

*Waukesha Choral Union Presents*

# SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

## About the Waukesha Choral Union

The Waukesha Choral Union has been musically active in the community for over 60 years. Originally a combination of the Carroll College student chorus and community singers named the Waukesha Choral Society in 1949, the group became the Town and Gown in 1961 and the Waukesha Choral Union in 1974, taking its present form as an auditioned choir in 1978. Over the years, the Waukesha Choral Union has developed a reputation for excellent choral music performances in southeast Wisconsin.

## Mission Statement

The Waukesha Choral Union pursues artistic excellence through a variety of musical programming. The WCU challenges, enriches and educates its members, audiences and community. The Chorus also impacts the community through collaboration with area schools, youth choral groups, and local arts organizations in Waukesha County.

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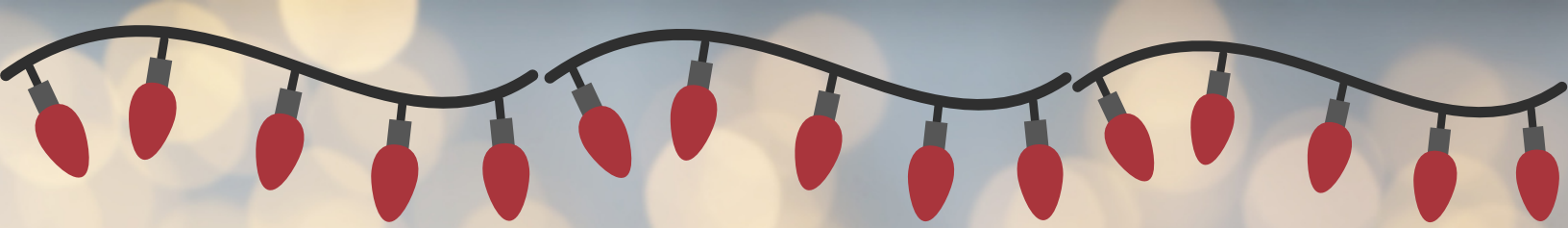
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- Anne Wandler

**Join us for our next  
concert  
February 24, 2023**



# Waukesha Choral Union

## Leadership Team

### Officers

Mondi Hernandez\* - President

Barbara Miller - Treasurer

Susan Wallenslager - Secretary

### Directors at Large

Wendy Stippich

Alex Hummel

Melissa Brefka

Maggie Urban\*

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### Committee Chairs

Mary Beth Ebert - Membership/Music Library

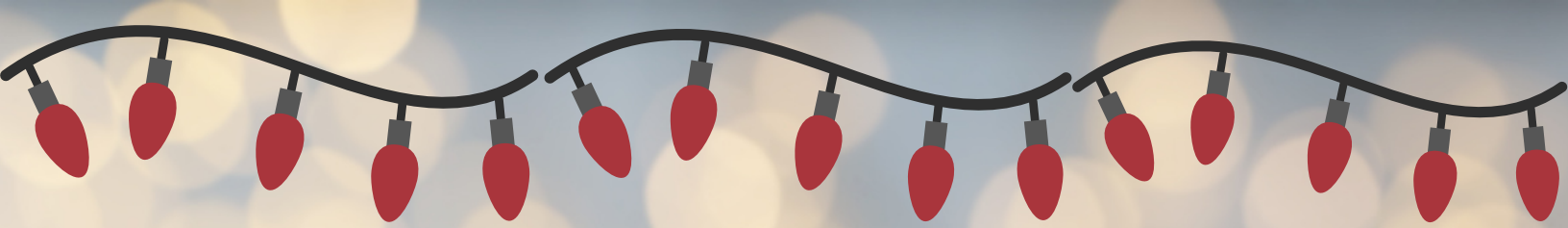
### Ex-Officio

Michael Chapel - Artistic Director

\*Denotes non-singing community member



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# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM



## **O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL < sing-along >**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; o come ye, o come ye, to  
Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:  
O come let us adore him (x3), Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exaltation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, in the highest:  
O come let us adore him (x3), Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n.  
Word of the father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come let us adore him (x3), Christ the Lord!

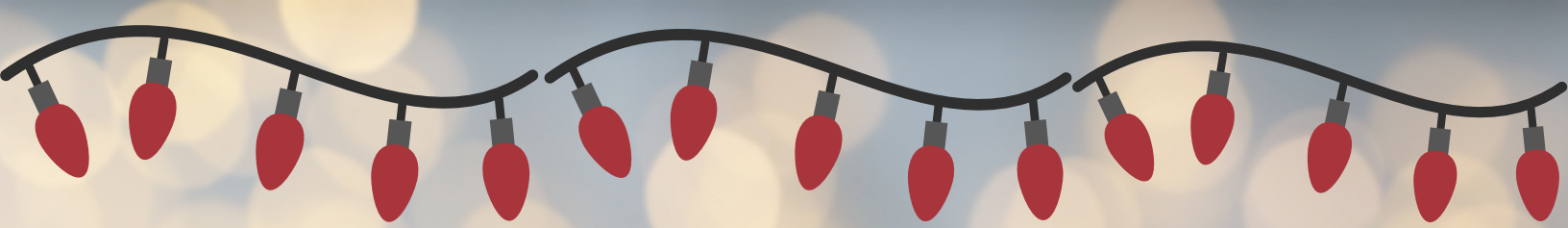


**Cold December Flies Away**

Traditional Catalonian Carol  
translated by Howard Hawhee  
arranged by Daniel Schreiner

**The Stable Door (A Carol)**

music by C. Armstrong Gibbs  
words by Lilian Cox



**Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind**

music by Sarah Quartel  
words by William Shakespeare (from: As You Like It)

**Beautiful December**

words and music by Amy F. Bernon



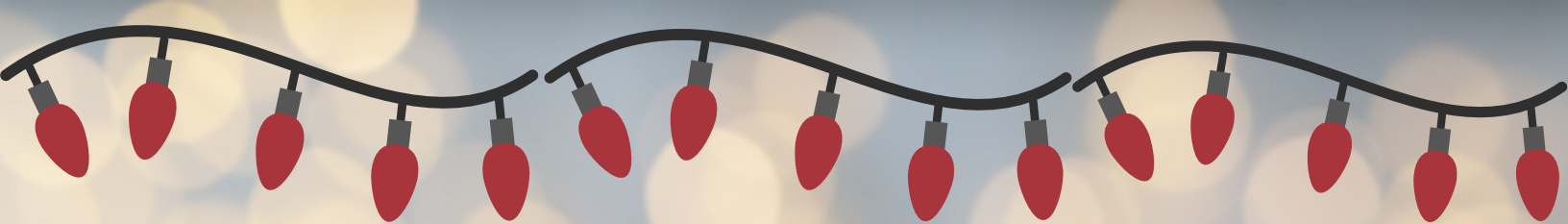
**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH < sing-along >**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be; which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, our newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.





## Veni, Veni Emmanuel (Ero Cras)

Michael John Trotta  
based on an 18th c. Latin Hymn

Veni, veni Emmanuel!  
Captivum solve Israel  
qui gemit in exsilio,  
privatus Dei Filio.

O come, o come Emmanuel!  
Break the bond of a captive Israel  
who mourn in exile,  
deprived of the incarnation of the Father.

Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel  
nascetur pro te Israel.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
will be born for you Israel.

Veni, veni Rex Gentium.  
Veni Redemptor omnium,  
Ut salvas tuos famulos  
Peccati sibi conscios

O come, o come gatherer of all nations:  
come to make all whole  
to save your servants  
from their separateness.

Quis veniet?  
Ero cras.

Who will come?  
I will come.

Veni, veni O Oriens,  
solare nos adveniens.  
Noctis depelle nebulas;  
dirasque mortis tenebras.

O come, o come light of light (morning star),  
to shine on us by your coming.  
Dispel the clouds of night;  
drive away the shadows of death..

## Lost in the Night

Finnish Folk Tune - translated by Olav Lee  
arranged by Kyle S. Haugen

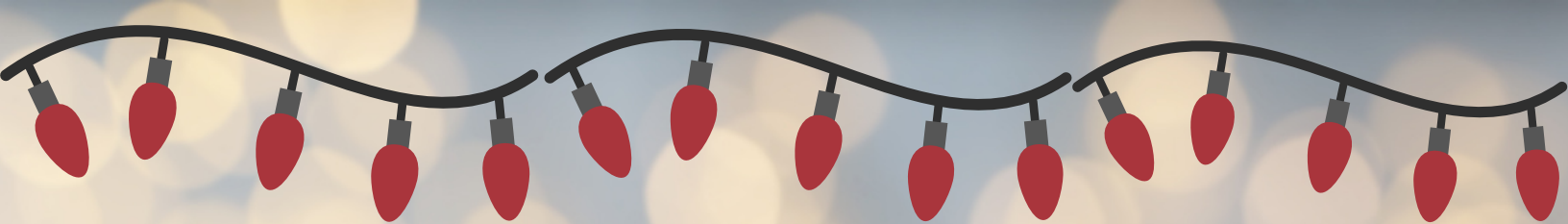
## Joy to the World

melody by Lowell Mason - words by Isaac Watts  
arranged by John Rutter

## Christmas Day: Choral Fantasy on Old Carols

arranged by Gustav Holst

**INTERMISSION** - *we will take a brief 10-minute break*



**Ding Dong! Merrily On High**

based on a 16th century French carol  
arranged by Glenn Poore

**Away In a Manger**  
(From "Christmas Carols- Vol.2")

melody by William J. Kirkpatrick  
arranged by Ola Gjeilo

**A Holly Jazzy Christmas**

music and lyrics by Johnny Marks  
arranged by Tom Anderson

**The First Noel**

English Carol  
from W. Sandys' Christmas Carols  
arranged by Dan Forrest



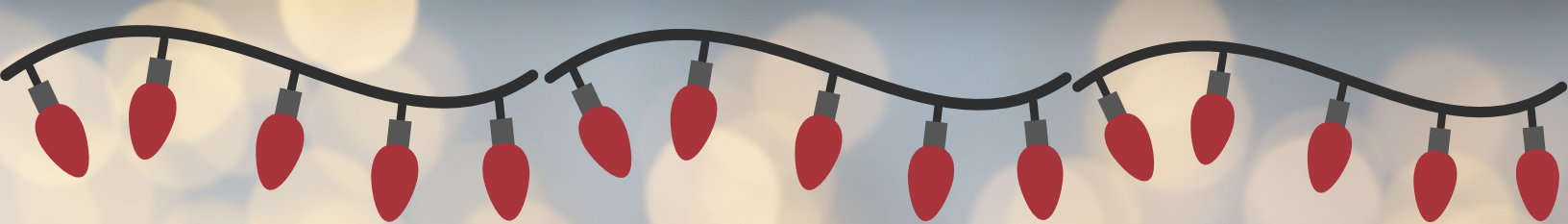
**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING < sing-along >**

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 newborn King."

Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the favored one.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild he leaves His throne on high, born that man no more may die.  
Born to raise the sons earth; Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."





**Various Themes on Fa, La, La**

arranged by Chuck Bridwell

**Christmas Lullaby**

words and music by John Rutter

**Bell Carol of the Kings**

Traditional  
arranged by Philip Kern

**Peace, Peace**

words and music by Rick and Sylvia Powell  
arranged by Fred Bock

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## WAUKESHA CHORAL UNION

### **Soprano**

Karen Bieszak  
Diane Bleke  
Teresa Bryar  
Chris Budish  
Phyllis Cramer  
Patricia Hummel\*  
Barbara Miller  
Molly Moore  
Allison Nastoff  
Carol Slaybaugh  
Wendy Stippich  
Nancy Ziebell.

### **Alto**

Patricia Barwig  
Becky Bowen  
Melissa Brefka  
Mary Beth Ebert  
Maureen Hair  
Amelia Malling  
Julia Nelson  
Michele Rinka  
Judy Rosynek  
Susan Till  
Sue Wallenslager  
Anne Wandler\*

### **Tenor**

Alex Hummel  
Paul McCoy

### **Bass**

Jake Bergman  
Richard Berner  
Charlie Hummel\*  
Dwayne Krager  
Scott Westbrook

\* **section leader**

**Dr. Simon Gheller - Collaborative Pianist**

**Mr. Michael Chapel - Artistic Director**

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