



Bucks County Choral Society

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A Festival of  
Christmas Music

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## Instrumental Prelude

Baroque Ensemble

Mary Anne Ballard, viola da gamba; Ruth Drye, Kim Kaco, baroque flute  
Kim Heindel, harpsichord

## Trio Sonata in G Major

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Adagio Allegro Grave Allegro

## Sonata in A Major

G. Telemann (1681-1767)

Cantabile Allegro

## Processional—On this day

arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

## I

## Uns ist ein Kind geboren

Johann Philipp Krieger (1649-1725)

German-born Johann Philipp Krieger composed over 2,000 cantatas, of which only 75 are extant. "Uns ist ein Kind geboren", composed around 1697, is a Biblical Cantata with the text based on Isaiah 9:6-7. While Krieger's music, with its forthright melodic structure and simple harmony and rhythm, is not comparable to Bach's, it is surely equal to that of his contemporaries Buxtehude and Pachelbel.

1. Uns ist ein Kind geboren,  
ein Sohn ist uns gegeben.

For us a child is born,  
a son to us is given.

2. Welches Herrschaft ist auf  
seiner Schulter, und er  
heisst Wunderbar.

And the government will be  
upon his shoulder, and He's  
called wonderful.

3. Rat, Kraft, Held, ewiger  
Vater, Friedefürst; auf  
dass seine Herrschaft gross  
werde, und des Friedens  
kein Ende.

Counselor, mighty God, eternal  
Father, Prince of peace; Of the  
increase of his government and  
of peace there will be no end.

4. Auf dem Stuhl Davids und  
seinem Königreich, auf  
dass ers zürichte und starke  
mit Gericht und mit  
Gerechtigkeit.

On the throne of David and on  
his Kingdom that He establish  
and uphold it with judgment,  
along with righteousness, from  
this time forth and evermore.

Alleluia

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Virginia Haring, soprano; Martha Long Child, alto; Hugo Ciccotosto, bass

*Leopoldine Solovits*  
Ensemble Stand

## II

## Three Settings of Ave Maria

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1549-1611)

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

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

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

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord  
is with thee:

blessed are thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb  
Jesus.

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

### III

#### From the Twentieth Century

Lullay My Liking

Gustav Holst

Soloists: David van Denburgh, Barbara Kaler  
Doris Daniels, Linda Gyra

Did Mary Know?

Richard Averre

A native of Bucks County, Richard Averre is currently teaching at Bucks County Community College and is the husband of Marcia, a member of the choral society's alto section.

*set*  
*now* A Christmas Carol

Charles Ives

Marina Schirner, soprano; Kim Heindel, harpsichord

A Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten

•Solo Quartet: Libby White, Colleen Hahn  
Gerald Hartzel, Robert Senulis

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

John Rutter

*set in line*

### IV

Carols for audience and choir

#### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1. 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.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

#### SILENT NIGHT

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace!
2. *Choir alone*
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!

## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. 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:  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!
2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest glory,  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

*Chin up on risers —*

## V

### The Alfred Burt Carols

These delightful carols are the result of a tradition begun by the Reverend Bates G. Burt, his composer son, Alfred, and friend-of-the-family, Wihla Hutson. For many years these three collaborated on the creation of original carols, which were then sent to friends as Christmas cards.

1. Caroling, caroling
2. All on a Christmas morning
3. We'll dress the house
4. Ah, bleak and chill the wintry wind

## VI

### Fantasia on Christmas Carols

R. Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

Timothy Martin, Baritone

*Please refrain from applause until the conclusion of each section.*

*You are invited to greet the musicians at a Holiday Reception in the social room of the church immediately following the concert. The stairs at the front and rear of the sanctuary may be used to reach the reception room.*

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| January 24,      | — Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra<br>Council Rock High School, Newtown  |
| February 14,     | — Bucks County Symphony<br>Central Bucks East High School, Holicong  |
| April 25, 8 p.m. | — Bucks County Choral Society<br>Anton Bruckner's TE DEUM, opera excerpts<br>Salem United Church of Christ, Doylestown |
| May 17, 8 p.m.   | — Bucks County Choral Society<br>Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton  |

## About our guest musicians:

MARY ANNE BALLARD, Philadelphia, is the director of the University of Pennsylvania Collegium Musicum. She is a member of the Oberlin Consort of Viols and the Renaissance Ensemble of Baltimore.

RUTH DRYE, Philadelphia, studied baroque flute with Robert Willoughby and is currently performing with the Phoenix Baroque Ensemble. She recently gave a recital of baroque flute music at the Philadelphia Art Alliance.

KIM KACO, New York, has studied baroque flute with David Hart and recently attended the Oberlin Baroque Performance Institute. She currently makes baroque and renaissance instruments for Levin Historical Instruments, New York.

KIM HEINDEL, is a recent graduate of New England Conservatory in Boston where he studied harpsichord and baroque performance practice. A former organist of Pleasantville Church, Chalfont, Kim is currently organist of the Church of the Savior, Philadelphia.

TIMOTHY MARTIN, a native of Connecticut, has performed a variety of music for the stage, from medieval liturgical drama to Gilbert and Sullivan and twentieth century chamber opera. In Philadelphia he has appeared with the Philadelphia Singers, Pennsylvania Pro Musica, and the University of Pennsylvania Collegium Musicum.

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