The Travelers Choral Club Presents

A Christmas Carol

Directed by Lois Jungas Accompanied by Stacy Cahoon

Thursday, December 4, 2003 7:30 p.m.

The Bushnell * Mortensen Hall Hartford, Connecticut

This evening we remember Dr. Frank H. Groff, Director of the Travelers Choral Club between 1950 and 1981 and Director Emeritus since 1981. As a music educator, Dr. Groff directed and greatly expanded the music program for the West Hartford, CT school system, and was a music professor, choral director and symphonic band director at several colleges. Dr. Groff wrote and published music compositions and arrangements, a number of which were performed by the Travelers Choral Club under his direction. Several of these were written for, and dedicated to, the Choral Club. We now dedicate this concert to Dr. Frank H. Groff.

Our Director:

Lois Jungas, Director of the Travelers Choral Club, received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J., where she was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award. On a full scholarship, she attended The Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, Pa., where she graduated with an Artist's Diploma in organ and piano accompanying. Lois has appeared throughout New England, the Midwest and the Philadelphia area in solo organ recitals, as an accompanist and as a director of choral works. Before becoming Director of Travelers Choral Club in 1982, she was the Club's accompanist for seven years. She has served as a director of music in a number of churches and synagogues in the New England area.

Our Accompanist:

Stacy Cahoon received her Master of Music Degree in Piano Accompanying from the Hartt School of Music and a Bachelor of Music in Performance from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. In demand as a freelance accompanist, she has appeared throughout the Northeast, including the Lincoln Center Library and St. Peter's Church in New York City. She has had the distinct pleasure of being the Choral Club Accompanist since 1995. As a soloist, Stacy has performed recitals in Hartford, most recently at Center Church, as well as throughout Cape Cod. Stacy is a staff accompanist for the Hartford Conservatory and is an independent piano teacher.

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Our Thanks To:

The Board of Directors, Travelers Senior Staff, and the Travelers Foundation for continuing support. The Travelers Employees' Club for providing ushering assistance.

You, our audience, for joining us this evening and for your always generous donations for Foodshare.

Our program this evening showcases the music of composer and lyricist Leslie Bricusse, collaborator with Anthony Newley on musicals and films, such as *The Roar of the Greasepaint—The Smell of the Crowd*. Tonight we feature songs from the Christmas musical Scrooge, as well as some of Bricusse's other bestknown songs.

A Christmas Carol

Let There Be Music Gloria In Excelsis (Twelfth Mass) The Three Kings What Sweeter Music Touro-louro-louro Carols Three Young Mozart Willan Rutter Provençal Carol arr. Parker arr. Zaninelli

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Lullabye

Stacy Cahoon, Piano

The Virgin's Slumber Song

The Ladies

All Through The Night

Welsh Folksong arr. Jungas

Robert Balmer, Tenor & The Men

Here's A Pretty Little Baby

Spiritual arr. Thomas

Joel

Reger

John Nelson, Tenor; Dale Eberhardt, Keyboard; William Very & Phil Stice, Drums

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Christmas Is... Ring Bell Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas Baby, It's Cold Outside We Sing Feliz Navidad Faith arr. Simeone Weiss & Ragovoy Blane arr. Kerr Loesser arr. Shaw Strommen

******* Intermission *******

Songs by Bricusse

A Wonderful Day Like Today
The Beautiful Day (*Scrooge*)
Fill The World With Love
Beautiful Things
Typically English
My Kind Of Girl
It's A Musical World
December The 25th (*Scrooge*)
Talk To The Animals
Thank You Very Much (*Scrooge*)
A Christmas Carol (*Scrooge*)

The Choral Club
Joanne Huelsman
Carroll Toal
Ellen Arendt
Diane MacNeal
Patrick Nollet
The Choral Club
Jerry McGiver
William Curlew & Larry Goodwin
Jack Anderson & The Choral Club
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SOPRANO I

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ALTO II

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The Travelers Choral Club was formed in 1924 and is the oldest company-sponsored, mixed singing group in the country. It started out as a very small group, performing in the company's auditorium. Except for the World War II years, the group has been performing twice a year at the Bushnell since 1931. Our concerts have always been open to the public and free of charge. In the early years, the group sang Christmas carols on radio station WTIC, then owned by Travelers. In 1965, the group performed at the World's Fair Travelers Pavilion in New York City under the baton of Director Emeritus Dr. Frank Groff.

In addition to our Bushnell concerts, Travelers Choral Club serves the Greater Hartford community through contributions to Foodshare and the Salvation Army, and through performances at the Festival of Trees at the Wadsworth Atheneum, for United Way events, and at other company and community events.

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Please join us for our next concert on May 13, 2004. For free tickets and information, please call (860) 954-2756.