The Milledgeville Singer’s Guild

Presents

An

“American Christmas”

Director, Caroline Carson

Accompanists, David Cole and Maria DeBacco

I Wonder As I Wander

Appalachian carol

Boston

Quintet: David Cole, Will Humphrey, Nancy Jay, Rae Phillips, Cindy Rivers

Judea

Quintet: Leanne Benson, Gay Cowan, John Hargaden, Cindy Rivers, Louise Sallstrom

Shiloh

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The Cherry Tree Carol

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Donations are gratefully accepted this evening as you exit the church. The collection will be used for postage/publicity, accompanist fees, and rental of orchestral parts for our spring concert (repertoire TBA). Checks may be made out to “First Presbyterian Church – Music/MSG”

A HUGE thank you to the following people who have made this evening possible and have been extra helpful and encouraging throughout the rehearsal season: First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Julia Parker Simmons, David Cole, Gay Cowan, Maria DeBacco, Rae Phillips, Rev. Dr. Chuck K, Robertson, Louise Sallstrom, Arnie Wade and Dr. Larry D. Wyatt.

Milledgeville Singer's Guild Personnel

Soprano I
Leanne Benson – student extraordinaire
Becky Henderson – I love to sing!
Dianna Hornsby – Recently undertook the challenge of her life…teaching Pre-K!
Lindsey Hornsby – Future American Idol
Rae Phillips – “Bride-zilla” at her best!
Lynn Smith – Life without music is like a forever winter.

Soprano II
Shirley Eady – Music is a primary part of my life.
Kim Hornsby – Make a joyful noise! Go Braves!
May Lee – no news is good news…
Cindy Rivers – Enjoy learning all over again by teaching my seven-year-old at home.
Ruby Werts – the most “un-retired” retired teacher!

Alto
Kathy Adams – Recently transplanted from the Lone Star State
Grace Anne Azahar – “Oh, Bother!”
Nancy Jay – Art and Music are my major loves.
Cathy Maddox – Singing and music are my life.
Louise Sallstrom – To God be glory, laud, and honor forever and ever!

Tenor
Gay Cowan – Xena in disguise.
William L. Humphrey – The concert is at 8:00 right?

Bass
David Cole - Maestro
John Hargaden – Used to be an alien, loves to sing…
Eustace Palmer – I AM an alien!
Arnie Wade – Living with “Bride-zilla”!

Caroline Carson, Director – Caroline teaches at Central HS Magnet in Macon and is Dir. of Music Ministry at First Presbyterian in Milledgeville. She has served on the faculties of GC&SU and Shenandoah Conservatory. This is her fourth year as visiting professor at the University of Varna, Bulgaria. Caroline holds a BM in Music Education from the University of South Carolina and an MM in Conducting from Emory University. She is completing (slowly) her doctorate in Conducting at USC.

David Cole, Accompanist – David is a professional musician originally from North Carolina and is a new resident of Milledgeville. He holds Church Music degrees in Organ and Voice from Furman and Samford Universities. David currently serves as Minister of Music at Hardwick Baptist Church.

Maria DeBacco, Accompanist – Maria currently teaches piano and is an accompanist at GC&SU. She received her BM and MM in Piano Performance from Memphis State University in Tennessee. Maria also currently is the pianist and organist at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in Macon.

About the group…. Our singers come from all walks of life and give their time each Monday evening for the love of singing. Last year, the group performed Vivaldi’s Gloria and portions of Handel’s Messiah with a small orchestra during the holiday season. In the spring, the ensemble gave a poetry recital and sang half of Brahms’s ein Deustches Requiem We hope to increase our size and that you will consider singing with us! Spring rehearsals will be Mondays from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Contact Caroline Carson at choralmusicrules@hotmail.com or call (478) 453-2646 for more information.
**Jolly Old St. Nicholas**

Jolly old Saint Nicholas,
Lean your ear this way!
Don't you tell a single soul
What I'm going to say;
Christmas Eve is coming soon;
Now, you dear old man,
Whisper what you'll bring to me;
Tell me if you can.

When the clock is striking twelve,
When I'm fast asleep,
Down the chimney broad and black,
With your pack you'll creep;
All the stockings you will find
Hanging in a row;
Mine will be the shortest one,
You'll be sure to know.

Johnny wants a pair of skates;
Susy wants a sled;
Nellie wants a picture book;
yellow, blue, and red;
Now I think I'll leave you to
What to give the rest;
Choose for me, old Santa Claus,
You will know the best.

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

**Jingle Bells**

Dashing through the snow,
in a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
laughing all the way. (ha ha ha)
Bells on bob-tails ring,

**CAROL SING**

making spirits bright, What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.

**Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way! O what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. (hey!)**

**Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way! O what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!**

A 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;
He got into a drifted bank and we got upset.

Oh.....Jingle bells...

**The Christmas Song**

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
Jack Frost nipping at your nose
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir
And folks dressed up like Eskimos.

Everybody knows a turkey and some
Mistletoe help to make the season bright.
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow will find it hard to sleep tonight.

They know that Santa's on his way!
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh.
And ev'ry mother's child is gonna spy to see if reindeer really know how to fly.

And so, I'm offering this simple phrase - to kids from one to ninety-two. Altho' it's been said, many times, Many ways; "Merry Christmas to you"

**Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Let your heart be light. From now on our troubles will be out of sight.
Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Make the Yule-tide gay,
From now on, our troubles will be miles away.

Here were are as in olden days,
happy golden days of yore.

Faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to us once more.

Through the years we all will be together if the Fates allow.
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough and have yourself - a merry little Christmas now.

**Deck the Halls**

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us,
Fa la la...
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa la la...
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la...
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,
Fa la la...

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la...
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la...
Sing we joyous, all together,
Fa la la...
Headless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la, la la la la!

**Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer**

Rudolf, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolf play in any reindeer games.
Then one foggy Christmas eve Santa came to say:
"Rudolf with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then all the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee:
"Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!"
Silver Bells

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks
dressed in holiday style.
In the air there's a feeling
of Christmas
Children laughing, people passing,
Meeting smile after smile-
and on ev'ry street corner you'll hear:

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them sing
Soon it will be Christmas day

Strings of street lights Even stop lights
Blink a bright red and green
As the shoppers rush
home with their treasures

Hear the snow crunch, See the kids bunch,
this is Santa's big scene;
And above all this bustle, You'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
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Let it Snow!

Oh, the weather outside is frightful,
But the fire is so delightful,
And since we've no place to go,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

It doesn't show signs of stopping,
And I brought some corn for popping;
The lights are turned way down low,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

When we finally say good night,
How I'll hate going out in the storm;
But if you really hold me tight,
All the way home I'll be warm.

The fire is slowly dying,
And, my dear, we're still good-bye-ing,
But as long as you love me so.
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy
soul -
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
and two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale they say
He was made of snow, but the children

know how he came to life one day.
There must have been some magic in that
old silk hat they found -
For when they placed it on his head,
he began to dance around!

Ohhhhhhh.....
Frosty the snowman - was alive as he
could be!
And the children say he could laugh
and play just the same as you and me!

Thumpetty thump thump
thumpetty thump thump
Look at Frosty go,
Thumpetty thump thump
thumpetty thump thump
Over the hills of snow!

Frosty the snowman knew the sun was hot
that day…
So he said "Let's run and we'll have some
fun now before I melt away.
" Down to the village with a broomstick in
his hand -
Running here and there all around the
square saying
"Catch me if you can!"
He led them down the streets of town
right to the traffic cop, and he only paused
a moment when he heard him holler
"Stop!"
For Frosty the snow man
had to hurry on his way -
But he waved goodbye saying
"Don't you cry,
I'll be back again some day!"

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O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant,
Oh come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of
angels;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the
Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the
Lord.

Happy Holidays!