

# Travelers Chorale

Presents

## "Home for the Holidays"



Directed by *Kenneth Ferris*

Accompanied by *Stacy Cahoon*

Special Guests: *West Hartford Symphony Orchestra*

*Directed by* Richard Chiarappa

The Bushnell  Mortensen Hall  
Thursday, December 8, 2011 - 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.

**Conductor Richard Chiarappa** is the founding music director and conductor of the West Hartford Symphony Orchestra in Connecticut (2002). He was formerly the music director of the Bristol (CT) Symphony Orchestra from 1991-2002. As a composer, Chiarappa completed his first opera in August, 2011, titled *The Miraculous Staircase*. His work prior to that was "Uncle Sal's Cello," a piece for orchestra and narrator, which was preceded by "The Gettysburg Address" for orchestra and narrator, published by Robert Wendel Music of New York City. His composition, "Noah's National Language," was commissioned by the Noah Webster House Museum (West Hartford, CT) in the spring of 2008. It is a work for orchestra, chorus, narrator and actor and was premiered in October of 2008 to celebrate Webster's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. His novelty piece, "Romp for Symphony Orchestra and (Celebrity) Triangulist," can be seen on YouTube.com. He resides with his wife in West Hartford, Connecticut. They have two grown daughters.

**West Hartford Symphony Orchestra** founded in 2002 by Music Director Richard Chiarappa and businessman James Kilian, the WHSO is a non-profit community orchestra made up of 65 members from all walks of life. The orchestra rehearses weekly and performs a four-concert subscription season with two concerts presented at Kingswood Oxford's Roberts Theatre, and two presented at the West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium. The invitation from Director Ken Ferris is the first time the orchestra has performed with the Travelers Chorale, and their first time at the Bushnell Auditorium. The WHSO has its annual Holiday Concert in three days on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the West Hartford Town Hall. Tickets are available at the door or online at WHSO.ORG.

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**Keyboard Strings** – Kevin Read

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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.

# "Home for the Holidays"



Gloria.....Vivaldi

A Celtic Silent Night.....Tierney

Solo Violin: *Carin Joy Wiesner*

Three Jazzy Carols.....Rouse

1. Ding Dong Merrily On High
2. Jingle Bells
3. Carol of the Bells

Here In The Stillness.....Read

Soloists: *Suzanne Prior/Armen Kevorkian*

Candlelight Carol.....Rutter

Soloists: *Davey Vernier/ Phil Stice*

Farandole.....Georges Bizet

Sleigh Ride.....Anderson

When You Believe (from-The Prince of Egypt).....Schwartz

Duet: *Nancy Brownstein/Bill Curlew*

*Ken*

*Stacy*

## Intermission-15 minutes

Irving Berlin's Christmas.....Brymer

O Holy Night.....Clausen

Holiday Medley.....Piano Solo

*Stacy Cahoon*

Polonaise.....Rimsky-Korsakov

Jingle Bells Forever.....Pierpont/Sousa

Home For The Holidays.....Hayes

Soloists: *Kara Robichaud/Larry Goodwin*

Hallelujah Chorus (from the Messiah).....Handel

**Soprano I**

Thelma Clemons  
 Linda Cromwell  
 Lisa M. Darmetko  
 Elizabeth Fischer  
 Catharine Floryan #  
 Amy Fredrickson +  
 Julie Fredrickson #  
 Patricia A. Gray #  
 Armen Kevorkian  
 Jennifer Keyes  
 Rose Libratore  
 Doreen Madama  
 Anne Martin  
 Yushen Michelsen #  
 Suzanne Prior  
 Kara Robichaud  
 Beatrice Ann Shields  
 Jo-An Ulrich  
 Divinagracia Vernier

**Soprano II**

Lori Burroughs +  
 Jen Campbell  
 Amanda Dondelinger  
 Erin Geary +  
 Sondra Koba  
 Kathleen Kondratovicz >  
 Amy Lamica  
 Marlyce Ostergren  
 Katherine N. Stott  
 Beverly Strout  
 Cheryl Sullivan #  
 Deb Susca

**Alto I**

Kristen Bomber  
 Nancy A. Brownstein >  
 Stephanie Bugden  
 Irena Miraslaw Evans  
 Melissa Geagan  
 Beverly Gilman  
 Kimberly Goodrich  
 Marcia Horan  
 Gloria R. Lombardo  
 Donna Merli  
 Grace Shuman  
 Jessie Slade  
 Sue Ward  
 Lisa Zimmerman +

**Alto II**

Barbara Glastris  
 Kimberly Inglis  
 Jean Lam +  
 Susannah Milner  
 Cristina Phelps +  
 Linda Roche

**Tenor I**

Steve Deming #  
 Michael Dolan  
 Larry Goodwin #  
 Matt Jewczyn  
 Brenda Lawrence  
 Timothy Penn >  
 Jean-Michel Sibille  
 Phil Stice #

**Tenor II**

Paul Mason  
 Larry Moore, Jr.  
 Jack Powell  
 Martin Proulx  
 Patrick Spadaccino  
 Dan Tuve #  
 Peter Wortman +

**Baritone**

Dave Blough  
 William Curlew  
 Richard Daggett  
 Robert DeSesa  
 Kevin Doolittle  
 Eric W. Johnson  
 Ray Knapp  
 Mike Leszko  
 Jim Liddle #

**Bass**

Kenneth Burr  
 Dale Eberhardt  
 Bernard E. Kean  
 Herbert Menzel +  
 Tim Kloczko >  
 Peter Reinke  
 Randy Walker #

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The Travelers Chorale invites you to visit our website at

**[www.travelerschorale.org](http://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 18, 2012 at The Bushnell.**

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