

A Choral Union Christmas
Child of Peace

Friday, December 16, 2022 at 7:30pm
Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

Pacific Lutheran University
College of Professional Studies / Department of Music present

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Richard Nance, *conductor*

Paul Tegels, *organ*
Elizabeth Brown, *guitar*
Elizabeth Landis, *harp*
Miho Takekawa, *percussion*

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PROGRAM

(Please hold applause until the conclusion of each section of the program.)

I. Hope and Promise

Arise, Shine.....John Rutter (b. 1945)

II. The Blessed Virgin

Gabriel's Message Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Magnificat in G Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Angela Owen, *soprano*

III. Wondrous Mystery

Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël, FP 152 Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

1. O Magnum Mysterium

*O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament,
That animals should see the new-born Lord lying in their manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

2. Quem vidistis pastores

*Whom did you see? Shepherds, tell me!
Proclaim to us: who has appeared on the earth?
We saw the new-born child and choirs of angels praising the Lord.
Tell us, what have you seen? Announce the Birth of Christ!*

3. **Videntes stellam**

*Seeing the star, the Magi rejoiced, exceedingly: with great joy!
And entering the house, they offered the Lord gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

4. **Hodie Christus natus est**

*Today Christ is born; today the Savior has appeared;
today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice;
today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!*

IV. In the Manger

Thura, Thura..... **T. J. Wheeler (b. 1994)**

T. J. Wheeler, *piano*

Child of Peace..... **Jeffrey Van (b. 1941)**

Aria Elise Manning and Angela Owen, *sopranos*

O Be Joyful **Jeffrey Van**

What Sweeter Music.....**Michael Fink (b. 1939)**

V. The Angels Sing

Angels We Have Heard On High.....**19th-century French Carol**

arr. Gabriel Dumitrescu

INTERMISSION

VI. Hail, Mary

Ave Maria, op. 23, no. 2..... **Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)**

John Carlsen, *tenor*

Jonica Beatie, *soprano* • Diann Spicer, *soprano* • Allison Shane, *alto* • Becky Purser, *alto*

T. J. Wheeler, *tenor* • Ethan Moon, *baritone* • Joshua Luebke, *bass*

*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.*

VII. Carols and Lullabies

Carols and Lullabies (Christmas in the Southwest)..... **Conrad Susa (1935-2013)**

1. **Oh, mi Belén** (*Biscayan*)

*Oh, Bethlehem!
Blest is the hour the Savior comes to you,
Oh, Bethlehem!
Light from your city shines so bright;*

*Burns like a beacon guiding us safely
straight on our way, in darkness and day.
Oh, Bethlehem!*

2. El Desembre Congelat (Catalonian)

*On December's frozen ground,
Fear and doubt denying,
April wears a flower crown,
All the world admiring,
From a garden filled with love
Springs a blossom from above
With a lovely flower,
Comes the blessed hour.*

*God the Father made the night,
All in darkness shrouding.
Hiding from all human sight
Worry, fear and doubting.*

*Shining through the midnight clear,
Brightest light of all the year
With a light so bright,
Heaven stands adoring.*

*Blooming at our humble feet,
Winter's chill defying,
Springs a lily pale and sweet,
Fragrant and inspiring.
All the world can feel its power,
Shining in our darkest hour,
All the sweetest fragrance,
Bless us with your radiance.*

3. Alegría (Puerto Rican)

Brent Johnson and Ethan Moon, *baritones*

*Walking slowly unto Bethlehem,
Holy Mary, with her husband;
Traveling with them tho' in secret,
Is the Savior of all nations.*

*Be happy, be happy,
And filled with great pleasure!
For the Virgin passes us on the way
With her husband to Bethlehem.*

*When to Bethlehem they had traveled,
They were searching for a haven,*

*All the innkeepers refused them
Dressed so poor and heavy laden.*

Be happy, be happy....

*As they see Mary and Joseph,
All the songbirds of the forest
Serenade them with their singing;
Precious gifts come from the poorest.*

Be happy, be happy...

4. A la Nanita Nana (Spanish)

("A la nanita nana" is a cooing sound from mother to baby and has no translation)

*Blest be my baby Jesus, now go to sleep,
Crystal fountain resounding clear and bright,
Nightingale in the forest, weeping so sweet,*

*Hush, while the child is sleeping,
laid in a cradle.*

5. Las Podadas (Spanish)

T. J. Wheeler, *tenor* • Brent Johnson, *baritone* • Ethan Moon, *baritone* • Joshua Luebke, *bass*

*Shall I have them open the stable before you?
Shall I bring the shepherds
to praise and adore you?
A la rurrú, my darling;*

*see the boy is almost sleeping.
My beloved Father, my God and my Savior,
Happily you sleep.
Through the harshness of winter.*

6. Campana Sobre Campana (Andalusian)

*Bell after bell is heard,
gathering all who are able!
Come to the window and hear the word;
you'll see a child in a cradle.*

*Oh, ring the bells of Bethlehem,
what are the angels singing,
what news do they bring?*

*Now that all your flock is gathered,
tell me, shepherd, what's the matter?
We shall carry to the manger
cheese and wine and sweetest butter.*

Oh, ring the bells of Bethlehem....

*Stars in the heavens are shining,
Shepherds, where will you go tonight?
Run quickly, run to the baby,
Watch him slumber so sweetly.*

Oh, ring the bells of Bethlehem....

7. En Belén Tocan a Fuego (Castilian)

Jennifer Gorham, *soprano* • Angela Owen, *mezzo soprano* • Sam Brown, *tenor*

*There's a fire in Bethlehem,
in the stable see the flames!
For they say that born of a Virgin
From heaven to earth he came!*

*Fish in the river glisten and dance,
Dance and leap to celebrate his birth.
Fish in the river glisten and dance,
Dance and leap to celebrate his birth.*

*In Bethlehem's humble stable,
There's a lovely white carnation,*

8. El Noi de la Mare (Catalonian)

Maya Adams, *soprano* • Jennifer Gorham, *alto* • T. J. Wheeler, *tenor* • Ethan Moon, *bass*

*What shall we give to the mother's child?
What can we bring that will give him delight?
Bring him raisins in kingly abundance,
Bring him the offerings he richly deserves.*

*What shall we give to the mother's child?
What shall we bring to the beautiful boy?*

9. Chiquirriquitín (Andalusian)

*Oh, in the manger,
He is laid in a manger bed,
Oh, in the manger,
Follow us to the manger.*

*Find them all through the doorway,
there in the stable.
Mary and Joseph and Jesus,
their holy baby.*

*Now that all your flock is gathered,
Tell me shepherd, what's the matter?
We shall carry to the manger
cheese and wine and sweetest butter.*

Oh, ring the bells of Bethlehem....

*It will grow into a purple Lily.
Greet the Savior of the nations!*

Fish in the river glisten and dance....

*Virgin Mary, by the river
Hangs Jesus' swaddling clothes,
All the birds around her sing
And the river flows rejoicing.*

Fish in the river glisten and dance....

*Raisins and honey and olives and walnuts,
Raisins and honey and figs that are ripe.*

*What shall we do if the figs do not ripen?
What shall we if the figs are still green?
Gifts we offer the Child should be perfect;
Mild for a baby, yet fit for a King.*

Oh, in the manger....

*Ox and mule are His guardians,
sleeping beside him.
In the poorest of stables humbly abiding.*

Oh, in the manger....

10. El Rorro (Mexican)

*Sleep my precious baby,
Please go to sleep now my tiny Jesus,
The buzzing bee and elephants that lumber;
Be silent now, do not disturb His slumber.*

*Sleep my precious baby,
Please go to sleep now my tiny Jesus,
Night of blessing, night of rejoicing,*

Bless the sweet and holy Mary.

*Sleep my precious baby,
Please go to sleep now my tiny Jesus,
Heavenly choirs with such sweet accents,
Sing the joyful blessings
the night has brought!*

VIII. The People Rejoice

Cold December Flies AwayDaniel Schreiner (b. 1990)

Ken Owen, *piano*

The First Nowell..... Traditional English Carol

arr. Mack Wilberg

Rejoice, And Be MerryJohn Rutter

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Soprano

Jonica Beatie
Katie Brizuela
Sue Byrd
Katie Coddington
Melissa Dier
Jennifer Gorham
Anna Kwon
Cindy Luebke
Aria Elise Manning
Nancy Nole
Angela Owen
Heather Simmons
Diann Spicer

Alto

Rachel Bridges
Debbie Dion
Clara Eickhoff
Nicole Fife
Karen Fulmer
Anika Hille
Deb Hushagen
Amanda Kelly
Kelley Morgan
Patti Nance
Becky Purser
Jannelle Purser
Alison Shane
Lori Titus
Anne Urlie

Tenor

Neil Asay
Sam Brown
Tom Cameron
John Carlsen
Eric Faris
Miles Jackson
John H. McGilliard
John Ockwell
Nick Pharris
Ian Rice
T. J. Wheeler

Bass

Tim Adams
Alan Aplin
David Bales
Chris Berntsen
Eric Bostrom
Jason Brinker
Chris Conway
Bergen Eickhoff
Adam Freemantle
Brent Johnson
Todd Kelley
Joshua Luebke
Ethan Moon
Phil Nesvig
Ken Owen
Peter Seto
Alex Stahl
Larry Wiseman

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