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WINNIPEG
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CELEBRATING
A CENTURY
OF SONG

100

**CHRISTMAS
WITH THE BOYS**

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 3pm
Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7pm

FEATURING

WBC String Quartet
Winnipeg Brass Quintet
Lottie Enns-Braun, organ
Brendan Thompson, percussion
WBC Alumni Choir

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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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BOYS CHOIR
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The Government of Manitoba has provided generous funding in recent years to help us rebuild towards this 100th season.

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pipe organ as expressed in
this concert.

*As ever, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to
Crescent Fort Rouge United Church
—our home for decades—
and its staff and community.*

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 Dufprat, piano

Cassian Chisholm	Wyatt Kublik
Finnian Chisholm	Adam Macule
Joseph Cortens	Trevor Maksymchak
Toby Denton	Zachary Melnyk
Henry Dunnigan	Nathaniel Mercer
Felix Finlay	Wesley Neufeld
Nicolino Giancola	Philip Paley
Jeremy Grela	Finn Peters
Eric Gu	Theo Prescott
Oakley Guo	Charlie Pulford
Colton Johnson	Danilo Roiha Gomes
William Johnson	David Sanchez-Ramirez
Kamil Jones Strachan	Sachin Sisk
Arthur Kirkland	Salvador Tait
Theo Kornelsen	Michael Wang
Jens Kristenson	Brett Zhang

SENIOR CHORUS

Spencer Duncanson, conductor | Deena Grier, piano

George Alarape	Andrew Kilfoyle
Henry Chicatun	Taus Kristenson
Leo Chicatun	Asher Kunkel
Davis Cordeiro	Gabriel Leon
Zacchary Fontaine	Grant Lyons
Cade Friesen	Leo McPhail
Ian Hachinski	Théo Melnyk
Henry Harrington	Jack Schaffner
Jericho Jones Strachan	Tristan Whelan
Elijah Kanhai	Titus Yam
Greer Kanhai	

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!	God of God, Light of Light	Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.	Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb	Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Come and behold Him Born the King of Angels	Very God Begotten, not created	Glory to God In 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

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"	Christ, by highest heav'n adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord;	Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.	Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.	Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;	Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail, th'incarnate Deity:	Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die:
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."	Pleased, as man, with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!	Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

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



If today's concert has inspired you to support the choir, this QR code will take you to our website. The Winnipeg Boys' Choir is a registered charity (CRA # 13732 7516 RR0001), and will provide a receipt for donations \$20 and more.

The Winnipeg Boys' Choir is a member of the Manitoba Choral Association
www.manitobasing.org

The Winnipeg Brass Quintet

Dean Pollard, Trumpet
Colleen Zwarych, trumpet
Benjamin Trowell, French Horn
Jason Kehler, Trombone
Kenton McPeck, 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	Olin Zixi Liu
Noah Baldwin	Omar Zishu Liu
Keith Black	Jackson Lotz
Nicholas Borkowsky	Calvin Lutz
Nathanael Budlong	Brendan McGurru
Harry Burns	Michael Prokipchuk
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Erich Enns	Anthony Thériault
Dirk Graba	Gavin Tryon
Jordi Haskerkehrer	Jack Tryon
Sean Jengsuksavat	Brogan Wawryk
Jacob Kenny	Cory Wolchuk
Jordan Lepine	Josiah Wurch

MUM-ALUM CHORUS

(including mothers of alumni and of current singers)

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

*Thank you for sharing our music! On your way out, please put a
"penny" in a choirboy's hat to support an upcoming tour!*