

# A CHESTER RIVER HOLIDAY

## CHESTER RIVER CHORALE

Douglas Cox, Director

*Sir Christemas* (from Ave Rex, Op.45) William Mathias

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Gustav Holst

*Fantasia on Christmas Carols* Medley on English Carols  
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Brendan Curran, baritone

*L'cha Dodi* Louis Lewandowski and Hugo Chaim Adler  
compiled by D. Cox and G. Schiff  
Gary Schiff, cantor

*Christmas Oratorio* (Mvts. 9 & 10—Finale) Camille Saint-Saëns  
Brendan Curran, baritone

Soli Ensemble  
Bonnie Keating, Brenda Moyer, Linda Ruggles, soprano  
Julie Lawrence, Becky Taylor, Amanda Varvar, Victoria Zisser, mezzosoprano  
M.G. Brosius, Sue Dick, Mary McCoy, Sheila Scannell, alto

*Chanukah, Oh Chanukah* Jewish Folk Song, arr. Greg Pascuzzi  
Gary Schiff, cantor

*Partridge and the Pear* John Moss

## CHESTER CHAMBER SINGERS

*Lord of the Dancing Day* arr. David Mooney

*Ala Nanita Nana* Spanish Carol, arr. Roger Folstrom

*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* Trinidadian Carol, arr. Stephen Hatfield

*A Lute Carol* Mary Elizabeth Caldwell

*Christmas in the Straw* Lloyd Pfautsch

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*A Holiday Festival* arr. J. Cameron Law  
Audience Sing-along (lyrics below)

*I Wonder as I Wander* John Jacob Niles, arr. Keith Christopher  
Brendan Curran, baritone

*The First Nowell* English Carol, arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams  
Bonnie Keating, soprano Brendan Curran, baritone

*Joy to the World* Lowell Mason, arr. John Rutter

*Hallelujah Chorus* (from Messiah) George Frideric Handel

*A Holiday Festival*—Audience Sing-along

*Deck the Halls*

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

'Tis the season to be jolly, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

Don we now our gay apparel, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

See the blazing yule before us, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

Follow me in merry measure, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;

Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,

In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago.

*Jingle Bells*

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh,

O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way.

Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright.

What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. (Repeat)

Day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride,

And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side;

The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot.

We ran into a drifted bank, and there we got upstot.