

— THE LYNN THEATRE —

The Tyler Chorus Ensemble Presents

Sing Noel!



A Holiday Concert

**Directed by Dr. David Guthrie
Justin Lee, accompanist**

December 10, 2021

Tyler is
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Tyler Chorus Ensemble, Fall 2021

Prelude Holiday Medley

Sam Robinson, piano

I "Wondrous Noel"

Noel! Sing Noel! Traditional French Carol
Arranged by Audrey Snyder

Enatus est Emmanuel Michael Praetorius
from *Musae Sioniae* (1609)

Emmanuel is born, the Lord,
Whom Gabriel foretold, the Lord,
He is the Lord, our Saviour.

Here He lies in a manger, the Lord
The Infant to be worshipped, the Lord,
He is the Lord, our Saviour.

This light has risen today, the Lord,
From the Virgin Mary, the Lord
He is the Lord, our Saviour.

O Magnum Mysterium Evan Ramos

O great mystery,
And wonderful sacrament,
That animals should see
The newborn Lord
Lying in a manger
O great mystery. Amen

“Adeste Fidelis” Franz Liszt
from *Weihnachtsbaum*, S. 186

Justin Lee, piano solo

Excerpt from *Hamlet*, Act. I scene 1. Shakespeare

Ashley Shepherd

A La Nanita Nana. Traditional Spanish Carol
Arranged by Dan Davison

Christian Burroughs, guitar and Daquan Hill, viola

To the little baby
My Jesus is sleeping
Blessed He will be
A little fountain that runs, clear and sonorous
The mockingbird who in the woods is singing out, calls
Hush, while the cradle rocks.
To the little baby.

(Repeats)

Rise Up Shepherd Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by Philip Kern

Daniel Douglas, soloist

II

“Winter Noet”

- Excerpt from “An Iowa Christmas” Paul Engle
Adapted by David Guthrie
Sam Sanders
- The Sleigh Richard Kountz
Arranged by W. Riegger
- “The First Snow” Eileen Spinelli
Hayley Brown
- Snow. Kenneth Riggs
(Poem by Henry Wordsworth Longfellow)
- Let It Snow! Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne
Arranged by Mark Hayes

III

“Joyous Noet”

- The Christmas Song. Mel Tormé and Robert Wells
Cassie Cipolla, vocal solo
- Jingle Bells J. Pierpont
Arranged by Audrey Snyder
- “Fra. Giovanni’s Salutation” Attributed to Fra. Giovanni Giocondo
from “A Letter to Contessina Allagia Dela Aldobrandeschi”
(Written Christmas Eve, 1513)
Sam Sanders, Ashley Shepherd,
and Hayley Brown
- Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. Hugh Martin
and Ralph Blane
Arranged by Mac Huff

Tyler Chorus Ensemble Personnel

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Karielle Belski*	Kelanie Belski	Christian Burroughs	Geo Castellanos
Madi Crooker	Cassie Cipolla	Samuel Robinson	Daniel Douglas
Ashley Thompson		Szechariah Wagstaff	Daquan Hill
			Davis Robertson

*Community Guest

DR. DAVID GUTHRIE currently serves as Associate Professor of Music at John Tyler Community College. In addition to directing the JTCC Chorus Ensemble, he teaches Music History, Music Appreciation, and Class Piano. Prior to moving to Virginia, he was active for several years as a choral director, organist, and piano instructor. He served for several years at the University of South Carolina Upstate (Spartanburg, SC), and also he taught at Converse College (Spartanburg, SC) and Spartanburg Community College.

He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Conducting from the University of South Carolina, a Master of Music degree in Music History from Converse College, and a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance from Bob Jones University.

He is the recipient of numerous awards including the William H. Nolte Outstanding Graduate Assistant Teaching Award from USC-Columbia, the “Doc’s List Award” from USC Upstate (chosen by the Student Government Association for “exemplary services, high degree of concern for and dedication to USC Upstate students”), and he was two-time winner of the Marguerite Nagle Berry Piano Scholarship as well as an Honors Recitalist at Bob Jones University.

His professional memberships include The American Guild of Organists, The American Choral Director’s Association, and the “Rho” Chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda; a National Music Honors Society. Dr. Guthrie is originally from Hillsborough, NC; but he is pleased to call central VA his new home.

JUSTIN LEE is an American pianist, pedagogue, and composer. A native of Richmond, VA, Mr. Lee has performed throughout the southeast. He holds two degrees in piano performance – a Bachelor of Music from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Music from University of North Carolina School of the Arts. His past teachers include Dr. Yin Zheng (VCU) and Dr. Dmitri Shteinberg (UNCSA).

In addition to his solo experience, Mr. Lee has worked extensively with vocalists in a collaborative role. Mr. Lee currently serves as an adjunct music instructor and accompanist at John Tyler Community College's Midlothian Campus. Along with his duties at JTCC, he also maintains an ever-growing private piano studio at Rhapsody Piano and Guitar in Glen Allen, VA.

CASSIE CIPOLLA is a classically trained mezzo-soprano in the Richmond area. She received her Bachelor of Music from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2013, and her Master of Music from University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2017, both with a concentration in vocal performance. She is a staff singer at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, and is on faculty at the University of Lynchburg, John Tyler Community College, and University of Richmond. When she's not singing or teaching, she can be found knitting, running, or taking her dog, Frasier, out for walks with her husband, Chris.

ASHLEY SHEPHERD is currently enrolled in the Theatre AFA Program. Regarding her time at JTCC, she says, "I've gained a lot of growth in my skills from the classes I've been blessed with the opportunity to take. The professors I've been fortunate enough to have are helping me direct my passion into a pathway, and I'm forever grateful for it. Performance has always held a place in my heart. I love holiday performances especially, and I hope you all enjoy this one."



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SAM SANDERS is currently majoring in theatre. He plans to complete the AFA degree and then transfer to VCU and enroll in the BFA program. He is considering an MFA after he completes his undergraduate degree. Concerning his future plans, he says “My hopes and dreams are to be an actor, producer, creator, entertainer, the whole realm of being a creator. I think eventually I will leave Virginia and move to a state that caters specifically for theatre or film.” Until then, he enjoys “making connections and learning as much as possible at the stage I am at in my life.”

HALEY BROWN is currently attending John Tyler to obtain an Associates of Fine Arts degree in the Theater/Acting program. In the future, she hopes to finish the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and take that to Film acting or Broadway!

The directors and members of the Tyler Chorus Ensemble would like to extend their gratitude and appreciation to the following individuals for their support and assistance with tonight's event:

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