

# *Travelers Choral Club*

## *85th Annual Holiday Concert*

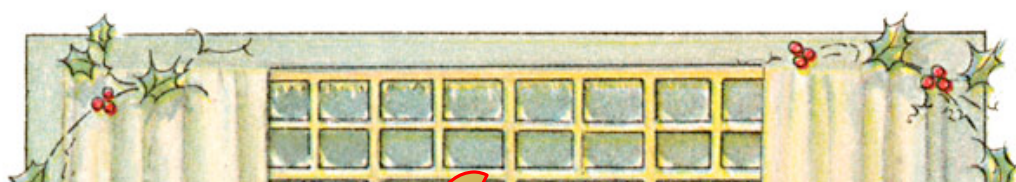
*Directed by Kenneth Ferris*

*Accompanied by Stacy Cahoon*

*Special Guests: Bristol Choral Society String Quintet*

*Wednesday, December 9, 2009 - 7:30 pm*

*The Puckett ❄️ Mortenson Hall*



**Our Director: Kenneth Ferris** received his music degrees and training from Western Connecticut University, University of Connecticut and the University of Hartford Hartt College. He taught for the Bristol School system for 37 years, serving for twenty years as music department chairman. His choirs have performed for President Carter and Pope John Paul. He has directed over 450 performances with his madrigals, show choirs and concert choirs. Ken's school choirs have performed in most of the Eastern United States and in Montreal, Quebec and Toronto. As director of the St. Ann Church Choir, Ken and the choir traveled in 1999 to Rome for a Papal performance. Ken has produced and directed numerous musicals staged at community venues. As artistic director of the Bristol Choral Society, Ken and the ensemble traveled to Bermuda for a 5-day concert tour in 2008 and this past year went to the Caribbean for their concertizing. As a vocalist, Ken is in constant demand and has performed many solo concerts for organizations in the community and state. Ken continues to coach and teach private vocal students. He lives with his wife Marylou in Burlington.

**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. Active 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 has been a staff accompanist for the Hartford Conservatory and an instructor at the Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts. Currently she is an independent piano teacher.

### **Bristol Choral Society String Quintet**

Violin I – Ali Svenson                      Violin II – Joann Galat-Brown  
Viola – Paula Trebra                      Cello – Alena Avritch                      Double Bass – Sue Powell

Percussion – Greg Caputo                      Woodwinds – Eric W. Johnson & Richard Theriault



### **Our Advisory Board:**

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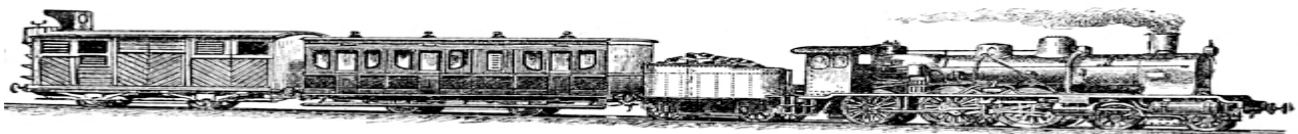
### **Our Thanks To:**

- The Board of Directors, Travelers Senior Management Team, and the Travelers Foundation for their continuing support.
- The Travelers Employee Club for providing ushering assistance.
- You, our audience, for joining us this evening and for your always generous donations to food pantries.

The Travelers Choral Club was formed in 1924 and started out as a small ensemble performing in the Travelers' auditorium. In 1931, the group appeared at the newly opened Bushnell Auditorium and has performed annually in Mortensen Hall ever since (with the exception of the WWII years). During the 1940's, 50's and 60's, the group sang Christmas carols on radio station WTIC, then owned by the Travelers.

In 1965, the ensemble sang at the World's Fair Travelers Pavilion in New York City. Over the years, members of the group have performed at Festival of Light in Hartford, at community carol singing events in Hartford's South End, on Constitution Plaza as part of Plaza Pizzazz, at the Festival of Trees in the Wadsworth Atheneum, at Hartford Hospital to entertain the patients and at the Travelers Championship in Cromwell. In 2007, the Travelers Choral Club was honored to sing at the Governor's Residence Holiday Open House in Hartford.

Our annual spring and holiday concerts are open to the public and admission is always free of charge. As a service to our community, the nonprofit Travelers Choral Club collects thousands of pounds of nonperishable food from our generous concert audiences for donation to food pantries each year.



# Believe

**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**.....Clydesdale  
Soloists: Nancy Brownstein & Matt Jewczyn

**Still, Still, Still (Austrian Carol)**.....Luboff

**Shepherd's Joy**.....Hayes  
Soloist: Stephanie Bugden

**When a Child Is Born**.....Snyder  
Soloist: Bill Curlew

**Simply, Alleluia**.....Fettke

**Wassail! Wassail!**.....Mac Huff  
Brass Trio: Paul Munson, Amanda Schuman & Dan Tuve

**Stille Nacht**.....Davis  
Violin: Joann Galat-Brown Piano: Stacy Cahoon

**I Wonder as I Wander (Appalachian Carol)**.....Palmer  
Soloists: Catharine Floryan & Steve Deming

**Masters in This Hall**.....Hayes



## INTERMISSION



**White Christmas**.....Snyder  
TTBB Mens Ensemble  
Soloists: Michael Leszko & Patrick Spadaccino

**Ding-A-Ding-A-Ding**.....Gilpin  
SSA Womens Ensemble

**Believe**.....Chinn  
Soloist: Kevin Doolittle

**Baby, It's Cold Outside**.....Shaw

**O'er The Solemn Hush of Midnight**.....Maxwell  
Soloists: Lisa Darmetko & Doreen Madama

**Concerto for 2 Violins and Piano**.....Vivaldi  
Violins: Ali Svenson & Joann Galat-Brown Piano: Stacy Cahoon

**Merry Christmas Darling**.....Carpenters  
Soloist: Armen Kevorkian

**O Holy Night**.....Clausen

**Winter Medley**.....Goss  
Soloists: Julie Fredrickson & Divinagracia Vernier

## Believe

The song "Believe" was taken from the motion picture, *Polar Express*. It is the story of a young hero boy on Christmas Eve who boards on a powerful magical train that's headed for the North Pole and the home of Santa Claus. What unfolds is an adventure which follows a doubting boy. This ride he embarks on is a journey of self-discovery which shows him that **"The wonder of life never fades for those who believe."**

## When a Child Is Born

"When a Child Is Born" is a song written in 1974 which was originally called "Soleado." It was made popular by Johnny Mathis in 1976. The piece has been performed by artists as diverse as, Kenny Rogers, Bing Crosby, The Moody Blues, Andrea Bocelli, Placido Domingo and Willie Nelson. Although the song is often sung as a Christmas standard, it does not specifically mention Christmas in its lyrics. However, some feel that the importance attached to looking forward to the birth of one particular child lends itself to an association with the birth of Jesus Christ.

## White Christmas

"White Christmas" is an Irving Berlin song reminiscing about an old-fashioned Christmas setting. The version sung by Bing Crosby is assumed to be the best selling single of all time. The morning after Berlin wrote the song in 1940 at the poolside (he often stayed up all night writing) he told his secretary, "Grab your pen and take down this song. I just wrote the best song I've ever written - heck, I just wrote the best song that anybody's written." In December, 1955 "White Christmas" became the Drifters' first of 34 singles to hit the mainstream 100 chart. The song received a boost in the early 1990's, when it was prominently featured in the film *Home Alone*. We are performing the *Home Alone* version in tonight's program.

Be sure to pick up a complimentary copy of a Wassail recipe at the entrance to the Bushnell. Happy Holidays!



### SOPRANO I

Päivi Ingeri Annast	Rose Libratore
Elizabeth Chavez	Doreen Madama *
Thelma Clemons	Anne Martin *
Linda Cromwell *	Yushen Michelsen *
Lisa M. Darmetko ✓*	Pamela Paul *
Catharine Floryan # *	Suzanne Prior *
Julie Fredrickson # *	Beatrice Ann Shields *
Patricia A. Gray # *	Jo-An Ulrich
Armen Kevorkian ✓*	Divinagracia Vernier *

### ALTO I

Joan Helene Blakeslee, M.D.	Rachael Jackson > *
Nancy Brownstein ✓*	Gloria R. Lombardo
Stephanie Bugden *	Lisa Nicholson ✓
Carole Cipolla	Leyda Quast *
Irena Miraslaw Evans	Alice Sheremeta
Beverly Gilman *	Grace Shuman
Kimberly Goodrich	Jessie S. Slade
Marcia Horan	Sue Ward *

### SOPRANO II

Jen Campbell ✓*	Katherine N. Stott
Leslie Jaiven #	Beverly Strout
Kathleen Kondratovicz *	Cheryl Sullivan # *
Amy Lamica > *	Deb Susca
Judith Picard	Julie Williams ✓
Amanda Schuman *	

### ALTO II

Valerie Cosker ✓	Nancy Perrone *
Barbara Glastris	Sharon Raymond ✓
Kimberly Inglis ✓	Linda Roche
Nicole Perpillant ✓	Donna Yount

### TENOR

Richard Daggett *	Timothy Penn ✓
Steve Deming # *	Jack Powell
Michael Dolan *	Martin Proulx
Eric Ellison	Joe Sacala
Matt Jewczyn ✓*	Jean-Michel Sibille
Brenda Lawrence	Patrick Spadaccino *
David Lesieur >	Phil Stice # *
Paul Mason	Dan Tuve # *
Geoffrey Mather *	

### BASS

Kenneth Burr *	Ray Knapp *
William Curlew *	Mike Leszko ✓*
Rob De Sesa	Jim Liddle *
Kevin Doolittle	Scott Macdonough *
Dale Eberhardt	Al Nadeau
Eric W. Johnson *	Peter Reinke
Bernard E. Kean	Carroll Toal
Tim Kloczko > *	Randy Walker # *

\* - Ensemble

✓ - New Members

# - Past President

> - Section Leader

The Travelers Choral Club invites you to visit our website at

**[www.travelerschoralclub.org](http://www.travelerschoralclub.org)**

For information about upcoming performances, music programs, club history, photo albums, audio recordings, frequently asked questions, club contacts and more.



**Please join us for our next free concert on Thursday, May 13, 2010  
The Bushnell. Mortensen Hall**

