

“A Ceremony of Carols”

Hodie, Christus Natus Est	J.P. Sweelinck (1562 – 1621)
Dixit Maria	Hans Hassler (1562 – 1612)
Wexford Carol	arr. John Rutter (1945 -)
All My Heart Again Rejoices	R.D. Helvering (1977 -)
Jauchzet Frohlocket, from Weinachts Oratorio	J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)
O Magnum Mysterium	Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548 – 1611)
The 1st Noel	arr. Dan Forrest (1978 -)
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	arr. Jan Sandstrom (1954 -)
Candlelight Carol	John Rutter

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A Ceremony of Carols	Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1976)
Past Three A Clock	arr. John Rutter
Let it Snow!	arr. Mark Hansen
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	arr. Mark Hansen



Harpist/composer Josh Layne has been called a 'harp genius' and a 'consummate musician'. He has performed extensively across Canada, the US, and in Europe and South America and has recorded four CDs of solo harp music.

Layne started composing in 2005. His solo works for harp *Passage* (2005) and *Rhapsody* (2007) were both selected and performed at the Sonic Boom festival of new music in Vancouver. *Passage*, *Rhapsody*, and *Poem for solo harp* (2012) are all part of Layne's latest CD - "*Passage: music for solo harp*".

In the fall of 2010 Layne started a biweekly video series on YouTube called "Harp Tuesday" where he talks about various aspects of playing the harp - from your first lesson to in-depth looks at advanced music. His channel has now had over 750,000 views. Visit his website at www.joshlayne.com or find him on YouTube by searching for Josh Layne.

Josh resides in Victoria, BC.

Translations:

Hodie, Christus Natus Est
 Today Christ is born:
 Today the Savior appeared:
 Today on Earth the Angels sing,
 Archangels rejoice:
 Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
 Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

Jauchzet Frohlocket
 Celebrate, rejoice, rise up and praise these days,
 glorify what the Highest has done today!
 Abandon despair, banish laments,
 sound forth full of delight and happiness!
 Serve the Highest with glorious choruses,
 let us honor the name of the Supreme Ruler!

Dixit Maria
 Mary said to the Angel: I am the servant
 of the Lord, let it be done to me
 according to your word.

O Magnum Mysterium
 O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament
 that animals should see the newborn Lord,
 lying in their manger!
 Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy
 to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!



The Island Consort Chamber Choir began in spring of 2007 under the direction of Bruce Farquharson with just 9 singers when the choir gave its first concert at Brechin United Church. In the spring of 2017 the choir celebrates the 10th anniversary with a special concert featuring Gabriel Fauré's well-known Requiem. Works by Brahms, Copland, Gibbons, Chatman, and others are also on the program. Accompanists include members of the Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra.

Mark your calendars - May 7th at Brechin United Church, Nanaimo.
 Check the website www.islandconsort.ca

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From the Director



The Island Consort rarely performs a Christmas program but is pleased to present a variety of material from Christmases past and present, highlighted by Benjamin Britten's celebrated work, "A Ceremony of Carols". And for this we are privileged to have Victoria's Josh Layne to accompany us on harp. We begin our program, as usual, with Early Music, we extract a joyful movement from J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, we revel in Britten's Middle English lyrics and we leave you singing with a mix of Contemporary Christmas songs.

The Island Consort

Director: Bruce Farquharson

sopranos:

Mary Butt
Alison Dalton
Zinda FitzGerald
Rosemarie Sherban
Sharon Sinclair

basses:

Randall Donald
Robin FitzGerald
Doug Kamp
Robert Sinclair
Lionel Tanod

altos:

Alexsandra Brzozowski
Valerie Duthie
Solveig Farquharson
Linda Leonard
Catherine Staples

tenors:

Don Butt
James Duthie
Stephen Pilling

Accompanying Musicians

John Nelson Organ
Margaret Nelson Piano
Josh Layne Harp



The Island Consort

director Bruce Farquharson

presents

"A Ceremony of Carols"

Featuring harpist, Josh Layne

St Marks United Church, Qualicum Beach
Saturday December 3 at 2 PM

Brechin United Church, Nanaimo
Sunday December 4 at 7.30 PM

