



Department of Music
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Madrigal Singers

Robert de Frece
Conductor

Music for the Christmas Season

Friday, December 2, 1988

8:00 p.m.

**Convocation Hall
Arts Building
University of Alberta**

PROGRAMME

I

Gloria in Excelcis	Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)
This Day Christ Was Born	William Byrd (1543-1623)
Lirum Lirum	Thomas Morley (1558-1602)

II

Three Motets, Op. 38 (1905)	C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)
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i) *Justorum animae*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace.

Wisdom, iii

ii) *Coelos ascendit hodie*

Today, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, has ascended into the heavens,

Alleluia!

He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth,

Alleluia!

Now are David's songs fulfilled, now is the Lord with his Lord,

Alleluia!

He sits upon the royal throne of God, in this his greatest triumph,

Alleluia!

Let us bless the Lord: let the Holy Trinity be praised, let us

give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen

iii) *Beati quorum via*

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalms CXIX, 1.

III

Shepherd's Christmas Songs

(from *Melodien der Rumanischen Colinde*)

Béla Bartók
(1881-1945)

Arr. Paul Arma

1. On the steep mountain, Lord God, my sheep graze.
Help me guard my white sheep.
2. I must not go into the village down there.
Morning dew falls down onto me out of the blossom.
I take care of three flocks of sheep.
3. Up there on the mountain, near the clouds, praise God the Lord!
Praise and thank the Lord.
Sing with me, O Moon and Sun!
Laud Him, O storm!
Praise Him, O silence!
4. The old nobleman is a good little master.
Thus, the Lord God has created the nobleman and has commanded him.
5. Wake the maidens, o nobles!
Kiss the sleep from their eyes so that they may set the table for us
and sweep the yard!
6. When the Sun rises out of the valley,
O maiden, pluck the apple blossom!
The quail calls.
Bells ring.
On the broad way from the village, lead forth joyful boys in throngs!
7. Come, you men, with the stars!
Bring the child gold and incense.
Greet the father.
Greet the mother.
Greet the child in his crib.
Greet the child in his cradle.

8. Fold your hands!
God's Son has come.
Thank and praise the Lord!
He takes the yoke from us.
Son of God, Redeemer, little lamb, protect us from the snowstorm!
9. Sing, oh sing!
Let us wander with the stars.
Sing to the Lord before the gate of the nobles!
10. O my world!
Call to me, God, Lord from the East!
When the wind blows out the candle, death kisses my eye.
When the Lord God holds Judgement Day,
I pray to God the Lord for resurrection.
11. When the cock crows in the radiant morning, O maiden, live well!
Take the path to Bethlehem.
Who gives you bread?
Who gives you wine and smoked meat?
Saint Peter will present them to you for the journey.
O maiden, open for me the golden gate to Heaven, where the saints
are joyful.

INTERMISSION

IV

Five Negro Spirituals

(from the Oratorio, *A Child of Our Time*) (1958)

Michael Tippett

(1905-)

- i) Steal Away
- ii) Nobody Knows
- iii) Go Down Moses
- iv) By and By
- v) Deep River

Soloists: Susan Henze, Sally McIntosh, James Hendricksen, Troy Janzen

Gaudete (1968)

Anders Öhrwall

1. Rejoice (Gaudete)
2. Sinfonia
3. In dulci júbilo
4. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
5. Now the word becomes the flesh
6. Glory to God In the highest
Soloist: James Hendricksen
7. To us a child has been born today
8. Psallite (Lift your voice and sing)
9. Christ, the Lord, is born today
10. Let the earth with praise resound

Quartet: Charlene Lehr, Lynda Stewart, John Tessier, Cedric Abday

Flute: Sonya Schrum, Christine Enns Bassoon: Heather McMillan

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SOPRANO

Heidi Breier
Susan Henze
Charlene Lehr
Sally McIntosh
Shannon Robertson
Krista Steed

ALTO

Catherine Buchanan
Janet Horwood
Ann Marie Neudorf
Sasha Roeder
Lynda Stewart
Kara Thompson
Marla Zapach

TENOR

Tyler Cutforth
Grant Harrison
James Hendricksen
Michael Meraw
Robert Reed
John Tessier

BASS

Cedric Abday
Jake Enns
Paul Horsman
Mark Israel
Troy Janzen
Don Slater

