

The
Colorado Choir

Kelly Parmenter
conductor/artistic director

presents

Christmas with The Colorado Choir



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Friday & Saturday

December 2 & 3, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church



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FROM THE CONDUCTOR

My family moved to Colorado at the end of the summer of 1972. I was 15. Quite frankly I was totally against it! I wondered how our lives would ever be the same. What about our traditions, our sense of community? Would I ever feel “home” again? It didn’t take me long to realize that home isn’t found on a map. It’s found in your heart. It’s found in the eyes of the people you love and the smiles of newly made friends. Most importantly it is found through music. For those of you who have been with us a while, this concert is a bit of a walk down memory lane. As we revisit songs from our choir’s past, we hope to bring forth memories of Christmas joy, family, and beloved traditions. It is a most wonderful time of the year!

~ Kelly Parmenter

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Nowel

Randall Thompson

Nowel!

The Spirit Also Helpeth Us

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Spirit also helpeth us,
for we know not what we should rightly pray for.

We know not, for the spirit also helpeth us.

Alfred Burt Carols Set I

Alfred Burt

#1: Caroling, Caroling

Caroling, caroling, now we go;
Christmas bells are ringing!
Caroling, caroling, through the snow;
Christmas bells are ringing!

Joyous voices sweet and clear,
Sing the sad of heart to cheer!
Ding, dong, ding, dong,
Christmas bells are ringing!

Caroling, caroling, through the town;
Christmas bells are ringing!
Caroling, caroling, up and down;
Christmas bells are ringing!

Mark ye well the song we sing,
Gladsome tidings now we bring.
Ding, dong, ding, dong,
Christmas bells are ringing!

Caroling, caroling, near and far;
Christmas bells are ringing!
Following, following yonder star;
Christmas bells are ringing!

Sing we all this happy morn,
"Lo, the King of Heav'n is born!"
Ding, dong, ding, dong,
Christmas bells are ringing!

#3: We'll Dress This House

We'll dress the house with holly bright
And sprigs of mistletoe;
We'll trim the Christmas tree tonight
And set the lights aglow;
We'll wrap our gifts with ribbons gay
And give them out on Christmas day;
By everything we do and say,
Our gladness we will show.

We'll dress the table daintily,
Our finest treasures use,
That all a-sparkle it may be
And bright with lovely hues;
Then for the feasting we'll prepare
A kitchen full of wondrous fare,
That each from all the dishes rare,
His fav'rite one may choose.

And ye who would the Christ child greet
Your heart also adorn,
That it may be a dwelling meet
For Him who now is born.
Let all unlovely things give place
To souls bedecked with heavenly grace,
That ye may view His holy face,
With joy on Christmas morn.

Beautiful Yule-tide

F. Melius Christiansen

O beautiful yule-tide, so festive and fair, so festive and fair.

O beautiful yule-tide, so festive and fair,
Be welcome, be welcome! We waited for thee,
O enter with gladness; abide to declare
The glory of God's Son eternally.

O season of song whose buoyant wing
Is cleaving the dawn with vibrant cheer,
Releasing the hearts to joyfully sing
That harbored in silence the long, long year!

O beautiful yule-tide, so festive and fair, so festive and fair.

O beautiful yule-tide, when hand in hand,
In glad adoration the circles entwine,
And old with the young sing in chorus of Him
Who lay in the manger, the child divine!

A Birthday Greeting

Zoltan Kodály

Come, awake pious folk,
Angels fair greet the dawn,
Come rejoice, let your smiles
Hail the bright glorious morn.

Blossoms don their festive robes,
Happiness reigns today,
Lilies white, roses red
Make a fine grand display.

Manifold as the blooms
Which the green field enfolds
Manifold as the waves
Which the sea rocks and holds,

Manifold thanks to God
Whom we love and adore.
Manifold thanks to God
Let us sing evermore.

Hail the bright glorious morn.

 **INTERMISSION** 

Patapan

arr. Paul J. Christiansen

Willie, take your little drum,
With your whistle, Robin come!
When we hear the fife and drum,
Tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-pan,
When we hear the fife and drum,
Christmas should be frolicsome.

Thus the men of olden days
Loved the King of Kings to praise:
When they hear the fife and drum,
Tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-pan,
When they hear the fife and drum,
Sure our children won't be dumb!

God and man are now become
More at one than fife and drum.
When you hear the fife and drum,
Tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-pan,
When you hear the fife and drum,
Dance and make the village hum. *(repeat)*

O How Beautiful the Sky

arr. Paul J. Christiansen

Oh, how beautiful the sky,
With the sparkling stars on high,
How they glitter, brightly beaming,
How they twinkle, gladsome beaming,
As they draw our hearts to heav'n,
As they draw our hearts to heav'n.

Oh, how beautiful the sky,
With the sparkling stars on high,
They twinkle merrily,
In the midst of Christmas night,
While the stars were shining bright,
Of a sudden, clear and radiant,
One appeared and shone resplendent,
With the luster of the sun,
With the luster of the sun.

Oh, how beautiful the sky,
With the sparkling stars on high,
They twinkle merrily.
Wise men by this star were led
To the Christ Child's lowly bed,
Guiding star, oh, may we heed thee,
May we know we ever need thee.
Lead us to our heav'nly King,
Lead us to our heav'nly King.

Oh, how beautiful the sky,
With the sparkling stars on high.
They twinkle very merry, merrily.

Guide us to our King!
Guiding star, oh may we heed thee,
Lead us to our King, to our heav'nly King.

Alleluia
from Brazilian Psalm

Jean Berger

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
O Lord, O Lord,
Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.
But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord,
I will make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.

Litanies for the mother of God,
Accept them, I implore you.
It is Abel who presents them.

Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.
But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
I will make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.
O Lord, O Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
O Lord!

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Paul J. Christiansen

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.
Angels singing, Angels singing. *(repeat)*

The Angels sweetly singing, sweetly singing,
Angels sweetly singing.

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains *(repeat)*
Angels singing.

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

William L. Dawson

Michael Hambrick, baritone

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
Moving in my heart, I will pray;
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke;
Looked all around me,
It looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

Jordan river, is chilly an' cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain't but one train, upon this track,
It runs to heaven, an' right back.

Refrain

A Merry Christmas

Arthur Warrell

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

Now bring us some figgy pudding,
Now bring us some figgy pudding,
Now bring us some figgy pudding,
And bring some out here.

Refrain

For we all like figgy pudding
We all like figgy pudding,
For we all like figgy pudding,
So bring some out here.

Refrain

And we won't go till we've got some,
We won't go till we've got some,
And we won't go till we've got some,
So bring some out here!

Refrain

A Happy New Year,
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

**Thank you all so much for attending our concert!
We wish you a joyful Christmas season
and a healthy, Happy New Year!**

THE COLORADO CHOIR

Artist Roster

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Dana Ewing
Mindee Forman *
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Richard Geyer

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Liam Harty
Emily Haxby *
CJ Heck
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CONDUCTOR / ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Kelly Parmenter brings more than four decades of choral and instrumental conducting experience to The Colorado Choir. Throughout her successful career, she served as Chair of the Performing Arts Department at Arapahoe High School in Littleton, Colorado. She earned her Master of Education from Lesley University and a Bachelor of Arts from Adams State University. Kelly has been active in the American Choral Directors Association and the Colorado Music Educators National Conference.

Ms. Parmenter is a well-recognized, professional member of the Denver music community, and her groups have performed at such diverse venues as the U.S. Capitol and Pentagon in Washington, D.C., Carnegie Hall in New York, and Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Prior to being selected 13 years ago as the choir's 2nd conductor, she was both a choir member and soprano soloist. Kelly's masterful conducting style and creativity define The Colorado Choir's sound.



PIANIST

Mary Dailey is a music director for theatre at venues throughout the metro area and she is the Director of Worship Arts at First Presbyterian Church of Littleton. Mary has a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Wartburg College and a Master of Education with a K-12 Principal's Certificate from the University of Phoenix. Mary brings professional experience and a wealth of talent to The Colorado Choir. The Colorado Choir is honored to have her as our principal pianist.

Thank you!

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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Nina Bayer
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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE REMAINDER
OF OUR 2022–2023 SEASON!**

Music of America

March 10 & 11, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 E. Hampden Avenue, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

3Bs and a K: Bach, Brahms, Berger, and Kodály

May 19 & 20, 2023

Augustana Lutheran Church

5000 E. Alameda Avenue, Denver, CO 80246

A PREVIEW OF OUR NEXT CONCERT

Music of America

No doubt our country is currently experiencing a great deal of division and conflict. The same has been true in our past. This concert provides a broad perspective of our country's past, present, and hopes for the future.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE IN APRIL!

***On Music's Wings* by Peter Boyer with the Denver Pops Orchestra**

The Colorado Choir is delighted to have been invited to perform with the Denver Pops Orchestra on April 15th for a special matinee performance of *On Music's Wings* by Peter Boyer. This concert is a reflection of music's unique power to unite and celebrate all humankind. We hope you can join us!

April 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203



The Colorado Choir

Kelly Parmenter
conductor

presents

Music of America

featuring

favorite composers including Harry T. Burleigh, Paul J. Christiansen & Aaron Copland

Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 E. Hampden Avenue, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

\$20 for adults | \$15 for students/seniors/military

plus service fee

Purchase tickets and learn more at thecoloradochoir.org



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COLORADO
GIVES
DAY

December 6, 2022

It takes a lot of community support to keep a professional organization like The Colorado Choir going. Ticket sales generate approximately one-third of the revenues needed each year, so we rely on the generosity of individuals, foundations, and public funds to make up the difference.

Making a *tax-deductible donation to The Colorado Choir today will help ensure that we can continue to provide the wonderful choral music you love.*

Learn more at thecoloradochoir.org/support.

This list does not include Colorado Gives Day 2022 - we hope you'll return for our March concert to see your name in print!



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THE COLORADO CHOIR, A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE – VOLUME ONE
Sixteen stunning selections from previous recordings including classic hymns and
spirituals

THE COLORADO CHOIR, A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE – VOLUME TWO
Audience favorites

I CHOOSE JOY!

A Collection of 13 pieces recorded live at recent concerts. Each selection delivers a
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HARRY SIMEONE'S SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

This CD is a celebration of the holiday season and includes many of our traditional
Christmas songs and carols, including The *Little Drummer Boy*.

DEEP RIVER

Southern Folk Songs & Spirituals

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Poetry by Robert Frost and The Colorado Choir sings Randall Thompson

SING WE MERRILY

Classic hymn arrangements

TWO FRENCH MASSES

Requiem by Durufle and Mass in G Major by Poulenc

BRAHMS

Choral works by Johannes Brahms

A GERMAN REQUIEM

A German Requiem, Opus 45 by Johannes Brahms

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

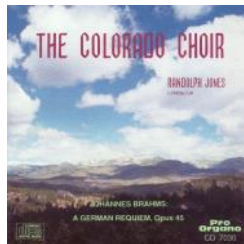
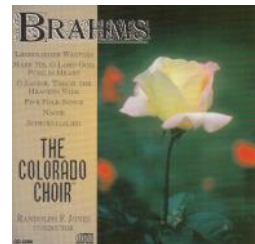
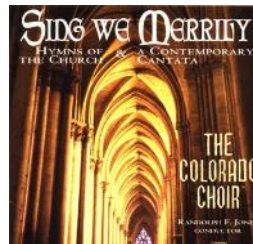
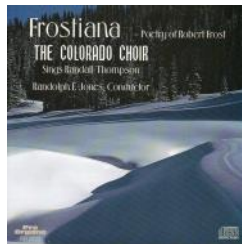
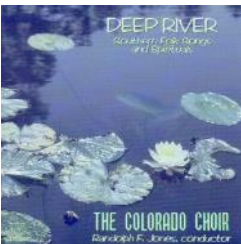
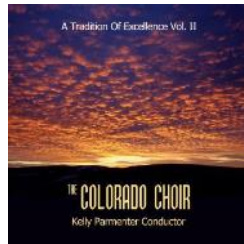
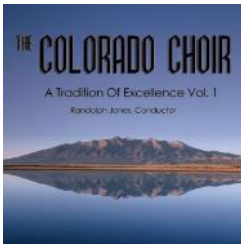
The Colorado Choir's first Christmas album

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our second Christmas album

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At this concert, we are proud to showcase Harry Simeone's Sing We Now of Christmas, which is a celebration of the holiday season and includes many of our traditional Christmas songs and carols, including "The Little Drummer Boy."



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