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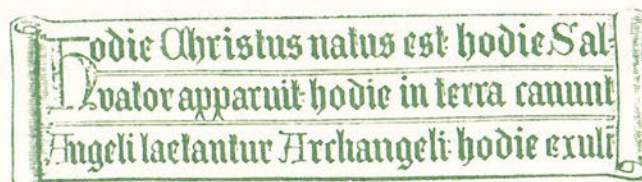
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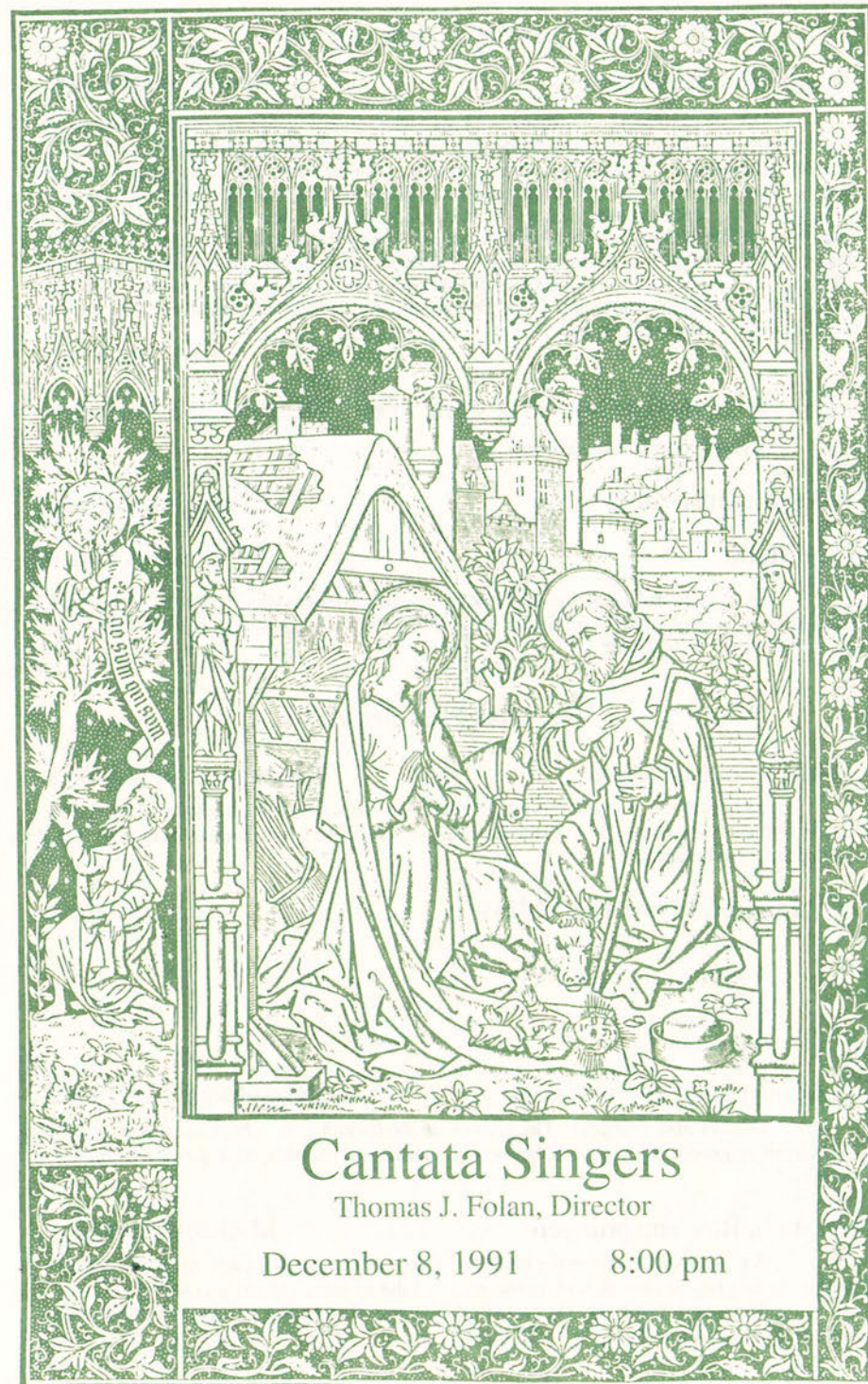
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## Cantata Singers

Thomas J. Folan, Director

December 8, 1991

8:00 pm

*"And a Virgin shall conceive"*

Magnificat anima mea

Anonymous Chant

My soul magnifies the Lord. And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For he who is mighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy. As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his posterity forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end, Amen.

Luke 1:46-55

Mein Herz erhebet Gott, den Herrn Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Magnificat text (see above)

A Virgin Unspotted

William Billings

Ave Maria

Anonymous Chant

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

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*"The Wondrous Mystery"*

O Magnum Mysterium

Tomas Luis de Victoria

O how great a mystery and wonderful a sacrament that beasts should see the newborn Lord lying in a manger. O blessed Virgin, whose body was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

"O Magnum Mysterium" Mass

Victoria

Kyrie  
Gloria  
Sanctus  
Benedictus  
Agnus Dei

O Admirabile Commercium

Anonymous Conductus

O admirable compact. The creator of the human race, a human body assuming, of a virgin deigned to be born, and becoming man without earthly seed, gave to us his own divinity.

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Michael Praetorius

A rose has sprung from the tender root. Just as was sung, it came of Jesse's lineage. And brought a bright little flower, in the midst of the winter, when it was still night.

The rose I mean was the one of which Jesse spoke. For us alone Mary, the pure maiden, bore a child, when it was still night.

Das Wort ward Fleisch

Max Reger

The Word was flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning there was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

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*"Shepherds and Angels herald the birth of the Savior"*

Angelus ad Pastores

Hans Leo Hassler

Angels to the shepherds spoke: We announce to you tidings of great joy, for born this day is the Savior of the world. Alleluia.

Qui natus est de virgine

Anonymous Carol

He that was born of the Virgin, save me Lord.

Psallite

Praetorius

Praise Christ, the only-begotten Son of God! Praise God the Redeemer, little child lying in the manger! In the cradle lies a fine tiny little child! All the lovely angels serve the little child, singing grandly. Ring and sing! Sing about Jesus, child of God and son of Mary! Our dear little Jesus in his little cradle with the ox and donkey.

The Blessed Dawn

William Wickham

Quem Pastores

Anon. Carol (arr. Goodman)

He whom the shepherds praised, He of whom the Angels spoke, "Fear ye no more." For He is born the King of glory. Him to whom the magi traveled, offering up gold, frankincense, and myrrh. With love they sought him, the King of glory. Christ, God's incarnation, born of God through Mary, was given to us. Son, to thee we raise songs of honor, glory, praise.

Verbum Patris

Anonymous Conductus

The word of the Father is made man when the Virgin is greeted: Greeted she becomes fruitful, though knowing not a man. Hey for the news of joy! Lo, a birth beyond the course of nature: A Virgin bears the Savior, the created one bears the creator, the daughter bears the father. Hey for the news of joy! True Man, he is given to us; Given, he is manifested to us, when peace is heralded on earth and glory in the heavens. Hey for the news of joy!

Hodie Christus natus est

Anonymous Antiphon

Today Christ was born, today the Savior appeared, today on earth the angels sing, the archangels rejoice, today the just exalt, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

Hodie Christus natus est

Healey Willan



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