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A Letter from the President



Thank you for joining North Valley Symphony Orchestra as we celebrate “Holidays Around the World.” Every year we look forward to our community coming together in joyful spirits for our annual holiday concert. This year we are celebrating Christmas around the World, Hanukkah, New Years Eve and the Lunar New Year through music!

I am personally very excited to be performing *Angels’ Dance* by Steven Amundson. The piece was composed for the St. Olaf Christmas Festival, an annual musical celebration combining the St. Olaf College orchestra, handbells, and 5 choirs! I fondly remember participating in the St. Olaf Christmas Festival as a student in the orchestra, where Steven Amundson was my orchestra conductor, and my conducting and instrumentation professor. The shared experience of all of the musicians and the audience coming together through music to share the joy of the season was truly magical. We hope that you experience a little bit of that magic this evening!

Remember to take time this holiday season to treasure your friends and family and the time you have together. Be Merry, Be Bright. And take time to remember good times and longstanding friendships even if you may not be able to be together. “Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?” Whichever holidays you may be celebrating at this time of year, may you find great joy in the season.

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 has served as Artistic Director for ProMusica Arizona Chorale and Orchestra in Phoenix, and Music Director for the Verde Valley Sinfonietta in Sedona. In 2012, Mr. Kozacek was invited to serve as the founding Music Director for North Valley Symphony Orchestra. Kevin and his wife Cindy have two grown sons, Matt and Chris, and four grandchildren, Audrey, Owen Zeke and Sylvee.



Ellen Hansbury, Concertmaster

Ellen began studying the violin at the age of four. At the College Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, 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.

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Holidays Around The World

Conductor - Kevin Kozacek

Andrew Wainwright

A Joyful Noel

(written in the Celtic style)
"Joy to the World" (England)
"The First Noel" (Cornwall)

Repertoire sponsored by June and Todd Byers

Traditional arr. Chase

Around the World at Christmas Time

"O Tannenbaum" (Germany)
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (Poland)
"What Child Is This?" (England)
"O Sanctissima" (Roman Catholic)
"Whence Comes the Rush of Wings?" (France)
"Go Tell it on the Mountain" (Afro-American)

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Traditional arr. Heinecke

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Spring Festival Overture (China)
(written to celebrate the Lunar New Year)

Traditional arr. Smith

African Holy Night

(arrangement in the African style)
"O Holy Night" (France)

Leroy Anderson

Sleigh Ride (America)

- 20 Minute Intermission -



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Holidays Around The World

cont.

Percy Faith arr. Conley

Brazilian Sleigh Bells (America)
(written in the Brazilian samba style)

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Steven Amundson

Angels' Dance (America)
(written with a Latin-American rhythm)

Repertoire sponsored by Liz and Mike Galpin

Traditional arr. Wainwright

Huron Carol (Canada)

Repertoire sponsored by the Pye Family

Traditional arr. Holcombe

Festive Sounds of Hanukkah (Jewish)

“Maoz Tsur” (Rock of Ages)

“Mi Y' Malel” (Who Can Retell)

“Hanukkah, Hanukkah”

“My Dreidel”

“S'Vivon” (My Dreidel)

“Hanukkah, O Hanukkah”

Serge Prokofieff
arr. Lloyd-Jones

Troika (Russia)

Repertoire sponsored by Nora Welsh

Bill Holcombe

Fantasy on Auld Lang Syne (Scotland)

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Leroy Anderson

A Christmas Festival

(Sing-a-long lyrics on pages 12-13)

“Joy to the World” (England)

“Deck the Hall” (Wales)

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” (England)

“Good King Wenceslas” (Czechoslovakia)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (England)

“The First Noel” (Cornwall)

“Silent Night” (Germany)

“Jingle Bells” (America)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (England)

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.

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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.

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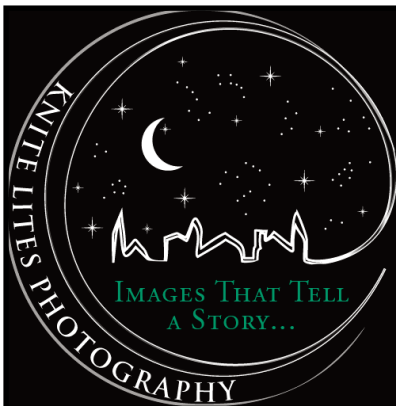
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