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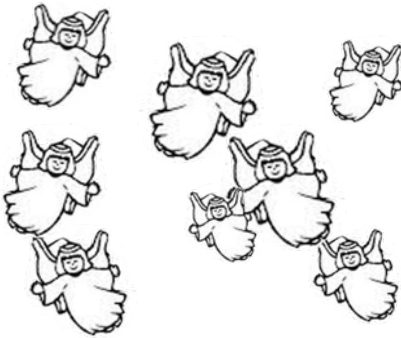
Welcome to the 2013 – 2014 season of The Cantata Singers, our 50th Anniversary! It is my privilege to write this message as the group has reached this important milestone. The Cantata Singers is dedicated to providing high quality, free performances of great music for the entertainment of our audiences, and I look forward another enjoyable season of great choral music!

Since you are reading this welcome letter in the program I also want to thank you for being with us today. I hope you enjoy the performance today as much as I enjoy performing in them. I was surprised recently by the realization that I am in my 10th season as a member of The Cantata Singers. The years of performing in this group has been an important part of my life, a continuous source of joy, pride, and meaning that is due, in large part, to the audiences that I have had the pleasure to be with creating great music. Again, thank you.

There is a great deal that our audience members can do to support the group. You have already made the most important contribution by being part of this performance. We also ask our audiences to help spread the word to others in the community as we seek new audience members and funding to keep The Cantata Singers going. Please go to our website at www.cantatasingers.com for more information about the group, send an email to cantatsingers@ymail.com to get on our mailing list, and make sure to “like” us on Facebook.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy the performance and thank you for being a part of this little piece of musical history.

Sincerely, Bill Brodginiski, President, The Cantata Singers



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Today's Program

La Fiesta de la Posada . . . Dave & Iola Brubeck

Wise Men: Bill Brodinski, Jose Gomez, Graham Howard

Mary: Amanda Clark

Youth & Children's Choir of St. Mary Our Mother Church, Cathy Peckham, Director

Dan Paul Trio: Dan Paul - piano, Ken Pendergast - bass, Anwar Marshall - drums

- Intermission -

We Three Kings . . . John H Hopkins, arr. R Robinson

Christmas Jubilation . . . Jose Gomez, arr. W Wickham

Carol of the Bells . . . Mykola Leontovych, arr. K Shaw

Coventry Carol . . . Traditional, arr. J Rouse

A Celtic Noel . . . Michael Barret

Frances McLaren - piano

A Christmas Blessing . . . John Purifoy

Yesu Klisto is Born . . . Don & Lorie Marsh, arr. G Rhodes

Solo - Kathy Lovell

Youth and Children's Choir of St. Mary Our Mother Church

Carols For Singing!

Silent Night, Holy Night . . . F Gruber/J Mohr, arr W Wickham

1) Silent night! Holy night

All is calm, all is bright

Round young virgin mother and child

Holy infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace!

2) Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight

Glories stream from heaven above

Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah

Christ the Savior is born!

3) Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

Hark the Herald . . . F Mendelssohn/C Wesley

1) 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 th'angelic host proclaim,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!

refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

2) Christ, by highest heav'n 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 us to dwell,

Jesus our Emmanuel. **refrain:**

3) Hail the heav'n born prince of peace!

Hail the Son of Rigueousness!

Light and life to all He brings,

Ris'n with healling in His wings.

Mild he lays His glory by,

Born that we no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give us second birth. **refrain:**



Program Notes



When I turned 7 in 1963, 50 years seemed like a long time. Looking back now, it is amazing how quickly the last 5 decades have flown. In terms of community musical organizations, however, 50 years is truly something to celebrate! Since that same fall, in 1963, the Cantata Singers has been comprised of hundreds of singers and instrumental musicians, putting in tens of thousands of hours of rehearsal and performing thousands of pieces of music for listeners, also tens of thousands strong, all in our little corner of the world. Over the decades the Singers have tackled a huge variety of music. They've performed all the great choral composers from the Renaissance and earlier and included a wide variety of musical styles. They've gone through the great B list of composers: Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. And Britten. And Buxtehude. And now Brubeck! But wait, Brubeck? One of the greatest names in American jazz of the 20th century Brubeck? You bet!



Dave Brubeck (1920-2012) showed an affinity for jazz at an early age but, after serving in WWII, found himself studying with early 20th century great Darius Milhaud (1892-1974) at Mills College in Oakland, California. You may recognize the name of the great French composer, a member of "the six" and one of the most prolific composers of the last century. What you are less likely to know is that Milhaud was one of the first serious composers to incorporate jazz in classical compositions. As a result of Milhaud's influence, virtually all of Brubeck's music demonstrates a fusion of jazz with mid-20th century classical style. This is certainly true of "La Fiesta de la Posada". Brubeck's childhood was spent in the heavily Latin-American influenced southwest where the annual 9-day celebration of "Las Posadas" was a staple of the Christmas season. Consequently the work is filled with the influence of Mexican music along with jazz and classical harmonies and rhythms. The fusion of musical styles and techniques allows the portrayal of much more emotion than just simple happiness; it expresses all the wonder we associate with the birth of the Messiah. You will easily hear the unbridled joy of the people and angels. Listen more closely and you can hear the reverence with which the wise men seek the babe. You can also hear the conflicted feelings of delight, fear and angst experienced by Mary in one of the most haunting settings of the Magnificat texts ever written. In just over half an hour, Brubeck's music well captures the mood of the world into which Jesus was born as well as trepidation prominent during the height of the Cold War when the piece was written.



I must also mention the four great joys that I have enjoyed in putting this program together. Working with Cathy Peckham, music director here at St. Mary Our Mother, is always a joyous and hugely inspiring undertaking. Her thrill in making music, her love of the children with whom she works and the most wonderful enthusiasm she brings to everything she does are truly infectious and inspiring. Dan Paul is always a treat to work with. Dan continues to be one of the most truly gifted musicians I have ever known. He and his trio are truly the rock on which our "La Fiesta de la Posada" is built. It has also been my great pleasure to get to know Jose Gomez, both personally and musically, through arranging his "Christmas Jubilation!" Jose is an amazing song writer and wonderful musician and a true gift to our area. He is performing somewhere locally almost every day and well worth seeking out!

My fourth joy, and by far the greatest, is the great joy that comes from working with the more than 40 truly amazing and wonderful souls that are this 50th anniversary version of the Cantata Singers. Their talent, individually and as a group, along with the dedication and truly family-like spirit, shared each week is truly one of my greatest joys. For all of those 50 years since I turned 7 it has been my dream to be here with all of you and them, sharing the great joy that is music as we celebrate the birth of Christ and the the gift of music that so many "Cantatans" have shared over these 50 years! - - will wickham

Texts and translations

La Fiesta de la Posada

2. Processional

Behold a virgin shall be with child
born Emmanuel.
And she shall give us her first born son
born Emmanuel.
And he shall be the Prince of Peace
born Emmanuel.
The Lord of Lords, the King of Kings
born Emmanuel.

3. In the Beginning

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God.
And the Word was God.
All that came to be was alive with His life.
And that life was the light of men.
The light shines on in the dark!
And the darkness has never mastered it.
Never.

4. Where is He?

Where is He that is born king of the Jews?
We have followed His star from afar.
Herod and his court, the priests and all the
scribes, they say that He is here.
All of Jerusalem say that He is here
in Bethlehem of Judaea.
He is here that is born Savior! Prince of Peace!
Emmanuel, God with us.
Where is He? King of the Jews.
We have come to worship Him that is born.
So the Word became flesh;
He came to dwell among us, and we saw such
glory as befits the Father's only Son full of
grace and truth.

5. Gloria

Shepherds and lambs were all trembling with
fright when they wakened to voices and
radiant light. They sang Gloria.
Angels from heaven came down to the earth
singing "Lo, never fear, we bring news, of His
birth, so rejoice He is here!
We bring news from on high, let our Gloria,
gloria fill the night sky!"
Wise men and shepherds and beasts of the
field were all gathered in awe when God's love
was revealed. They sang Gloria.
All of God's creatures that gathered that
night, ev'ry man, ev'ry beast, was amazed
at the sight, of the rich and the poor and
the weak and the strong singing Gloria, gloria
all the night long!
Joseph and Mary so humble, yet proud,
were amazed at the joy that had swept
through the crowd, Singing gloria.
He shall be born in the city of David!

Shepherds and kings bow before Him! Under
the stars they all worshipped as one at the
news of the most wondrous birth of God's
Son, They sang gloria.

6. We Have Come to See the Son of God

Oh we have come to see the Son of God.
We have come to worship Him.

7. Behold! The Holy One

Behold, the star that's like the sun!
It lights our path so quickly we must run and
spread the news!
The angels say He's here! He's near!
He is the holy One! The holy Son of God.
The prophecies of old, His coming foretold;
the holy Son of God.
And a star burning bright shone day and
night upon the Son of God.
And a world once fearful, dark and tearful,
now in joy does sing to welcome the King. He
is the Holy One the Holy Son of God.
The angels on high all sing to glorify the Holy
Son of God
Now the God of all creation gave to us
salvation. Thro' this holy birth sent joy to all
the earth He is the promis'd One the long
awaited Son of God.

8. Run, Run, Run

Run! All men run to Bethlehem!
Born this day in Bethlehem!
Christ our Savior!
Peace on earth good will to men!

9. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

Frankincense and Myrrh we bring.
Hail! Honor to the newborn King!
Glory to His holy name!
His dominion we proclaim!
His presence like a guiding star
shall lead all wise men near and far.
We chart the course for all mankind
across the space of soul and mind.
The world we knew is ever gone.

10. My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Wisemen: Hail! Mary's Child is our new dawn!
Mary: My soul magnifies the Lord and my
spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, because He
has regarded the lowliness of His hand-maid.
For behold. henceforth all generations shall
call me blessed, because He who is mighty
has done great things for me, and Holy is His
name. And His mercy is from generation to
generation on those that fear Him and His
holy name.
He has shown might with His arm! He has
scattered the proud in the conceit of their
hearts. He hath put down the mighty from
their seats and exalted them of low degree!

He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent empty away. He has
come to the help of Israel, His servant,
mindful of His mercy according to the
promise He made to our ancestors, of His
mercy to Abraham and to his descendants
forever and ever and ever.

11. Sleep, Holy Infant, Sleep

Sleep, holy Infant, sleep holy Child.
Thy light has filled our darkness.
Angels herald Thy birth.
Shepherds run from the field.
Wise men cross the barren earth.
Thou art Christ revealed, holy Infant.
Sleep, my Baby sleep.
Hark to sweet Mary's voice;
Hear her tenderly sing.
All the earth shall now rejoice!
Thou art Savior King!
Fearful hearts shall be stilled.
God is with us again.
Thou art prophecy revealed,
light and life to men.

12. In the Beginning (reprise)

14. God's Love Made Visible

God's love made visible!
Incomprehensible! He is invincible!
His love shall reign!
From love so bountiful.
Blessings uncountable.
Make death surmountable!
His love shall reign!
Joyfully pray for peace and good will!
All of men's yearning He will fulfill.
Live in a loving way!
Praise Him for ev'ry day!
Open your heart and pray
His love shall reign!
Holly and mistletoe!
Candle and faces glow!
All little children know
it's Christmas Day!
Stockings and candy canes
wreaths on the window panes!
Sleighting down country lanes!
It's Christmas Day!
Mothers and fathers join in our play, Laughing
and singing on Christmas Day!
Each happy family shares in the mystery
of the Nativity! It's Christmas Day!
God gave His Son to us
To dwell as one of us.
His blessing unto us!
His love shall reign!
To Him all honor bring,
Heaven and earth will sing

praising our Lord and King!
His love shall reign!

Open all doors this day of His birth,
men of good will inherit the earth.
His star will always be guiding humanity
throughout eternity!
His love shall reign!

Bells in the tower ring.
Children are caroling.
Neighbors come visiting!
It's Christmas Day!
Presents beneath the tree.
May be for you and me!
We'll have to wait and see
till Christmas Day!

Giving, receiving in our small way
Help us recall that first Christmas Day!
God'd love is ev'rywhere!

Let praises fill the air!
Blessing and joy we share!
It's Christmas Day!
God'I love made visible! Incomprehensible! He
is invincible!
His love shall reign forevermore!

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain.
Gold myrrh and Frankincensw
we bring to him.
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night
star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding
guide us to the perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice,
Alleluia, Alleluia
earth to the heaven replies.

O star of wonder, star of night
star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding
guide us to the perfect light.

We three kings of Orient are, Alleluia!

Christmas Jubilation

Christmas is here, soon upon us,
candles are glowing, burning bright.
The glist'ning stars, twinkle above us
such a glorious sight;
The mistletoe hangs above us
A crackling fire warms the night.

The snow so white falls in silence
let's rejoice and see the light.

On Christmas Eve the family gathers
to share the joy and trim the tree
Santa begins his long, long journey
the sleigh is packed with toys and treats.

Far away in a cold dark desert
three wise men follow a star
bringing gifts to the baby Jesus
our Lord and Savior, the Son of God.

Celebrate His blessed birth our newborn King
brings joy and peace on earth.
And His light will shine upon us
getting brighter with each day.
He was born to be our Savior
His love will guide the way.

It's Christmas day! Jubilation!
Throughout the world the church bells ring.
Celebrate the joy, 'tis the season
round the world the carolers sing.
The angels fill our hearts with music
eternal peace, the Lord shall bring.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Alleluia to our newborn King.
The angels fill our hearts with music
it's Christmas Day,
we can hear the children sing.

We are blessed with His presence
our Lord and Savior, our newborn King.
Let's rejoice! Salvation! Jubilation!
Our newborn King! Amen!

Carol Of The Bells

Hark! Hear the bells, bright silver bells
Now echoing, good news they bring
Be of good cheer! Christmas is here!
Now all is well, sing we noel!

Loudly they ring, each answering
filling the air, loudly declare.

This is the year peace will appear
hatred will cease, love will increase
song so sincere, message so clear, hearts
drawing near, no need to fear.

Love is agreeing, love is revealing
love is our being, we all are one.

Christmas bells ring out that love's a treasure,
so we sing this song in merry measure.
Spreading the word, let it be heard
each bell a part of loving hearts.

Ding dong, ding dong.

Coventry Carol

Lully, lullay thou little tiny Child
by by, lully, lullay
O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day

this poor Youngling for whom we do sing
by by, lully lullay?

There shall be born so He did say
in Bethlehem a Child today
by, by lully, lullay.
Lully, lullay thou little tiny Child
by by, lully, lullay.

A Celtic Noel

Noel, Noel! The heavens are ringing.
Creation is singing as angels take wing.
Noel, Noel! Let great jubilation
resound through creation to welcome the King.

Sing alleluia! Gloria! Glory to God!
Noel, Noel! The song is beginning
with praise and thanksgiving.
Sing "Jesus is born."

Noel, Noel! The angels are praising.
The shepherds are raising their voice to the sky.
Noel, Noel! Lay gifts now before Him.
Come kneel and adore Him the Savior divine.

Sing alleluia! Gloria! Glory to God!
Noel, Noel! God's light is upon us.
His Word is among us, for Jesus is born.

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'ns all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the glorious angels sing! Sing Noel!

Noel, Noel! The heavens are ringing.
Creation is singing as angels take wing.
Noel, Noel! Let great jubilation
resound through creation to welcome the King.

Sing alleluia! Gloria! Glory to God!
Noel, Noel! The song is beginning
with praise and thanksgiving.
Sing gloria! Glory to God! Sing noel!

A Christmas Blessing

The light of the Christmas star to you
the warmth of home and hearth to you.
The cheer and goodwill of friends to you
the hope of a child-like heart to you.

The joy of a thousand angels
the light of the Christmas star
The love of the Son of God to you
and the peace He brings to all.

Yesu Klisto is Born

Men: Furaha! Furaha! (*joy*)
Yesu Klisto mebutuka, ha! (*Jesus Christ is born*)
Yesu Klisto, Yesu Klisto (*Jesus Christ*)

Women: Mwana (*child/son*) Munga (*God*)
Mebutuka, mebutuka (*is born*)

Yesu, Yesu Klisto (*Jesus Christ*)

Children: All the African plains
are filled with Yesu's praise,
for unto us is born a miracle Child.

The earth cannot contain
the wonders of His name,
Creator, God, has come to dwell with us!

Chorus:

Ntoto (*earth*) zulu (*heaven*) yimbila (*sing*)
zulu yimbila, Yesu Klisto is born.

The earth and heaven sing! Noel, noel!
Yesu Klisto is born.

Children: The Mwana up above

His heart was filled with love.
He sent to us His only Klisto Child!
(Alleluia!) Now all who will receive
can know His joy and peace
and all the world rejoice in Him tonight!

Chorus:

Noel, noel, noel, noel!
Born is the King,
our Yesu Klisto King!

Chorus:

Furaha! Yesu Klisto mebutuka!
Noel, Noel.
Yesu Klisto is born!



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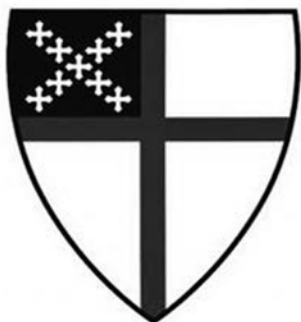
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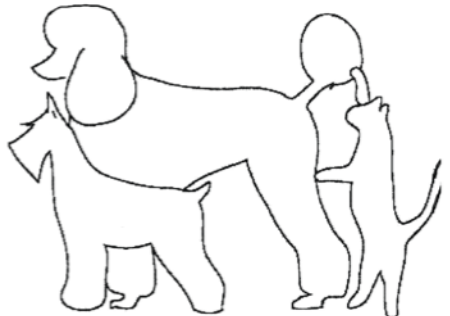
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