



Frank Albinder,* Music Director

Christmas Through The Ages

Scott Tucker, Guest Director

Julie Huang Tucker, Accompanist and Assistant Director

December 9, 2023, Fairlington UMC, Alexandria, VA, at 8:00 p.m. December 10, 2023, St. Columba's Church, Washington, DC, at 4:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

Gaudete Arr. Michael McGlynn

O Magnum Mysterium Plainchant

Morten Lauridsen (1943-)

Tyreley, tyrelow Carl Zytowski (1921-2018)

O Hearken Ye Alfred Burt (1920-1954)

Arr. Hawley Ades

Caroling, Caroling

Behind the Clouds Abbie Burt Betinis (1980-)

Gloria Josquin Des Prez (c. 1450-1521)

from Missa Mater Patris

Ave Maria Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

* on sabbatical leave





Deck the Hall Traditional Carol

Arr. James McKelvy Arr. David Bohn

Coventry Carol Traditional Carol

Arr. Norman Gilbert

I Saw Three Ships Traditional Carol

Arr. R.V. Williams

Personent Hodie Traditional Carol

Arr. Paul Stuart

Vom Himmel hoch Traditional Carol

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Vom Himmel hoch, BWV 700 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Julie Huang Tucker, organ

Les Anges Dans Nos Campagnes Traditional Carol

Arr. Larry Moore

O Come, All Ye Faithful Traditional Carol

Arr. John Reading Arr. David Wilcox Arr. Ralph L. Baldwin

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Sing We Noel: Christmas with the Washington Men's Camerata

TEXT & TRANSLATIONS

Gaudete

Piae Cantiones, 1582

Gaudete, gaudete Christus est natus Ex Maria virginae, gaudete.

Tempus ad est gratiae Hoc quod optabamus, Carmina laetitiae Devote redamus.

Gaudete...

Deus homo factus
Est naturam mirante,
Mundus renovatus
Est a Christo regnante.

Gaudete...

Ezechielis porta Clausa pertransitur Unde lux est orta

Gaudete...

Salus invenitor.

Ergo nostra contio
Psallat iam in lustro,
Benedicat domino

Sallas regi nostro.

Gaudete...

O magnum mysterium

Responsorium (III) from Proprium de Tempore

Plainchant, middle ages

O magnum mysterium
Et admirabile sacramentum
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
lacentem in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cuius viscera
Meruerunt portare

Dominum Christum Alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary, Rejoice!

The time of grace has come— What we have wished for; Songs of joy Let us give back faithfully.

God has become man.

With nature marvelling,
The world has been renewed
By the reigning Christ.

Rejoice...

Reioice...

The closed gate of Ezekiel Is passed through, Whence the light is risen;

Salvation has been found.

Rejoice...

Therefore, let our assembly Now sing in brightness Let it bless the Lord: Greetings to our King.

Gaudete...

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the virgin whose womb

was worthy to bear the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!



Tyreley, tyrelow

Anonymous, 1997

About the field they piped right So merry the shepherds began to blow Adown from heaven that is so high Tyreley, tyrelow

Of angels came a company
With merry songs and melody
The shepherds anon gan them a-spy
Tyreley, tyrelow

Gloria in excelsis, the angels sang To say the peace was present among. Tyreley, tyrelow Now pray we to that meke child And to his mother that is so mild Tyreley, tyrelow

That we may come unto his bliss Where joy shall never miss Then may we sing in paradise Tyreley, tyrelow

I pray you that be here For to sing and make good cheer In the worship of God this year Tyreley, tyrelow

O Hearken Ye

Lyrics by Wihla Hutson, 1953

O hearken ye who would believe, The gracious tidings now receive: Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The mighty Lord of heav'n and earth Today is come to human birth!
Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

O hearken ye who long for peace, Your troubled searching now may cease! Glorial Gloria in excelsis Deo! For at His cradle you shall find God's healing grace for all mankind. Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

O hearken ye who long for love And turn your hearts to God above. Glorial Gloria in excelsis Deol

The angel's song the wonder tells: Now love incarnate with us dwells! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Caroling, caroling

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Behind The Clouds

Poem by Abbie Burt Betinis, after Bates G. Burt, 2008

Behind the clouds that darken human life. Forever shines the Light of God;

And whensoever those clouds may go, Dispelling the shadows in which we so blindly grope,

Then is it, indeed. Hope.

With ears attuned to heaven's prophecies, Our hearts await a Prince of Peace.

And whensoever that Prince appear,

And we in darkness, and we in fear find release.

Then is it, indeed.

Peace.

Awake! Awake! Lift up your hearts downcast, For sorrow shall transform at last.

And whensoever that Rose unfurl'd. Invites Hosannas for all the world

to employ, Then is it, indeed,

Jov.

O come, O come, come closer still tonight, The pains of life remain, but Light...!

And whensoever that Light breaks through,

And we, in radiance, reflect a new world above. Then is it, indeed,

Love.

Gloria

Missa Mater Patris, 1514

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam

gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater

Omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

Miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe

deprecationem nostram.

Oui sedes ad dexteram Patris.

Miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu. In gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father

Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God. Lamb of God. Son of the Father.

You take away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

great glory.

You take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For you alone are the Holy One;

you alone are the Lord;

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit.

in glory of God the Father.

Amen.





1959

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Maria dixit:

Ecce ancilla Domini
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria...

Et verbum caro factum est Et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria...

Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus. Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Deck The Hall

Traditional

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la la la la!

Tis the season to be jolly, Falalalalalalalalalal

Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la la!

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
Fa la la la la la la la!

Oh, see the blazing yule before us, Fa la la la la la la la la!

Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la la la la la! The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Mary said:

Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. Do to me according to your word.

Hail Mary ...

And the Word was made flesh And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Follow me in merry measure,

Fa la la la la la la la!

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la la la la la

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la la la la!

Sing we joyous all together!
Falalalalalalalala!

Fa la la la la la la la!

Heedless of the wind and weather,

The Coventry Carol

Traditional

Lully, lula, thou little tiny child, Bye bye, lully, lullay. Thou little tiny child, Bye bye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do For to preserve this day This poor youngling for whom we sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay?" Herod the king, in his raging, Chargèd he hath this day His men of might in his own sight All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee And ever mourn and may For thy parting neither say nor sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay."

I Saw Three Ships

1942

I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day? And who was in those ships all three, On Christmas Day in the morning?

Our Saviour Christ and his lady, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; Our Saviour Christ and his lady, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day? Pray whither sailed those ships all three, On Christmas Day in the morning?

O they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; O they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas Day in the morning. And all the bells on Earth shall ring, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; And all the bells on Earth shall ring, On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; And all the angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the souls on Earth shall sing, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; And all the souls on Earth shall sing, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day Then let us all rejoice amain On Christmas Day in the morning







Personent hodie

1582

Personent hodie voces puerulae, laudantes iucunde qui nobis est natus, summo Deo datus, et de vir, vir, vir (2x) et de virgineo ventre procreatus.

In mundo nascitur, pannis involvitur praesepi ponitur stabulo brutorum, rector supernorum. Perdidit, dit, dit, (2x) perdidit spolia princeps infernorum.

Magi tres venerunt, parvulum inquirunt, stellulam sequendo, ipsum adorando, aurum, thus, thus, thus, (2x) aurum, thus, et myrrham ei offerendo.

Omnes clericuli, pariter pueri, cantent ut angeli: advenisti mundo, laudes tibi fundo. Ideo, o, o, (2x) ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

Von Himmel hoch

1539

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her. Ich bring' euch gute neue Mär Der guten Mär bring ich so viel, Davon ich sing'n und sagen will

Euch ist ein Kindlein heut' gebor'n Von einer Jungfrau auserkor'n, Ein Kindelein, so zart und fein, Das soll eu'r Freud' und Wonne sein. Let resound today the voices of children, joyfully praising Him who is born to us, given by most high God,

and conceived in a virginal womb.

He was born into the world, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger in a stable for animals, the master of the heavens.

The prince of Hell has lost his spoils.

Three Magi came, they were bearing gifts, following a star, to worship him, and offer him gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Let all the junior clerics and also the boys, sing like angels: "You have come to the world, I pour out praises to you.

Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"

From Heaven above I come here I bring you good news I bring such good news
That I wish to sing and say.

To you is born this day, a child From a chosen maiden A little child so tender and mild Who shall be our joy and bliss



Les Anges Dans Nos Campagnes

18th Century French Carol

Gloria in excelsis Deol

Les anges dans nos campagnes Ont entonné l'hymne des cieux, Et l'écho de nos montagnes Redit ce chant mélodieux Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Bergers, pour qui cette fête? Quel est l'objet de tous ces chants? Quel vainqueur, quelle conquête Mérite ces cris triomphants? Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Ils annoncent la naissance Du libérateur d'Israël Et pleins de reconnaissance Chantent en ce jour solennel Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Glory to God in the highest!

The Angels in our countryside sang the hymn of heaven. And the echo of our mountains Repeat this melodious song Glory to God in the highest!

Shepherds, who is this celebration for? What is the purpose of all these songs? What winner, what conquest Deserve these triumphant cries? Glory to God in the highest!

They announce the birth Of the liberator of Israel And full of gratitude They sing on this solemn day Glory to God in the highest!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1841

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!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him; O come. let us adore Him: O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

[Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

[Refrain]



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MEET FRANK ALBINDER

Music Director



Frank Albinder came to Washington, DC in 1999 to become music director of the Washington Men's Camerata. In 2000, he became Music Director of the Woodley Ensemble, a professional chamber choir also based in Washington. He has been the conductor of the Virginia Glee Club at the University of Virginia since 2003. Frank came to Washington from the internationally renowned male vocal ensemble Chanticleer, where he most recently served as the group's Associate Conductor in addition to singing with the ensemble.

During his 11-year tenure with Chanticleer, Frank performed in all 50 states and in 20 foreign countries. He appears on 21 of the ensemble's recordings, including *Wondrous Love*, which was recorded under his direction, and the GRAMMY® Award-winning *Colors of Love*, for which he designed the concept. Other performance credits include the Boston Camerata, the Robert Shaw Festival Singers, the Washington Bach Consort, and the Concord Ensemble.

He holds a B.A. in Vocal Performance from Pomona College in Claremont, California, and two M.M. degrees (Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance) from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Between 1984 and 1988, Frank was Director of Choral Activities at Davidson College in North Carolina. He currently serves as president of IMC: The Tenor-Bass Choral Consortium, and he served two terms as National Chair of Repertoire and Standards for Male Choruses for the American Choral Director's Association.

He is also a board member of the National Collegiate Choral Organization and a steering committee member of ChoralNet.org, the Internet's principal portal for information and resources relating to the choral field. He sang for twelve years as part of the professional choir at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, the Church of the Presidents.









MEET SCOTT TUCKER

Guest Director



Scott Tucker is the Guest Director of the Washington Men's Camerata and the Co-Artistic Director of the recently formed Washington Douglass Chorale. During his tenure as Artistic Director of The Choral Arts Society of Washington (2012-2022), he prepared choruses for many of the best-known orchestral conductors in the world. In 2018, a reviewer

for *The Washington Post* described the Choral Arts role in Britten's *War Requiem* as "...the most moving choral singing I have heard in a quarter-century's residence in Washington." Tucker is Professor Emeritus at Cornell University where he was the first P.E Browning Director of Choral Music. His ensembles toured regularly through the country and overseas and were featured at American Choral Directors Association Regional and National conferences as well as on WGBH's *Front Row Boston* and NPR's *A Prairie Home Companion*.

MEET JULIE HUANG TUCKER

Assistant Director & Accompanist

Julie Huang Tucker, Assistant Director and Accompanist, also accompanies the Washington Douglass Chorale and the Arlington Chorale. She is Music Director at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington and the pianist of QuinTango, an internationally touring chamber tango ensemble. As an organist, she has shared the stage ensemble with such



ensembles as the National Symphony Orchestra, Choral Arts Society of Washington, The Washington Chorus, and Washington Bach Consort. She was selected as a conductor for the SHIFT Festival of American Orchestra's symphonic workshop and Yale's Norfolk Chamber Music Festival and has worked with singers from a wide variety of backgrounds, including participants of the Bel Canto Tuscany Opera Festival in Italy, and prison choir inmates and township youth in South Africa. Julie received a M.M. in Organ Performance from the University of Oklahoma and B.A. as a music major at Cornell University. When she isn't making music, she's announcing it as an on-air host at WETA Classical.



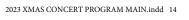
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In addition to its regular subscription series, which, since 1994, has included performances at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Camerata has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra (under the direction of Christopher Hogwood, Marvin Hamlisch and David Allen Miller) and with the National Gallery Orchestra (under the direction of George Manos). The Camerata has also performed at the Smithsonian Institution; THEARC Theater; Wolf Trap; the National Building Museum; Harvard, Princeton, and Rutgers Universities; and the White House.

The Camerata has collaborated with internationally renowned artists including soprano Phyllis Bryn-Julson, baritone John Shirley-Quirk, and the Mark Morris Dance Group. Listeners nationwide have heard the Camerata on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and American Public Media's *Performance Today* and *Pipedreams*. The Camerata's six critically acclaimed CDs have been featured on Sirius/XM satellite radio and classical stations across the country.











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