

RiverBells

SACRAMENTO

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a community handbell ensemble

Paul W. Allen, Music Director

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Presents Its

Annual Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 20, 2015

PRINCE OF PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

7501 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95823

3:00pm

MARCH OF THE KINGS

Le Marche des Rois of Georges Bizet (1838-1875)
arr. Valerie Stephenson (1996)

HERE WE COME A-WASSAILING

Traditional English carol
arr. Fred A. Merrett (1990)

FOLLOW THE STAR

including *Schönster Herr Jesu*

William E. Moats. (2000)
Silesian folk tune

O HOLY NIGHT

Cantique de Noël of Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
arr. Donald E. Allured (1981)

A CALYPSO CHRISTMAS

1. Joy to the World
2. The First Noël
3. O Little Town of Bethlehem
4. Angels We Have Heard On High

arr. Kevin McChesney (1998)

CATALONIAN CAROL OF THE BIRDS

Traditional Catalonian carol
arr. Carl Wiltse (1995)

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski (1987)

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

Tempus Adest Floridum from *Piae Cantionem 1582*
arr. Sandra Eithun (2002)

•INTERMISSION•

(10 minutes)

A SUITE OF FRENCH CAROLS

arr. Margaret R. Tucker (1982)

1. *Il est né, le divin enfant* (He Is Born, the Child Divine)
2. *Entre le boeuf et l'ane gris* (Here 'Mid the Ass and Oxen Mild)
3. *Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle* (Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella)

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Cranham of Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson (2004)

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)
arr. John A. Behnke (1996)

WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT?

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)
LuAnn Radford, *Soprano* Sandi Walker-Tansley, *Alto*

TUXEDO JUNCTION

Erskine Hawkins, William Johnson, Julian Dash
and Glenn Miller (1904-1944)
arr. Paul W. Allen (2016)

THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU

Ray Noble (1903-1978)
arr. Paul W. Allen (2016)

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

from *The Messiah* (1741)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
arr. Kevin McChesney (2000)

The Ringers

Angie Barbosa Lydia Bredin Susan Coddington-Allen

Cheryl Crane John Harrison Scott McGlasson

LuAnn Radford Juli Rauskaskas Genele Rhoads

Karen Stewart Sandi Walker-Tansley Raquel Walkin

Sharon Wonder

and special thanks to

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We are very grateful for your attention during tonight's performance. This is an annual visit – every second Sunday in December. We thank the administration, membership and friends of Prince of Peace Community Church for making us feel welcomed. This is also a free concert. However a portion of your *donation* tonight will benefit the *South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership* (SSIP) Food Closet. A contribution of \$5 per person would be considered appropriate. RiverBells SACRAMENTO is an independent adult consort of handbell experiences and experiments (a CA non-profit and tax-exempt corporation). We are an open choir. If you ring and would like to apply for membership, contact us through our website. If you *don't* ring but would like to learn, we will be glad to commence a beginner's class. Our mission is to perform original music composed idiomatically for the English handbell choir, *and* to feature swing (Big Band) sounds on this unique percussion instrument. We hope this lifts up, thrills, and challenges both ringers and audiences. If you'd like to be on our mailing list, fill out the tri-folded, color brochure and take the stub as a record of your visit with us. If you want to initiate a contract for a performance at nearly any location, contact the director through the website.