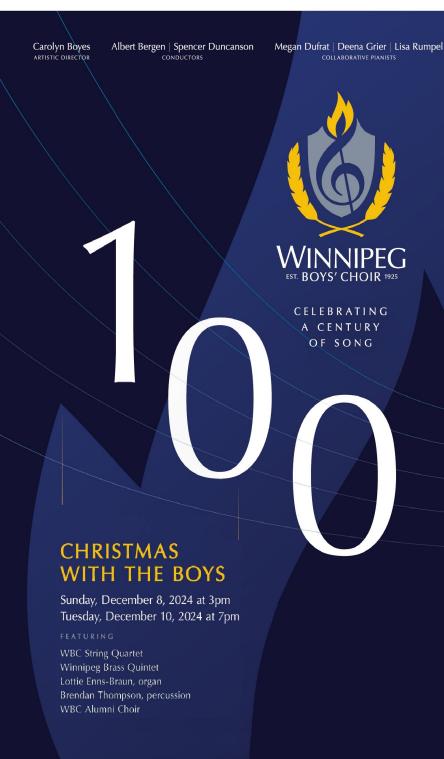
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PROGRAMME

Sussex Carol (arr. Sir David Willcocks) Lottie Enns-Braun, organ

Carol of the Shepherd Boys (arr. Dolores Hruby)

This Little Babe (Benjamin Britten)

- In the Bleak Midwinter (arr. Sherri Porterfield) Albert Bergen, violin
- **Ding Dong Merrily on High** (arr. Howard Cable) Winnipeg Brass Quintet
- Jingle Bells (James Pierpont, arr. Mark Hayes) Winnipeg Brass Quintet; Brendan Thompson, percussion

Audience Singalong: O Come All Ye Faithful (arr. Willcocks)

Ding-a Ding-a Ding (Greg Gilpin)

The Yearning (Craig Courtney)

Let There Be Peace on Earth (Craig Courtney)

WBC String Quartet Sunday: Henry Harrington, Elijah Kanhai, solos Tuesday: Leo Chicatun , Jericho Jones Strachan, solos

All That Holiday Stuff (Andy Beck)

Sunday: Grant Lyons, solo Tuesday: Asher Kunkel, Tristan Whelan, solos

Thirty Second Fa La La (Donald Moore)

Audience Singalong: **Night of Silence** (Daniel Kantor, arr. John Ferguson)

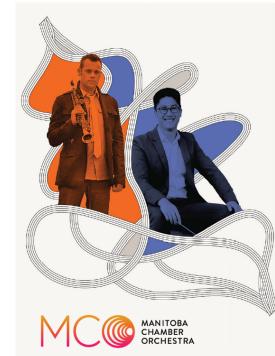
A La Nanita Nana (Dan Davison)

Théo Melnyk, guitar; Albert Bergen, Sarah Harrington, violin

The Work of Christmas (Dan Forrest)

Somewhere in My Memory (Williams/Bercusse arr. Snyder) WBC String Quartet; Brendan Thompson, percussion

Audience Singalong: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Felix Mendelssohn, v. 2 arr. Willcocks)



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The Winnipeg Boys' Choir presented its first concert on December 28, 1925, in the beautiful Walker (now Burton Cummings) Theatre. A decade later, the Winnipeg Free Press compared the choir favourably to the Vienna Boys' Choir, recently in town. In the eight decades since, the WBC has remained a constant place for our city's and province's boys and young men to strive for excellence, express themselves through song, and build friendships.

Our annual Christmas concert showcases repertoire from the English choral tradition as well as several contemporary selections. You will hear sophisticated arrangements that reflect the mystery of the season and light-hearted tunes that celebrate the excitement and enthusiasm of youth. Audience singalong carols, complete with soaring treble descants, never fail to thrill the spirit and nourish the soul.

A gift of choral music is that we do it together. On stage tonight, we have singers from six to 92 years of age representing over 80 decades of music and community. We look forward to building on the connections we make in this milestone season, and expect that when you return on May 4th to hear "All the Way Home," you will see an even larger group of men who want to reforge their youthful bonds of music and kinship. We also welcome the voices of many choir mothers who have supported and continue to nurture their sons' love of singing with the WBC.

Thank you for sharing in our century of song. We hope you'll consider making "Christmas with the Boys" a part of your family's annual holiday tradition.

Carolyn

Are you an alumnus of the WBC? Please join us in May! Are you (or do you know) a boy or young man 6-21 who loves to sing? Ask about an audition for our second term or next year! Are you a person who loves choral music? Attend our 100th anniversary concert! Sunday, May 4th, 2025

If you're here on Sunday and you don't want to keep this programme as a souvenir, leave it with us and we will see that it is recycled for Tuesday. Please enjoy a quick moment of fellowship and a sweet treat after the concert.

TREBLE CHORUS

Carolyn Boyes | Albert Bergen, conductors Lisa Rumpel | Megan Dufrat, piano

Cassian Chisholm **Finnian Chisholm** Joseph Cortens **Toby Denton** Henry Dunnigan Felix Finlay Nicolino Giancola Jeremy Grela Eric Gu Oakley Guo **Colton Johnson** William Johnson Kamil Jones Strachan Arthur Kirkland Theo Kornelsen Jens Kristenson

Wyatt Kublik Adam Macule Trevor Maksymchak Zachary Melnyk Nathaniel Mercer Wesley Neufeld Philip Paley Finn Peters Theo Prescott Charlie Pulford Danilo Roiha Gomes David Sanchez-Ramirez Sachin Sisk Salvador Tait Michael Wang Brett Zhang

SENIOR CHORUS

Spencer Duncanson, conductor | Deena Grier, piano

George Alarape Henry Chicatun Leo Chicatun Davis Cordeiro Zacchary Fontaine Cade Friesen Ian Hachinski Henry Harrington Jericho Jones Strachan Elijah Kanhai Greer Kanhai

Andrew Kilfoyle Taus Kristenson Asher Kunkel Gabriel Leon Grant Lyons Leo McPhail Théo Melnyk Jack Schaffner Tristan Whelan Titus Yam

We sing on Treaty 1 land, traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful & triumphant! O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him Born the King of Angels God of God, Light of
LightSing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation!Lo, He abhors not the
Virgin's wombSing, all ye citizens of
heaven above!Very GodGlory to GodBegotten, not createdIn the highest

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Silent Night (sung with Night of Silence, verse 2 repeat)

Silent Night, Holy Night /All is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin Mother and Child / Holy Infant, so tender and mild Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Christ, by highest heav'n Hark! the herald angels adored: sing, "Glory to the newborn Christ, the everlasting King!" Lord; Peace on earth, and Late in time behold Him mercy mild, come. Offspring of the Virgin's God and sinners reconciled. womb. Veil'd in flesh, the Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the Godhead see: skies; Hail, th'incarnate Deity: With th' angelic host Pleased, as man, with proclaim, man to dwell, "Christ is born in Jesus, our Emmanuel! Bethlehem."

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"



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The Winnipeg Brass Quintet

Dean Pollard, Trumpet Colleen Zwarych, trumpet Benjamin Trowell, French Horn Jason Kehler, Trombone Kenton McPeek, Tuba

The WBC String Quartet

Albert Bergen, violin Sarah Harrington, violin Sarah Carswell, viola Blair burns, cello

ALUMNI CHORUS

Rehearsal pianist: Annelie Reimer

Scott Armstrong Noah Baldwin Keith Black Nicholas Borkowsky Nathanael Budlong Harry Burns Simon Burns Frank Caligiuri Barry Craig Amedeo Dalir Saber **Erich Enns** Dirk Graba Jordi Haskerkehrer Sean Jengsuksavat Jacob Kenny Jordan Lepine

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MUM-ALUM CHORUS

(including mothers of alumni and of current singers)

- Janine Bremault-Bamford Zohreh Gervais Crystal Grela Sarah Harrington Zilla Jones Joanne Kilfoyle Paula Kirkland
- Wendy Kublik Yunjia (June) Ling Deborah McPhail Sarah Mercer Mallory Prescott Nicola Spasoff Andrea Villafranca-Johnson

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