conservatory Children's Chorus at the age of seven, then joined the Columbia Pro Cantare, under the directorship of Frances Dawson. He then returned to the Peabody Children's Chorus, where he served as a conducting intern for three years.

Arreon graduated with honors from Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland, with bachelor's degrees in Music Theory & Composition and Vocal Performance (opera). There he studied piano with Dr. Lisa Weiss, voice with Mrs. Betty Ridgeway, and Conducting with Dr. Elisa Koehler. He received masters of music

degrees in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance from the University of Delaware, where Arreon studied Conducting with Dr. Paul Head and Voice with Dr. Noel Archambeault.

Arreon has conducted in St. Peter's (Vatican City), The Kimmel Center for the Arts (Philadelphia) and the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall (Baltimore). He has sung with Columbia Festival Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Delaware Symphony Orchestra, and Baltimore Opera Company. Arreon is also an avid lover of musical theater and has performed in more than twenty theatrical productions including: *Kiss Me Kate, Company, Ragtime, Thoroughly Modern Millie, The Curious Savage, Bye Bye Birdie, Up the Down Staircase, Once Upon a Mattress,* and *Me and My Girl.*

Publications include a chapter to The Oxford Handbook for Choral Pedagogy entitled, "The Gang Mentality of Choirs: How Choirs Have the Capacity to Change Lives," with an accompanying TED Talk bearing the same title.



Brittney L. Stanton studied music education with a concentration in choral arts at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Music, magna cum laude. Additionally, Ms. Stanton holds a Master of Science degree in Teaching, also from McDaniel College. Her experience as an educator in a variety of settings has strengthened her ability to tailor her teaching to individual student needs. As a highly-trained soprano, and a dedicated, experienced teacher, her goal is to support students of all ages and abilities in developing strong music literacy skills and a life-long love of the arts.

In 2019, Ms. Stanton began her role at the Choir School of Delaware, where she serves as Director of Education and Assistant Conductor.



Varsity

(Advanced)

Vania Balogun-Victor

Lex Bowers

Nahshon Colon

Aaliyah Griffin-Bowden Indira Jaikaran

Makeda Livingston

Destiny Maguta RaaYan Rollins-Walker **Gabriel Benton** enjoys a multifaceted career in music as an early music specialist, accompanist, church musician, and educator. Deeply passionate about music of the baroque and earlier eras, he studied harpsichord performance at Oberlin Conservatory and The Juilliard School. As a harpsichordist, he frequently performs with his group Corda Nova Baroque as well as with ensembles across the country, including American Baroque Orchestra (New England) and American Bach Soloists (San Francisco.) With the latter, he has recorded two CD's.

Past collaborations include Venice Opera Project, Juilliard415, Yale Baroque Opera Project, York Symphony Orchestra, and New World Symphony. Gabriel also has over a decade of experience as a choral accompanist and church musician. He holds a degree in organ performance from Yale University's Institute of Sacred Music, and is currently organist at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington in addition to

his role as Collaborative Keyboardist at the Choir School of Delaware.

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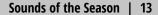
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