

Travelers Chorale

Presents

MUSICAL MOODS of the HOLIDAYS

88th Annual Winter Concert

Directed by *Kenneth Ferris*

Accompanied by *Stacy Cahoon*

Special Guests: *The Bristol Brass & Wind Ensemble*

Conductor *Richard Theriault*

The Bushnell  Mortensen Hall

Thursday, December 13, 2012, 7:30 pm

Our Director: Kenneth Ferris received his music degrees and training from Western Connecticut State University, University of Connecticut and the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music. He taught for the Bristol school system for 37 years, serving for 20 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 in 2010 went to the Caribbean to perform. As a vocalist, Ken is in constant demand and has performed many solo concerts for organizations in the community and around the 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's setting of the e.e. cummings poem, "little tree" premiered at the Bushnell Mortensen Hall in December 2008 and was dedicated to the Travelers Chorale. Recent vocal compositions have premiered at the 2012 Women Composers Festival of Hartford at Hartt and the Town and County Club in Hartford. Stacy is an independent piano teacher in West Hartford, where she lives with her husband, Mark, and her two musical daughters.

BBWE Music Director and Conductor: Richard Theriault is a former director of bands at Bristol Eastern High School in Bristol, Conn. He completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Western Connecticut State University. Richard has been an instrumental instructor and band director for the past 40 years. He was elected Bristol's Teacher of the Year in 1993 and was elected as Connecticut representative of "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" for School Band and Orchestra Magazine, a national publication. He has been guest conductor for various functions including the Connecticut Music Educators Northern, Southern, and Western Regional Band Festivals, the Connecticut Future Musicians All-State Parochial School Band and the Bristol Symphony. Richard 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. Along with conducting duties of the Bristol Brass and Winds, Richard is a woodwind instructor at Miss Porter's School, and assistant musical director of the Bristol Choral Society. He plays professionally in the Hartford area as a saxophonist, and performed in pit bands for Frank Gorshin and Sammy Davis, Jr.

Claire Boers: Our guest pianist is a 2012 graduate of Hall High School in West Hartford, where she sang in the Concert Choir, Voce di Coeli, as well as studying piano for many years with Stacy Cahoon. Currently a freshman at UConn, she is studying French and Communications, with a minor in music. She sings in the UConn Concert Choir and the Collegiate Singers and is continuing her piano studies with Mo Tian.

Instrumentalists:

Clarinet-Eric Johnson **Electric Bass-**Jeff Darnetko **Oboe-**Peter Wortman **Percussion-**Greg Caputo

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The Travelers Choral Club, now called the Travelers Chorale, 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 1940s, '50s and '60s, 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

"Musical Moods of the Holidays"

Breath of Heaven.....Larson

Soloist: Suzanne Prior

Carol of the Magi.....Rutter

O Come, All Ye Faithful.....Forrest

Duo Piano: Stacy Cahoon & Claire Boers

Little Tree.....Stacy Cahoon

Bristol Brass & Wind Ensemble

Holiday Portraits.....O'Loughlin

Sleigh Ride.....Leroy Anderson

Carol of the Bells.....O'Loughlin

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Hallelujah Chorus.....Handel

Intermission

Ose Shalom.....Leavitt

Soloist: Patricia Gray

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.....Snyder

Soloist: Lisa Darnetko

"Allegro" from Oboe Quartet.....Mozart

Oboe: Peter Wortman & Piano: Stacy Cahoon

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!.....Hayes

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Christmas Day.....Clydesdale

Duet: Kara Robichaud & Patrick Spadaccino

The Many Moods of Christmas (Suite #3).....Shaw/Casselberry

1. What Child Is This Soloist: Ann Marie Haines

2. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

3. Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella

4. Angels We Have Heard On High

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble (BBWE) was established in 1996 as a community band in Bristol, Conn. It is comprised of approximately 54 members from the greater Bristol and surrounding areas. BBWE members come from all walks of life and have a passion to give back to the community with their musical talents. Membership is open to any individual who demonstrates an understanding of music and secondary level playing skill. Auditions are not required. They are a community of musicians who bring performances to a variety of venues. The BBWE is a 501(c) (3) not for profit organization and as such all performances are free. They perform at least six concerts a year including St. Patrick's Day, Spring Concert, summer concerts in the park, Mum Festival, Veterans Concert and a Holiday Concert. They have also accompanied other musical groups such as the Bristol Choral Society. Their repertoire includes, but is not limited to, the musical pieces of Bach, Sousa, Irving Berlin, Leroy Anderson, and many movie and television classics, as well as arrangements written by their own conductor, Richard Theriault.

SOPRANO I

Thelma Clemons
Linda Cromwell
Lisa M. Darmetko
Elizabeth Fischer
Catharine Floryan +
Amy Fredrickson
Julie Fredrickson #
Vivienne Girven +
Patricia A. Gray #
Annemarie Haines
Jennifer Keyes

Rose Libratoro
Doreen Madama
Anne Martin
Yushen Michelsen #
Pamela Paul
Suzanne Prior
Kara Robichaud
Beatrice Ann Shields
Jo-An Ulrich
Divinagracia Vernier

SOPRANO II

Amy M. Baker
Lori Burroughs
Amanda Dondelinger
Erin Geary
Rita Hale +
Leslie Jaiven #
Sondra Koba
Kathleen Kondratovicz >
Amy Lamica

Marlyce Ostergren
Catherine Putman +
Carol Rees +
Katherine N. Stott
Beverly Strout
Cheryl Sullivan
Deb Susca
Maura Walsh-O'Brien

ALTO I

Donna Bielefield-Merli
Kristin Bomber
Nancy A. Brownstein >
Stephanie Bugden
Irena Miraslaw Evans
Melissa Geagan
Beverly Gilman

Kimberly Goodrich
Marcia Horan
Gloria R. Lombardo
Joanne Marchesseault +
Grace Shuman
Jessie Slade
Lisa Zimmerman

ALTO II

Barbara Glastris
Kimberly Inglis
Jean Lam
Jessica Mayer +

Susannah Milner
Cristina Phelps
Linda Roche
Sue Ward

TENOR

David Alkire
Michael Dolan #
Kevin Doolittle
Eric Ellison
Larry Goodwin #
Matt Jewczyn
Paul Mason
Larry Moore, Jr.

Timothy Penn >
Jack Powell
Martin Proulx
Jean-Michel Sibille
Patrick R. Spadaccino
Dan Tuve #
Peter Wortman

BASS

Justin Babey
Kenneth Burr
William Curlew
Richard Daggett
Dale Eberhardt
Neil Huntley +
Eric W. Johnson
Bernard E. Kean

Tim Kloczko >
Ray Knapp
Gavin Lamb +
Scott Macdonough
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The Travelers Chorale invites you to visit our website at travelerschorale.org for information about upcoming performances, music programs, choral club history, photo albums, audio recordings, frequently asked questions, contacts, club traditions 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.



The **Chorale** extends heartfelt appreciation to

for their generous support of our food collection efforts on behalf of Connecticut aid organizations this holiday season.

Plan now to attend our 89th Annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 16, 2013.