

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Presents

**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
MADRIGAL SINGERS**

Leonard Ratzlaff, conductor

in a

Concert of Music for Christmas

with

Bruce Wheatcroft, organ

and

Norman Nelson, Anne Kenway, violins

Michael Bowie, viola

Ann Robertson-Scott, cello

Jan Urke, double bass

Hiromi Takahashi, oboe

Islay-May Renwick, English horn, oboe

Diane Persson, bassoon

Sunday, December 6, 1987, 3:00 p.m.

**Robertson-Wesley United Church
Edmonton**

PROGRAMME

Verbum caro factum est (Cantiones Sacrae, 1591)

Hans Leo Hassler
(1564-1612)

And the word became flesh and dwelt among us; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

SSATTB choir a cappella

Deutsches Magnificat: Meine Seele Erhebt den Herren, SWV 494 (1671)

Heinrich Schuetz
(1585-1672)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
He has shewn strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts; he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever. (Luke 1:46-49; 51-55)

Glory be to the Father, the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

SATB/SATB
with instruments and continuo

Balulalow

Scottish carol
arr. David Lumsden

SATB/SATB choir a cappella
Heidi Breier, Katherine Moyles, soprano

Ein Kindelein So Löbelich (Musae Sioniae III, 1607)

Michael Praetorius
(1571-1621)

A little Child so adored is born to us this day, from virgin maid, so pure and sweet, to comfort poor mankind.
Were not the little Child born for us, we surely would be lost.
He brings to us salvation.
Lullaby, O thou sweet, Jesus Christ.
Thou art born for all mankind, and cam'st to save us from hell.

SATB/SATB choir a cappella

from **Christmas Cantata (1987)***

Gerhard Krapf
(b. 1924)

**O Lowly Bethlehem
Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
Glory To God In The Highest**

SATB choir and organ

*Premiere. Future publication of the entire Cantata by Roger Dean Publishing Co., Akron, Ohio.

Magnificat a 4

Giacomo Antonio Perti
(1661-1756)

SATB choir, chamber ensemble and continuo

INTERMISSION

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Collegium Regale, 1944)

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

tenor, SATB choir and organ
Rick Neuls, tenor

Two Motets from Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël (1952)

Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)

Videntes Stellam

Beholding the star, with joy and great gladness the Wise Men came; and they entered in the house, and there offered the Lord gold and myrrh and incense.

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Today Christ is born, alleluia. Today the Saviour has appeared, alleluia. Today on earth the angels sing and the archangels rejoice. Today the just exult, saying: glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

SATB choir a cappella

Ding Dong! Merrily On High

French carol
arr. Malcolm Williamson

choir a cappella

Away In A Manger

W. J. Kirkpatrick
arr. Hugo Cole

O Leave Your Sheep

French carol
arr. Kenneth Leighton

choir and organ

Infant Holy

Polish carol
arr. Edmund Rubbra

choir a cappella

Sir Christemas (Ave Rex, Op. 45, 1969)

William Mathias
(b. 1934)

choir and organ

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Soprano

Heidi Breier, Liliane Cromer, Lynn Hanson, Susan Henze
Kim Mattice, Sally McIntosh, Katherine Moyles

Alto

Catherine Buchanan, Rita Dyck, Wendy Grønnestad, Charlene Lehr
Ann Marie Neudorf, Joy Pritchard, Kara Thompson, Marla Zapach

Tenor

Ross French, Grant Harrison, Jon Heese, Wayne Lemire
Michael Meraw, Rick Neuls, John Tessier

Bass

Kevin Biegel, Sean Bodie, David Dzurko, Tim Eckert
Paul Horsman, Gerhard Lotz, Michael Prokopiw

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Joy Pritchard, librarian
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