



# Echos of Winter

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 7:30 PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 3:00 PM**

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**Guest musicians:**

Kelli Horton, piano

David Moreno, cello

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Josh McGirk, recorder

Richard Crowder, percussion

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Safonia's winter concert! It is such a joy to share this beautiful music with you. Tonight would not be possible without the dedication and passion of so many people. My heartfelt thanks go to our incredible board, our talented singers, and our wonderful guest musicians who have brought this program to life. Most of all, thank you—our audience—for your presence and support, which truly completes this experience.

The anchor piece of this concert is Snow Angel by Sarah Quartel. This work is a celebration of resilience, hope, and the quiet beauty found in winter. One line from the final movement has stayed with me: "Even though the snow may blow, there's not a wind can stop my music. For I know that winter shelters life." To me, these words remind us that even in the coldest and darkest times, there is still creativity, still growth, and still a spark of life waiting to emerge.

As we celebrate the season, may this music inspire you to find beauty in the stillness and strength in the winter storms. Wishing you warmth, joy, and a truly Happy Holiday season.

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Christa Fredrickson

Artistic Director, Safonia

## CONCERT ORDER

**Laudamus te**

Vivaldi

Laudamus te We praise you  
Benedicimus te We bless you  
Adoramus te We adore you  
Glorificamus te We glorify you

**That Virgin's Child**

Written by K. Lee Scott, arranged by Christa  
Fredrickson

That Virgin's child most meek and mild  
Alonely for my sake  
His father's will for to fulfill  
He came, great pains to take.

Such pain and smart as in his heart  
He suffered for his kind.  
Can no one take nor mourning make  
So meekly for a friend?

Now Christ Jesu of love so true  
Have mercy upon me  
I ask thee grace for my trespass  
That I have done to thee.

For thy sweet name  
Save me from shame  
And all adversity.  
For thy dear sake  
To thee me take and  
Mourn no more for me.

## Goodnight Moon

Composed by Eric Whitacre, Text by Margaret Wise Brown

*Soloist: Megan Funk*

In the great green room  
There was a telephone and a red balloon  
And a picture of the cow  
Jumping over the moon.

And there were two little bears sitting on chairs  
And two little kittens  
And a pair of mittens  
And a little toy house  
And a young mouse  
And a comb and a brush and a bowl full of mush  
And a quiet lady whispering "hush"

Goodnight room  
Goodnight moon  
Goodnight cow jumping over the moon  
Goodnight light  
And the red balloon

Goodnight bears  
Goodnight chairs  
Goodnight kittens  
And goodnight mittens

Goodnight clocks  
And goodnight socks  
Goodnight little house  
And goodnight mouse

Goodnight comb  
And goodnight brush  
Goodnight nobody  
Goodnight mush  
And goodnight to the old lady whispering "hush"

Goodnight stars  
Goodnight air  
Goodnight noises everywhere

## Noel Madrigal

Words and music by Donald Moore

Sing Noel, sing noel  
Sing noel in the morning  
Sing noel, sing noel  
Sing we all noel.

## Christmas Madrigal 'Rendezvous'

Written by W.R. Spencer, arranged by Linda Spevacek-Avery

Be merry merry merry all  
Be merry merry all.  
With holly dress the festive hall,  
Be merry merry all.

Prepare the song, the feast, the ball  
To welcome Merry Christmas all.  
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball  
To welcome Merry Christmas.

## In Paradisum

Words and music by Z. Randall Stroope

*Featuring Caitlin McKernan*

In paradisum, may angels lead you  
In paradisum may martyrs greet you  
And lead you to the holy city.  
In paradisum. Alleluia.

May choirs of angels greet you  
With alleluia hosanna  
Aeternum habeat  
Requiem in paradisum

Requiem  
Rest

Green pastures, still waters  
Love and mercy call your name  
And lead you to the holy city.  
In paradisum. Alleluia.

May choirs of angels great you  
With alleluia hosanna  
Aeternum habeat  
Requiem in paradisum

## Veni Veni Emmanuel

Michael John Trotta

Veni veni Emmanuel!  
Captivum solve israel!  
Qui gemit in exsilio,  
Privatus dei filio.

O come, o come, the "I AM" that is with us  
Break the bond of the captive people!  
Who mourn in exile  
Derived of the incarnation of the Father.

Gaude, gaude Emmanuel  
Nascetur pro te, Israel.

Rejoice! Rejoice! The great "I AM"  
Will be born for you.

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

O come, gatherer of all nations,  
Come to make all whole,  
To save your servants  
From their separateness,

Veni veni o oriens  
Solare nos adveniens  
Noctis depelle nebulas  
Dirasque mortis tenebras

O come thou light of life (Morningstar)  
To shine on us by your coming,  
Dispel the clouds of night,  
Drive away the shadows of death.

## Deck the Halls in 7/8

Arranged by James McKelvy

Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
Tis the season to be jolly  
Don we now our gay apparel  
Troll the ancient yuletide carol

See the blazing yule before us  
Strike the harp and join the chorus  
Follow me in merry measure  
While I tell of yuletide treasure

Fast away the old year passes  
Hail the new ye lads and lasses  
Follow me in merry measure  
Heedless of the wind and weather



## The First Noel

Arranged by Dan Forrest

The first noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel! Born is the king of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel! Born is the king of Israel

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught  
And with his blood mankind has bought  
Noel! Born is the king of Israel

## Gaudete!

Arranged by Micheal Engelhardt

*Featuring Caitlin McKernan, Caroline Yates Deffenbaugh, Gena Nichols, and Karen Lowenstein*

Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus  
Ex Maria virgine, gaudete!  
Tempus adest gratiae  
Hoc quod optabamus.  
Carmina laetitiae  
Devote reddamus  
Deus hominibus factus est  
Natura mirante,  
Mundus renovatus est  
A Christo regnante.  
Ezechielis porta  
Clausula pertransitur  
Unde lux est orta  
Salus invenitur.  
Ergo nostra cantio  
Psallat iam in iustis;  
Benedicat Domino:  
Salus Regi nostro

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary, rejoice!  
It is now the time of grace  
That we have desired;  
Let us devoutly return  
Songs of rejoicing  
God has become man,  
And nature marvels;  
The world has been renewed  
By Christ who is King.  
The closed gate of Ezechiell  
Has been passed through'  
Salvation is found there,  
Whence the light rises.  
Therefore let our song  
Now resound in purification  
Let it give praise to the Lord:  
Salvation to our King

## INTERMISSION

### Snow Angel

Sarah Quartel

#### 1. Prologue

All his angels  
All his heavenly armies  
Open your eyes, sweet child

*First angel narrator Karen Lownstein*

#### 2. Creatures of Light

Creatures of light, such as still play  
Like motes in the sunshine,  
Round the Lord,  
And through their infinite array,  
Transmit each moment, night and day  
The echo of His luminous word!  
Creatures of light.

When earth lay nearer to the skies  
Than in these days of crime and woe,  
And mortals saw, without surprise,  
In midair, angelic eyes  
Gazing upon the earth below,  
Creatures of light

*Second angel narrator Robyn Reimers*

#### 3. God will give orders

God will give orders to his angels about you  
And all his angels, all his armies sing "Ah!"  
Do not think poorly of these little children.  
All of them have an angel in Heaven,  
And all their angels can see the face of the Father,  
All you angels can see the face of your Father.



#### 4. **Sweet child**

*Featuring Faith Maronn, Andrea Weims, Adria Young, Linette Mancuso*

Sweet child, hear my song  
Sweet child, I will guard you.  
Sweet child, you're the future.  
Love and mercy  
Show to others

Faith like a child can hear the song,  
A song that falls on ears of those who wait,  
Like a child for peace to come  
And trust that we will learn to show them love,  
Like a child who knows no wrong  
Form being loved by those who've taught them faith,  
Like a child forever strong  
The circle goes on

Sweet child, hear my song  
Sweet child, I will show you  
How to love!

*Third angel narrator Meredith Frank*

#### 5. **Snow Angel**

I went to my window on bright winter's morn  
And gazed at the new fallen snow.  
The world overtaken with flurries of white  
Had set my surroundings aglow.

I looked to the heavens seeking the source  
Of this wonderland newly appeared.  
When there I spied a snow angel holding the flakes  
And spreading them near.

She sang:  
"Even though the snow my blow  
There's not a wind can stop my music.  
For I know that winter shelters life."

On silver blue wingtips she soared through the air  
Ensuring the flowers were warm.  
She knew that her snowflakes would blanket the earth  
And keep all her friends safe from harm.

I thought for a moment she must be a dream,  
This angel with silvery wings.  
But then I discovered she was heaven sent  
As her icy lips opened to sing.

She sang:

“Even though the snow may blow  
There’s not a wind can stop my music.  
For I know that winter shelters life.”

When she knew that the flowers were asleep  
She beat her wings faster to go.  
But soon, looking back on the work she had done  
She let herself fall to the snow.

I saw for a moment the smile on her face  
‘fore she launched herself into the air.  
I’m sure there are many snow angels in heaven,  
But now I have one down here.

I sing:

“Even though the snow may blow  
There’s not a wind can stop my music.  
For I know that winter shelters life.”

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