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- Irene Kufner - irenek@northvalleysymphony.org

A Letter from the President



Welcome to North Valley Symphony Orchestra's "Musical Gifts for Christmas" concert! This time of year is enriched by so many traditions; beautifully decorated trees, the spirit of giving, and cookie baking. Many of those traditions are accompanied by music, both religious and secular. The sounds of sleigh bells jingling or sugar plum fairies dancing gets everyone in the spirit of the season! People of many varied faiths enjoy Christmas music, even though they are not celebrating the religious

holiday. In fact, many of the most beloved Christmas songs were written by Jewish composers and lyricists, including White Christmas, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and The Most Wonderful Time of the Year! This year, more than ever, we celebrate more than just the holiday, but the bringing together of families, friends, and members of our community for the shared experience of music and merriment. The festive atmosphere warms my heart as people visit with Santa and sing along with Christmas carols. This year that opportunity for a shared community musical experience is especially treasured.

Music is our gift to you this Christmas, just like the Little Drummer Boy in the classic carol. Our own NVSO Drummer Boys and Girls are playing on timpani and a bass drum that we had to purchase this year after losing access to school instruments due to COVID. We anticipate expanding our percussion purchases to include xylophone, marimba, or vibraphone in the near future! These are expensive purchases for us, but it is an exciting next step for us and will allow us to explore new rehearsal and performance venues, bringing music to new audiences in our community. If you would like to help offset these costs you can make a donation by texting DRUMS to 623-400-1667. We are so thankful for the support we receive from our community, our musicians, and our families, so this concert is dedicated to you...our supporters..."A Musical Gift for Christmas" from your North Valley Symphony Orchestra!

Liz Galpin



Biographies



Kevin Kozacek, Music Director

Originally from Colorado, Kevin Kozacek graduated from the University of Northern Colorado, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education with an emphasis in choral conducting, under the tutelage of Dr. Howard Skinner. Mr. Kozacek received both his Master of Arts and Master of Music degrees from Northern Arizona University, studying orchestral conducting under Dr. Nicholas Ross and Dr. Daniel O'Bryant. He has additionally studied conducting under Maestros Lawrence Golan, Don Thulean, Apo Hsu, Harold Farberman, Raymond

Harvey, and Zvonimir Hacko. Mr. Kozacek has guest-conducted orchestras in Kiev, Ukraine, and Krasnoyarsk, Russia, and been invited to conduct workshops and high school honor orchestras in local Arizona school districts. Mr. Kozacek has taught public school music in grades K-12, and directed theater, instrumental ensembles, and choral groups in churches and communities in England, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas, and Arizona. He was the founding Artistic Director for ProMusica Arizona Chorale & Orchestra where he served for 9 years. In 2012, Mr. Kozacek was invited to serve as the founding Music Director for North Valley Symphony Orchestra, and was appointed as the Music Director and Conductor for Verde Valley Sinfonietta in Sedona, AZ in 2017.



Ellen Hansbury, Concertmaster

Ellen began studying the violin at the age of four. At the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music, she went on to major in violin performance under the direction of Kurt Sassmannshaus. Ellen later earned her MBA from UC and decided to pursue a career in marketing. With a strong passion for music and performing, she continued to play in community orchestras. Ellen joined NVSO in 2015 and thoroughly enjoys the musicianship and sense of community this organization brings. When she's not playing the violin, Ellen explores

the outdoors with her husband and their pups Stella and Samson.

Audience "Sing-Along" Lyrics



Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing.



Deck the Hall

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa, la, la...
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa, la, la...
Don we now our gay apparel, fa, la, la...
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, 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...
Heedless of the wind and weather, fa, la, la...



God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.



Now to the Lord sing praises, and you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.



Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.



In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod, which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure wealth or rank possessing
Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.



Audience "Sing-Along" Lyrics

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

The First Noel

The first Noel, the Angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Silent Night

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.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing a sleighing song tonight!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.
- REPEAT -

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels,
O come let us adore Him (x 3), Christ the Lord.



“Musical Gifts for Christmas”

Kevin Kozacek - Conductor



Brian Balmages

A Festive Fanfare

Various
arr. Robert Sheldon

A Most Wonderful Christmas

Paul O'Neill, Robert Kinkel
arr. Bob Phillips
Paul O'Neill, arr. Bob Phillips

(as performed by Trans-Siberian Orchestra)

Wizards in Winter
Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24
Dreams of Fireflies (On a
Christmas Night)

Paul O'Neill, Robert Kinkel,
Tchaikovsky
arr. Bob Phillips

A Mad Russian's Christmas
Violin Soloist - Ellen Hansbury

J.E. Spillman, Martin Luther
arr. Robert Smith

A Christmas Hymn (Til Morning
is Nigh)

Leroy Anderson

Sleigh Ride
Conductor - Santa Claus

20-Minute Intermission

Various
arr. Marc Allison

A Christmas Festival Medley

Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky

Nutcracker Suite No. 1, Op. 71a

Leroy Anderson

A Christmas Festival
Vocal Soloist - Tracy Petersen
Sing-along text provided on p. 10 -11

Adult Orchestra

First Violin

Ellen Hansbury +
Beth Chiarenza ^
Asusena Aparicio-
Valles
Pearl N.M. Bailey
Gabrielle Getty
Kaitlyn Golden
Christian Ortega
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Harp

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Personnel listed
alphabetically
after principal or
concertmaster
+ Concertmaster
^ Assistant
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* Principal
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NVSO Youth Programs

Did you know that North Valley Symphony Orchestra operates three youth ensembles in addition to the adult orchestra? North Valley Symphonettes (beginning ensemble), North Valley Youth Strings (intermediate ensemble), and North Valley Youth Orchestra (advanced ensemble).

We currently have 55 student musicians in our programs. Do you know a student musician who might be interested in joining us? Youth auditions for the Spring Semester are due on December 21st! Please check the NVSO website under the "Join Us" tab for more details!

Each year, students are invited to participate in the Summerford Concerto Competition for the opportunity to win a hand-crafted violin or viola generously donated by local luthier Jody Summerford. Since we were unable to hold the competition during COVID, Dr. Summerford will be awarding 2 instruments this year (for a total of 10 instruments since our founding), in addition to providing instruments for our Silent Auction.

NVSO believes that financial need should not be an obstacle to participation in a focused and disciplined study of music, so financial aid is available through the LEMM fund. To help support the NVSO youth programs visit www.northvalleysymphony.org or text YOUTH to 623-400-1667.



The photos include:

1. Summer Camp, 2021
2. Gabrielle Lorenc, 1st Summerford Competition winner, 2013
3. Holiday youth outreach concert at Help in Healing Home, 2019
4. First Youth Ensemble Bassist, 2013
5. Youth Strings concert, 2019

NVSO Community Outreach Programs

NVSO musicians love to bring music out into the community! Over our 10 concert seasons, youth and adult outreach musicians have performed in locations all over the Valley of the Sun, including senior living facilities, rehab facilities, bank lobbies, City Hall, Gompers and various malls. We even had a Flash Mob performance. We especially love going into the assisted living and memory care facilities. The power of music to connect with people is truly remarkable!

One of our favorite performances for the past several years has been a concert for the elementary school students in the Wickenburg Unified School District. This year, a group of 35 musicians performed on November 23rd, reaching 770 students! Lucky students got to come on stage to dance the Can-Can with Kevin Kozacek or to conduct the orchestral!

In addition to musical outreach, NVSO helps support other non-profits through events like volunteer days or food/toy drives at our concerts.



Clockwise from left: NVSO musicians performing at Life Care Center and National Bank of Arizona, Donating face masks to the Navajo and Hopi COVID-19 Relief Fund, Board members volunteering at Youth for troops, musicians performing at Lincoln Learning Center, a student conducting during the 2021 Wickenburg concert.

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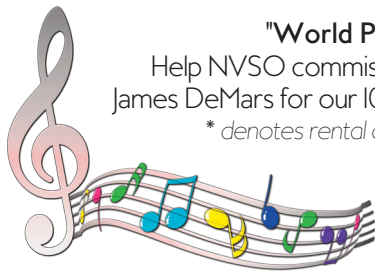
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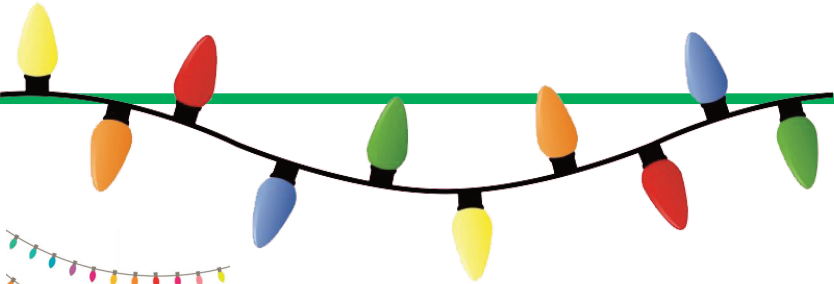




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