

A winter scene with a man and a child walking through snow towards a barn and a house. The man is wearing a brown jacket and a blue scarf, and the child is wearing a blue jacket. They are walking on a path that leads towards a barn and a house in the background. The scene is set in a snowy landscape with trees and a fence.

Travelers Chorale

Presents

"I Wish You Christmas"

Directed by *Kenneth Ferris*

Accompanied by *Stacy Cahoon*

Special Guests: *The Bristol Brass & Wind Ensemble*

Conductor *Richard Theriault*

The Bushnell 🎄 Mortensen Hall

Thursday, December 9, 2010 - 7:30 pm

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 II. 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 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 five-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 Travelers Chorale 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.

BBWE Music Director and Conductor: Richard Theriault is a former director of bands at Bristol Eastern High School in Bristol, Connecticut. He completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Western Connecticut State University. Mr. Theriault was an instrumental instructor and band director for thirty-six years. He taught at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. His high school bands performed concert tours in Montreal, Philadelphia, Williamsburg, VA and Washington, DC. He was elected Bristol's Teacher of the Year in 1993. He has been guest conductor for various functions including the Connecticut Music Educators Northern, Southern, and Western Regional Band Festivals, and the Bristol Symphony. In 2001, he was elected as Connecticut representative of "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" for School Band and Orchestra Magazine. Mr. Theriault is a retired music director of the 102nd Army National Guard Band. He is past president of the Phi Beta Mu band directors' fraternity as well as former chairman of the Arts Committee for the Connecticut Association of Secondary Schools. In March 2011, he will participate in Connecticut Music Educators' Association's Northern Regional Festival Band as guest conductor.

Assistant Conductor: David Jackman is the current Assistant Conductor for the Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble. David will be conducting a few selections during the concert. David's passion for music and being a master conductor for instrumental ensembles had brought his musical talent and interests to BBWE. David grew up in Bristol and graduated from Bristol Eastern High School in 2002, having been directed by Richard Theriault during his freshman year. David is a graduate of Western Connecticut State University and is the Collegiate Members Chairman for the Connecticut Music Educators Association. Currently, David is a general music teacher at Chippens Hill Middle School in Bristol.

Woodwinds – Eric W. Johnson & Richard Theriault

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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.

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A Christmas Festival.....	Anderson
Hallelujah Chorus.....	Handel
Christmas on Broadway.....	Higgins
The First Noel.....	Forrest
The Birthday of A King.....	Neidlinger
<i>Soloists: Bill Curlew & Kara Robichaud</i>	
Shepherd's Arise!.....	Hayes
<i>Soloists: Matt Jewczyn & Patrick Spadaccino</i>	
I wish you Christmas.....	Rutter
<i>Soloist: Phil Stice, Patricia Gray, Catharine Floryan & Dan Tuve</i>	
Christmas Variants.....	Del Borgo



Intermission



Sleigh Ride.....	Anderson
<i>Assistant Conductor- David Jackman</i>	
Do You Hear What I Hear.....	Crocker
Christmas Medley.....	Stacy Cahoon
The Little Drummer Boy.....	Hayes
I'll Be Home For Christmas.....	Gannon
<i>Soloists: Larry Goodwin & Suzanne Prior</i>	
Christmas Is.....	Mac Huff
<i>Soloist: Stephanie Bugden & Nancy Brownstein</i>	
Christmas Bells Are Ringing.....	Hayes

The Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble (BBWE) was formed in 1996 and is a 501(c) (3) not for profit organization. It is comprised of approximately 50 members from the greater Bristol and surrounding areas. Our current conductor is Richard Theriault, who brings with him to the podium the experience and professionalism needed for BBWE to deliver high energy and meaningful concerts. BBWE members come from all walks of life. Membership is open to any adult and/or high school student who demonstrates an understanding of music and secondary level playing skill. Auditions are not required. We are a community of instrumental musicians who bring performances to a variety of venues including summer concerts in the park, nursing care centers, and community events such as the Mum Festival Parade. We also give two free annual concerts in the winter and spring. We will be performing a St. Patrick's Day Concert in March 2011 as well as performing with the Bristol Choral Society in May 2011. Our repertoire includes, but is not limited to, the musical pieces of Bach, Sousa, Irving Berlin, Leroy Anderson, as well as arrangements written by our own conductor and assistant conductor.

SOPRANO I

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

ALTO I

Joan Helene Blakeslee, M.D.	Kimberly Goodrich
Nancy A. Brownstein	Marcia Horan
Stephanie Bugden	Rachael Jackson >
Amanda Chase +	Jennifer Keyes +
Carole Cipolla	Connie King
Raelene L. Cronin	Gloria R. Lombardo
Irena Miraslaw Evans	Karie Ogonoski +
Melissa Geagan	Grace Shuman
Beverly Gilman	Jessie Slade

SOPRANO II

Jen Campbell	Amanda Schuman
Anne Fielding +	Marleen Smethurst +
Leslie Jaiven #	Talia Stigliano +
Sondra Koba +	Katherine N. Stott
Kathleen Kondratovicz >	Beverly Strout
Amy Lamica	Deb Susca
Marlyce Ostergren	Erica Weida +

ALTO II

Catherine Caruso	Lisa Nicholson
Jennifer Ewing +	Nancy Perrone
Barbara Glastris	Linda Roche
Kimberly Inglis	Sue Ward
Susannah Milner +	

TENOR

Tim Bannon	Timothy Penn
Steve Deming #	Matthew Perkins +
Michael Dolan	Jack Powell
Eric Ellison	Martin Proulx
Larry Goodwin #	Jean-Michel Sibille
Matt Jewczyn	Patrick Spadaccino
Brenda Lawrence	Phil Stice #
David Lesieur >	Dan Tuve #
Paul Mason	

BASS

Dave Blough +	Tim Kloczko >
Kenneth Burr	Ray Knapp
William Curlew	Mike Leszko
Richard Daggett	Jim Liddle #
Dale Eberhardt	Peter Reinke
Eric W. Johnson	Carroll Toal
Bernard E. Kean	Randy Walker #

- Past President > - Section Leader + - New Members



The Travelers Chorale invites you to visit our website at
www.travelerschorale.org
 For information about upcoming performances, music programs, history, photo albums,
 audio recordings, frequently asked questions, contacts and more.

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.

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 Chorale collects thousands of pounds of nonperishable food from our generous concert audiences for donation to food pantries each year.

Please note that our Spring Concert will be Friday, May 13, 2011 at The Bushnell - Belding Theatre.

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