



Presents

Our Holiday Gift to You...
Wrapped in Love & Hope for the New Year!



This program is fondly dedicated to the memory of Ken Fisher & Doug Simpson, beloved Chorale members and former Board Presidents.



Introduction ..... JoEllen Nikkel, Chorale Member
Welcome from our Board President ..... Trevor Girten
Here We Come A-Caroling ..... Traditional
arr. by Molly Ijames
flute: Renee Posey; violin: Elizabeth Ho

Here we come a-caroling amid the falling snow;
We gather on your door step with faces all aglow.

(Chorus) Love and joy come to you, and to you glad Christmas too;
May God bless you and send you a happy new year.

We bring you simple melodies to warm the winter night,
We bring you happy tidings to fill your heart with light. (Chorus)

God bless this house at Christmas time with all the season's best;
Your fam'ly round the fireside, your home and heart at rest. (Chorus)

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The Most Wonderful Time of the Year..... Eddie Pole & George Wyle
arr. by Kirby Shaw

Special Message..... Margaret Beardall, Chorale Member

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Carol of the Bells (Ukrainian Carol) .....Music by M. Leontovich
Words and arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky

Hark! how the bells; sweet silver bells, all seem to say "Throw cares away."
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer, to young and old, meek and the bold.
Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling.

One seems to hear, words of good cheer, from ev'rywhere, filling the air.  
O how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale, telling their tale.  
Gaily they ring, while people sing, songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!  
On, on they send, on without end, their joyful tone, to ev'ry home.

**Introduction and Invitation ..... Brian Patrick Leatherman**

**Sleigh Ride..... Words by Mitchell Parish  
Music by Leroy Anderson  
arr. by Hawley Ades  
percussion: Benjamin Johnson and Ryan Smith**

**White Christmas.....Irving Berlin  
arr. by Mac Huff  
bass: Michael Dunnington; percussion: Ryan Smith**

The sun is shining, the grass is green, the orange and palm trees sway:  
There's never been such a day in Beverly Hills, L.A.  
But it's December the twenty-fourth, and I am longing to be up north.

*Please join us in singing the following in bold print*

**I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, just like the ones I used to know.  
Where the treetops glisten and children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow.**

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas with every Christmas card I write.  
May your days be merry and bright. And may all your Christmases be white.

**Special Message..... Ron Lester, Chorale Member**

**Introduction .....William White**

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**The Wexford Carol..... Traditional  
arr. by Bob Chilcott**

**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer .....Johnny Marks  
arr. by Deke Sharon**



**That's Christmas to Me ..... Words & Music by Scott Hoying  
& Kevin Olusola  
arr. by Katy Clark and Penny Clark**

**Special Message ..... Laura Schulkind, Collaborator**

**Special Message..... Vickie & Jim Jones, Collaborators**

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**White Is in the Winter Night .....Enya Brennan,  
Nicky Ryan, Roma Ryan  
arr. by Andrew Halladay**

Have you seen the mistletoe? It fills the night with kisses.  
Have you seen the bright new star? It fills your heart with wishes.  
Have you seen the candlelight? It shines from every window.  
Have you seen the moon above? It lights the sky in silver.

**Chorus:** Green is in the mistletoe and red is in the holly,  
Silver in the stars above that shine on everybody.

Gold is in the candlelight and crimson in the embers.  
White is in the winter night that everyone remembers.

Have you heard the boys all sigh when all the girls are skating?  
Have you heard the sweetheart's cry for all this time they're waiting?

Have you seen the children playing? Tiny hands are frozen!  
Have you seen them hurry home when suddenly its snowing!

Have you heard that bells are ringing, ringing out their story?  
Have you heard the choir singing? Glory! Glory! Glory!

**Winter Lullaby .....PINKZEBRA**

When the winter snow meets the world below, painting fields of white in the evening light,  
I will sing my song and it won't be long till you're sleeping through the night.

In my arms you'll be safe from the cold. And the warmth of my love will surround you.  
By your side I'll stay till you drift away to my winter lullaby.

Though the winds may blow over hills of snow, and the frost may bite in the winter night.  
You will find your place in my warm embrace, and your dreams will soon take flight.

Another season passes on its way. Another day has come and gone away.  
But always know my love is here to stay. Forever in my heart.

Too soon for me the years go swiftly by. One day the time will come for you to fly.  
You'll dream about your life and so will I. The world can wait and see, for now you're here with me.

**Go Tell It On the Mountain ..... Spiritual  
arr. by Rosephanye Powell  
soloist: Barbara Wollan**

**Introduction ..... Brian Patrick Leatherman**

**Hanukkah Scherzo .....Dean Rishel**

Spin, spin, dreidel, dreidel, spin. Little dreidel spin this Hanukkah night.  
Light up the candles, one on the first night, two, the second. Light up, light up the candles.  
Every day we light one more. Light, we'll light up all the candles.

Light them, see the shining candlelight.  
Time to remember, sing of the miracle, Sing of the oil lamp that burned through the darkest night.  
Come, dance the Hora, dance in a circle spinning faster, 'round and 'round.

Light the menorah! Now is the time of Hanukkah.  
Eight candles shining in the night. Light the menorah! Eight little candles shining bright.  
Eight bright candles in the night, burning bright. Tell us the story, sing of the miracle.  
Light the menorah. This is the festival. Sing out and tell the story. Sing out for Hanukkah!  
Bim, bom, bim, bom, Light eight candles for Hanukkah.

**Ocho Kandelikas ..... Ladino Song for Chanukah by Flory Jagoda**

*sung in Ladino*

**arr. by Joshua Jacobson**

**soloists: Lyn Simmons and Chris Stille; guitar: Robby Kleber  
percussion: Ryan Smith, Donna Frederickson, and Julie Tobin**

Beautiful Chanukah is here, eight candles for me.  
One candle, two candles, three candles, four candles  
Five candles, six candles, seven candles, eight candles for me.  
I will give many parties with happiness and pleasure.  
I will eat the little pies with almonds and honey.

**Special Message.....Rohn Goldstein, Volunteer**

**Special Message.....Julie & Dan Meyer, Volunteers**

**See Amid the Winter's Snow..... Words by Edward Caswall**

**Music by John Goss**

**arr. by Dan Forrest**

**percussion: Ryan Smith**



Alleluia! See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

**Chorus:** Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,  
He, who throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.



**Special Message.....Matthew Haynes of Sparks Financial, Sponsor**

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**Closing Words and Invitation..... Brian Patrick Leatherman**

**Night of Silence..... Daniel Kantor**

**arr. by John Ferguson**

**organ: William White**

Cold are the people, Winter of life,  
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,  
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, Flowers that will echo the sunrise,  
Fire of hope is our only warmth, Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night, On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,  
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly, Rumors of a dawn so embracing,  
Breathless love awaits darkened souls, Soon will we know of the morning,

Spirit among us, Shine like the star, Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,  
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,  
Star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

*Please join us in singing Silent Night during the last verse.*

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

**Closing Credits: Sleigh Ride ..... Leroy Anderson**

**arr. by Michael Edwards**

**Piano Duet: Cindy Runkel and Debbie Johnson**





## Cherry Creek Chorale Artistic Staff



Artistic Director and Conductor, **Brian Patrick Leatherman**, has been with Chorale since 1995. During his tenure, the Chorale has doubled in size and greatly expanded its repertoire and collaborative activities. A retired music educator and very active choral conductor, he and Chorale accompanist Cindy Runkel have formed the Highlands Ranch Encore Chorale and the South Suburban Encore Chorale, non-auditioned daytime choirs for adults “55 and better,” providing a professionally run choral experience highlighting the social, physical, and mental benefits of choral singing. Brian is an active choral clinician and adjudicator who has appeared as soloist with numerous choirs and orchestras including the Robert Shaw Festival Singers and the Robert Shaw Festival Chorus. Prior posts include directorship of the Pueblo Choral Society and the Douglas County Children’s Chorus.



Associate Conductor and Director of The CherryTones, **William White**, is a Minnesota native and the Director of Vocal Music and Tri-M Chapter Sponsor at D’Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School. William graduated magna cum laude with All-College Honors from St. John’s University with a BA in Music - Piano Performance, and received his MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Kentucky. He has accompanied honor choirs, reading sessions, festivals, and musicals with ACDA-MN, Kentucky Music Educators Association, The Lexington Theatre Company, and most recently accompanied the High School Honor Choir at the combined Central and North-Central ACDA Regional Convention in Chicago, IL.



Principal Accompanist and Executive Director, **Cindy Runkel**, has been with the Chorale since 2009. Cindy began musical training with her father while in kindergarten, then studied with Elizabeth Pastor, concert pianist and faculty member at The Cleveland Institute of Music. She served as accompanist for her award-winning high school choral program and received multiple college scholarships, including a full piano scholarship to Miami University (OH), where she accompanied and sang in multiple ensembles, performed in two European concert tours, and graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Cindy and her Co-Founder, Brian Leatherman, are celebrating Season #6 of their two 5280+ Encore Chorales for singers "55 and better".



Assistant Accompanist and Director of The CherryTones, **Debbie Johnson**, grew up playing Beethoven & Chopin and singing Rodgers & Hammerstein! She has taught music and drama in both Denver and Tucson. Previously, she worked with two non-profits in India and founded/directed DenverWorks, an inner-city jobs program. She did graduate work at the University of Denver and received her Masters in Music Education in Arkansas. She loves the artistry, excellence, and FUN of the Cherry Creek Chorale!

**Program Design .....Jenny Bock**



## The Cherry Creek Chorale



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### In Memoriam

Ken Fisher

Doug Simpson





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