

The Joy of Christmas

Hodie, Christus Natus Est	J.P. Sweelinck
O Magnum Mysterium	M. Lauridsen
Nesciens Mater	J. Mouton
Lully, Lulla , Lullay	P. Stopford
What Sweeter Music	J. Rutter
Gloria in Excelsis Deo	J. S. Bach

Intermission

O Come All Ye Faithful	J. F. Wade
descant: from Christmas Descants, Vol. 1.	R. Donald
Gaudete	S. Sametz
In the Bleak Midwinter	H. Darke
Candlelight Carol	J. Rutter
Ding, Dong Merrily	C. Wood
The First Noel	D. Forrest
Christmas Song	arr. C. Hultberg
It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year	arr. K. Shaw
Have Yourself a Merry Little Xmas	M. Hayes



The Island Consort

Director: Bruce Farquharson

sopranos:	altos:
Mary Butt	Patricia Armstrong
Susanne Clamptt	Courtney Blake
Zinda FitzGerald	Valerie Duthie
Kari Salvesen	Rebekka Haab
Rosemarie Sherban	Susan Lam
Mila Skeeles	Linda Leonard
Gail Smith	
Janette Sobkowicz	basses:
tenors:	Randall Donald
David Brown	Peter Farquharson
Don Butt	Robin FitzGerald
James Duthie	Doug Kamp
Kenton Shouldice	Liam Pistor
	Lionel Tanod

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.

Nesciens Mater
 Knowing no man, the Virgin mother bore,
 without pain, the Saviour of the world.
 Him, the king of angels, only the Virgin suckled, breasts filled by heaven.

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.

Gloria In Excelsis Deo
 Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gaudete
 Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary. Rejoice!
 Verse: At this time of grace and longed-for blessing,
 Love faithfully offers a song of praise.
 Refrain: God is made human in this wonderful birth:
 The world is cleansed through the rule of Christ.

Refrain: The gate of heaven now opens which to us was closed, sending forth transforming light through which holiness is found.
 Refrain: Therefore we meet in pure songs of joy;
 We bless the Lord, King of our Salvation.

Accompanists

Organ/Piano

Jenny Vincent

Bach Orchestra:

Violin I

Karl Rainer

Monica Morosan

Sandi Lyon

Violin II

Leslie Krull

Sonya Parkin

Ester Kovacova

Viola

Sarah Oliver

Karin Gerke

Cello

Hannah Wilson

Daniel Rainer

Contrabass

Brock Meades

Flute

Karen Janssen

Bonnie Stebbings

Oboe

Pippa Williams

Delane Peters

Trumpet

Nick Ross

Ed Wasiak

John Hamblett

Tympani

Jennifer Lehtovaara.

From the Director

The choral tradition of celebrating Christmas began in the 13th century and continues to this day. Hodie, Christus Natus Est is a Gregorian Chant from the early Middle Ages. Gaudete is recorded around 1420 in the Jistebnice hymnal (Bohemia). They both reflect the JOY of Christmas which we are pleased to gift to you, and they are a springboard to today's diversity of choral Christmas repertoire. This program offers the reflective and the effusive expressions of the many facets of Christmas, including the wonderful Cantata by J.S. Bach, Gloria in Excelsis Deo. For this the Island Consort is grateful to all the accompanying musicians who have come together in this seasonal celebration.



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