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*The  
Travelers  
Choral Club  
Fiftieth Anniversary Concert*

Dr. Frank Swift  
Director  
Faculty of Music of the University

Monday, December 16, 1974  
Harris Hall, University of Toronto

## *Our Guests for the Evening are:*

**LAURA GAUDET**, our pianist, is a direct descendant of the first settlers of Acadia. Born in Connecticut, she studied at the Ursuline Convent in Quebec City where she received the Laureat Degree at the Academie de Musique and was awarded the Gold Medal for highest honors. She continued her musical studies in Paris becoming a pupil of Isidor Philipp. In Rome she was under the guidance of Alberto Camilloni of the St. Cecilia Academy. Upon her return to this country she studied voice in New York with Crystal Waters and Enrico Rosati.

Miss Gaudet began her career as staff pianist at WTIC Broadcasting Station. She was featured soloist and ensemble pianist with the Travelers Concert Hour, a coast to coast one hour broadcast under the direction of Christian Kriens, WTIC's musical director and composer. She accompanied many artists who sang on the Travelers Hour; among them Robert Merrill, Tom Connelly, Anna Kashas and other Metropolitan Opera stars.

After spending a year in New York making recordings for World Broadcasting Company, Miss Gaudet returned to WTIC and performed regularly in a series of recitals entitled "Piano Moods and Songs of Acadia". She was pianist of the newly formed orchestra with Moshe Paranov, WTIC's musical director. She was a member of the Hartford Symphony as organist and celeste soloist with Fritz Mahler, musical director.

Miss Gaudet has been heard over the National Broadcasting Company and the Canadian Broadcasting Company. She has won acclaim from press and public alike, in her tour of Eastern Canada, in New England, and at the Annual National Folk Festival in Philadelphia, Cleveland and St. Louis and at the World's Fair of Music in New York City.

As vocal coach at Hartt College of Music, Miss Gaudet worked primarily in the Opera Department and played organ and celeste in many of the operas. She was also the pianist for several children's operettas.

Church music too has been a part of Miss Gaudet's career. She was organist, soloist and choir director at St. Michael's Church and St. Luke's Church in Hartford, and composed a Mass for her choir at St. Patrick's Church in Collinsville. She is now a teacher and vocal coach in the Boston area and is organist and soloist at St. Joseph's Church in Lynn, Massachusetts.

# *The Senior Girls' Choir*

The Girls' Choir of St. James's Church, West Hartford under the direction of Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Murray Somerville, provides the music for the family service at 9:15 each Sunday and also for services on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and Maundy Thursday.

Some forty girls are involved in the total program, involving a Junior or training choir for girls in the 4th and 5th grades, Pre-Seniors for girls in the 6th grade and Seniors for girls in grades 7 through 12.

The Girls' Choir has also sung for services and concerts in Church Homes and Churches in the Hartford area, appearing most recently in a Festival of American Church Music at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church. Their repertoire includes music from early 'Plainsong' to the most recent folk melodies.

## MEMBERS

Betsy Atkins  
Peggy Barroll  
Susan Bethea  
Susan Blakeslee  
Debbie Blase  
Lisa Bloodgood  
Betsy Copp  
Jackie Copp  
Jenny Copp

Beth Coppage  
Carolyn Davis  
Madeleine Davis  
Brenda Denton  
Cathy Doherty  
Caren Foisie  
Karen Helms  
Anne Hoenstine  
Cindy Hoenstine  
Ann Koucky  
Eleanor Koucky

Cathy Lawes  
Betsy LaPierre  
Missy McAboy  
Susan Parish  
Cathy Payne  
Virginia Payne  
Diane Peterson  
Kathy Peterson  
Sarah Robinson  
Karen Runge  
Anna Tansi

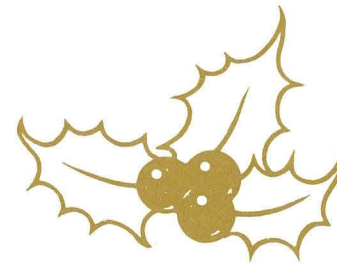
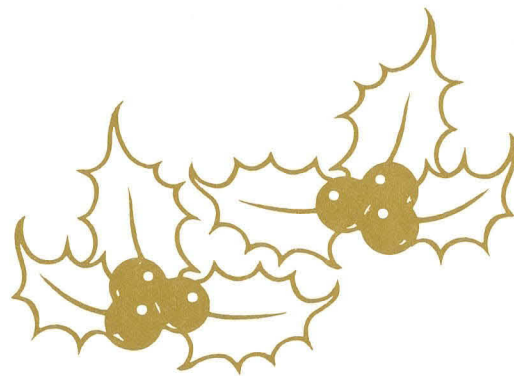
## Youth Bell Choir

The Youth Bell Choir of the First Baptist Church of West Hartford has been active for nine years although the membership is continually changing. The Bell Choir is made up of both junior and senior high school girls and boys ranging in experience from four years to three months. The bells they play are Dutch bells and were made possible through memorial gifts.

The group under the direction of Mr. Bruce Hector, Minister of Music, plays primarily for the worship services at the First Baptist Church, but they have also played for the Fellowship Housing of West Hartford and at hospitals and convalescent homes.

### MEMBERS

Doug Brenner  
Bob Graumann  
Dave Graumann  
Cathy Hostetter  
Glenn Hurlbert  
Linda Johnson  
Anne Leggett  
Martha Leggett  
Laurie Martin  
Charlotte Massie  
Donna Ring  
Ricky Rommel



# Members of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra

## VIOLIN

Abraham Mishkind (Concertmaster)  
Elaine Mishkind  
Leslie Heller  
James Burnham  
Charles Tabony  
Francesco Sciannameo  
Joseph Blume  
Jean Tai

## VIOLA

Golda Shour  
Anton Luko  
Carol Burkle

## CELLO

Harry Clark  
John Riley  
James Kann

## STRING BASS

Robert Groff

## FLUTE

Carl Bergner  
Mary Ellen Jacobs

## OBOE

Harvey Goldstein  
Larry Allen (English Horn)

## CLARINET

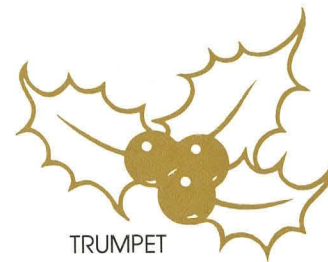
William Goldstein  
Henry Larsen

## BASSOON

Robert Schaffer  
Louis Lazzarine

## FRENCH HORN

Emery Tapley  
Andrew Spearman



## TRUMPET

Ronald Kutik  
Roger Murtha

## TROMBONE

Charles Cicchetti  
Robert Meyers

## TIMPANI

Alexander Lepak

# \*Choral Club Members - 1924

\*As printed in the program December 16, 1924

## SOPRANOS

Annons, Ruth O.  
Bertram, June I.  
Brigham, Myrtle E.  
Daley, Mildred  
Flamion, Mrs. Dora C.  
Golden, Gertrude D.  
Herrick, Nettie M.  
Horan, Eleanor M.  
Kenefick, Florence C.  
Lester, Mabel P.  
Liegeot, Anna J.  
Mathers, Helen J.  
McAlear, Alice E.  
Saunders, Lillian G.  
Talcott, Anna L.  
Tompkins, Mrs. E.C.  
Tourtelotte, Grayce E.  
Weltner, Mrs. R.A.

## ALTOS

Bantle, Lillian M.  
Beisel, Albertina  
Buckley, M. Katherine  
Caffrey, Alice M.  
Carison, Beda A.  
Coffey, Frances E.  
Grody, Rebecca W.  
Higginson, Lucy  
Lee, Lillian E.  
Liegeot, Nora G.  
Ljongquist, Irene W.  
Nearing, Frances M.  
Reilly, Grace R.  
Spaulding, Ruth E.  
Taksar, Claire L.  
Tufveson, Pearl A.

## TENORS

Clinton, Frederick A.  
Hudson, Elwood D.  
Kidney, John J.  
Lyon, F. Murray  
McKenzie, John A.  
Murphy, Frederick J.  
Nash, Henry T.  
Osborne, Frederick W.  
Sullivan, John C.  
Tinker, Arthur H.  
Waite, Clifford L.  
Wallen, George R.

## BASSES

Berry, Paul E.  
Broderick, Kenneth F.  
Harris, Joseph E.  
Kempin, Walter T.  
Korder, Paul R.  
Mackensen, William M.  
Manning, David G.  
Mercer, Robert A.  
Preston, Oliver V.  
Robotham, Lewis M.  
Sullivan, Thomas D.  
Weidlich, Louis P.

CHORAL CLUB

March of The Three Kings—Old Provencal Carol

Bizet-Smith

LAURA C. GAUDET, PIANIST

Theme and Variations on hymn : Ave, Maris Stella

Gaudet

CHORAL CLUB

Christmas Calypso

Bongos; Hank Baldwin Claves; Gordon Clarke, Jr. Maracas; John McClain

Yalanis, Jones, Lorimer

SENIOR GIRLS' CHOIR

Prepare Thyself, Zion—Christmas Oratorio

Magnificat, or Song of Mary (My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord)

O Gracious Lord, Our God

Every Star Shall Sing A Carol

J.S. Bach  
Darwin Leitz  
Heinrich Schutz  
Sydney Carter

CHORAL CLUB

Medley of Christmas Carols

Narrator: Malcolm Williams

Brass: Ronald Kutik and Roger Murtha, Trumpets; Emery Tapley and Andrew Spearman,

French Horns; Charles Cicchetti and Robert Meyers, Trombones

Arr. Groff

INTERMISSION

CHORAL CLUB

The Shepherd's Chorus from Amahl and The Night Visitors

Solo: William Curlew, Baritone

Trio: William Curlew, Baritone; Kent Brown, Baritone; John McClain, Bass

Prayer and Dream Pantomime from Hansel and Gretel

Menotti

Humperdinck-Schmidt-Wilhousky

YOUTH BELL CHOIR

Bell Jubilee  
Joy To The World  
Medley of Christmas Carols  
O Holy Night  
Jingle Bells

Lorenz  
Ivey  
Arr. Klein  
Arr. Allured  
Arr. Stearns

CHORAL CLUB

Selections From The Messiah  
Orchestra: Sinfonia  
Chorus: And The Glory Of The Lord  
Recitative: Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive  
Ruth P. Scott, Contralto  
Chorus: O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings  
Chorus: For Unto Us A Child Is Born  
Orchestra: Pifa (Pastoral Symphony)  
Recitative: There Were Shepherds Abiding In The Field  
Arioso: And Lo, The Angel Of The Lord  
Carolyn O'Keefe, Soprano  
Recitative: And The Angel Said Unto Him  
Arioso: And Suddenly, There Was With The Angel  
Nancy Gallo, Soprano  
Chorus: Glory To God  
Chorus: Hallelujah  
Wassail Song  
Choral Club, Orchestra, Girls' Choir, Bell Ringers

Handel



Arr. Groff

This Program is dedicated to ELWOOD HUDSON who is the only active "Charter Member" of The Travelers Choral Club



**THE TRAVELERS CHORAL CLUB** was formed in 1924 and on December 16th of that year 58 singers under the direction of Dana S. Merriman presented the "First Concert of the Travelers Choral Club" in the Assembly Hall of the Grove Street Building. The program of "Old Christmas Carols" lists Clifford L. Waite as the accompanist. However, a note attached to the inside cover reads, "One change is to be noted in the program. Clifford L. Waite, accompanist, is absent from the city on company business. His place is taken by C. Arthur Hackney, Assistant Secretary of the Life Department". The first number on that program is also the first number on this our "50th Anniversary" program, "The March of the Three Kings".

The Choral Club continued under the direction of Mr. Merriman for the next three years, with Mr. Waite as accompanist again in 1925. In 1926 and 1927 Laura Gaudet was at the piano. It was during this time that the Club decided to put on two concerts each year, one at Christmas and one in the spring.

In 1928 and 1929 Ralph Baldwin was the director, with Laura Gaudet at the piano.

The years 1930 through 1934 saw the Club under the direction of Christian Kriens, with Helen Cahill (1930 and 1931) and Laura Gaudet (1932-1934) at the piano.

C. Walton Deckelman became director in 1935 and continued as director through 1949, with the exception of the years 1943-1946 when the Choral Club was inactive due to World War II. The pianists for this period were as follows:  
Laura Gaudet—1935, Gertrude Hagenaar—1936, Elinor J. Pond—1937-1940, Julia Verjenska—1941-42, Saturn Hagopian—1947, Elinor J. Pond and John H. Bartmann, Jr.—1948-49.

In 1950 Frank Groff became our director and continued to direct through the present time with the exception of 1966 and 1967. During those years the Club was under the direction of Louis J. Pelletieri. Lorna Prentice was at the piano in 1950-1952, Estaloe Ford in 1953-1955, and Laura Gaudet rejoined us in 1956 and has presided at the keyboard since that time. One of the highlights for this period was a trip to New York on May 23, 1964 to sing at the Travelers Pavilion "The Triumph of Man" at the World's Fair.

The Travelers Choral Club has grown and flourished for "Fifty" years due to the efforts of the above mentioned people and the hundreds of volunteer singers who have found (and given) much happiness in a love of music. May we as a group enjoy another fifty years in harmony and song.

*Last Presidents -  
Travelers Choral Club*



1924-1946 William B. Bailey

1947 Francis J. Smith

1948 Irene W. Ljonquist

1949 Lester F. Beck

1950 Carl H. Thorsell

1951 Stella E. Eddy

1952 Emerson W. Thompson

1953 Arlene W. Weekes

1954 Ralph H. Goodale

1955 Dixwell T. Burnham

1956 Joan S. Paternostro

1957 James C. Joy

1958 Arthur L. Kemp

1959 Ann-Marie F. Crowley

1960 David H. Johnson

1961 Malcolm Williams

1962 C. Louise Face

1963 John R. Anderson

1964 Janet E. Rowe

1965 James F. Griffin

1966 Almeda L. Stechholz

1967 Norman D. Edmonds

1968 John A. Nork

1969 Delores A. Sorrick

1970 John P. Nichols

1971 Margaret P. Putnam

1972 Peter C. Overbaugh

1973 Joyce G. Winkel

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