# The Travelers Choral Club Presents

Before Christmas



Directed by Lois Jungas
Accompanied by Stacy Cahoon

Thursday, December 9, 2004 7:30 p.m.

The Bushnell \* Mortensen Hall Hartford, Connecticut

## **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.

## **Our Guests:**

Peter Wortman, who has worked in Information Systems at St. Paul Travelers for 17 years, graduated from Hartt College of Music, and has played on film scores and albums and performed as a soloist in the Hartford area. Tom Schmutzler, a computer analyst for Bank of America, is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and Hartt, and is organist/composer in residence at the Unitarian Meetinghouse of Hartford. They have created "Goin' Home' for the Holidays," adapted from Dvorak's New World Symphony and favorite Christmas carols, and dedicated to our soldiers throughout the world.

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## Our Thanks To:

The Board of Directors, St. Paul Travelers Senior Staff, and the St. Paul Travelers Foundation for their 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.

# Twas The Night Before Christmas

Let There Be Music Young

William Very, Percussion

Nowell
Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling
Berlioz

Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling
Peter Wortman, Oboe

What Child Lohman

Masters In This Hall

This Little Light Of Mine

French Carol arr. Whitehead

Spiritual arr. Hogan

Catharine Floryan, Soprano

Hallelujah Chorus, from The Messiah Handel

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"Goin' Home" for the Holidays arr. Schmutzler & Wortman Peter Wortman, English Horn; Tom Schmutzler, Piano

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It Must Be The Holiday Season Haves

Twas The Night Before Christmas Darby arr. Simeone

Dan Tuve, Baritone; Lynne Solem, Alto; Larry Goodwin, Tenor

Do You Hear What I Hear? Regney & Shayne

The Man With The Bag Stanley, Taylor & Brooks

Jack Anderson, Tenor

We Wish You The Merriest Brown

## \*\*\*\* Intermission \*\*\*\*

## Songs By Meredith Willson

It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas

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Pine Cones And Holly Berries William Curlew & Larry Goodwin

May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You

Diane MacNeal

Marian The Librarian

Goodnight, My Someone

Robert Balmer
Ellen Carlton

My White Knight

Excerpts From The Music Man

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Sincere The Men
Till There Was You William Very

Ya Got Trouble
Seventy Six Trombones

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Eric Johnson & Suzanne New, Clarinets
William Curlew, Wade Overgaard & Rosanne Sherburne, Trumpets
Paul Mason, Trombone; Marianne Allard, Baritone

## **SOPRANO I**

Päivi Ingeri Annast Ellen Arendt Carolyn Carr Yushen Chu Linda Cromwell Catharine Floryan Julie Fredrickson Patricia A. Gray #\* Rose Libratore Doreen Linton Linda Lombard Diane E. MacNeal #
Doreen Madama
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Cheryl Sullivan #
Fran VanSchaick

SOPRANO II

ALTO II

BASS

### **ALTO I**

Joyce Augello
Joan Helene Blakeslee, M.D.
Sonya Butzow
Raelene L. Cronin #
Bess Gildersleeve
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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 our former director 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 community events.

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Please join us for our next concert on Wednesday, May 11, 2005. For information, please call (860) 954-2756.