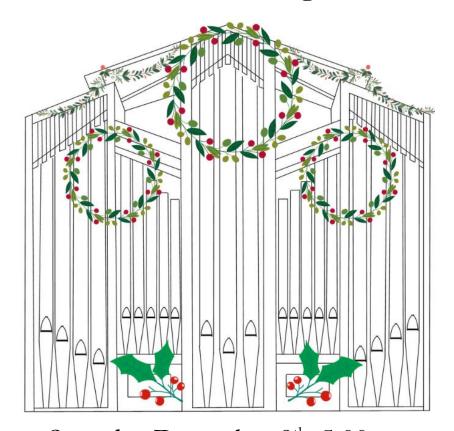
## Music at St. Dunstan's Presents

# Tidings of Joy

## A Festive Carol Celebration with Choir and Organ



Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm Cantamus, Seattle Girls Choir Alex Gagiu, Director Carol Banach, Organist

All are Welcome All are Fed All are Loved

## About the Performers





Founded in 1982, the Seattle Girls Choir, under the direction of Artistic Director Sarra Sharif Doyle, provides a comprehensive and progressive choral education with an emphasis on vocal technique, musical literacy, and ensemble performance. The choir regularly collaborates with

other Seattle area arts organizations and performs at some of the most prestigious national and international choral festivals and competitions. Choristers, ages 5-18, come to the Seattle Girls Choir to gain serious music skills, while having serious fun. The lessons learned from making great music in a group flow into the rest of life: teamwork, discipline and confidence help our singers accomplish anything they set their minds to. But also long lasting are the friendships, camaraderie and the joy that comes from achieving excellence. Cantamus, under the direction of Alex Gagiu, is made up of choristers primarily from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grades and more than half of these choristers have been in our program for five to seven years. www.seattlegirlschoir.org

Carol Banach has enjoyed a lifelong career as a professional musician in ministry, education and therapy. At present she serves St. Mary's Episcopal Church as Minister of Music/Organist. She founded and teaches at The Lark's Nest Music Studio and also teaches at Holy Names Academy. Carol graduated from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey with a BA in Arts and a Certification in Music Education. She studied conducting with Dr. Joseph Flummerfelt and



organ with Eugene Roan and Robert Carwithen, and sang with the Symphonic Choir with the New York Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta and Philadelphia Orchestra under Ricardo Muti. Carol lives in Ballard with her adorable 14 yr. old pup, Leela. When *not* creating music, she enjoys her flower garden, long walks out in nature, cooking and having adventures with her two daughters.



Alex Gagiu began his career with the Seattle Girls Choir in the year 2000. He was born in Romania, and has been living in the United States since 1986. He received his Bachelor in Music/Piano Performance from The Juilliard School (New York City) while studying with Seymour Lipkin. At the graduate level he majored in Choral Conducting under Dr. Joseph Flummerfelt at the Westminster Choir College (Princeton, New Jersey). Alex directs the Cantamus Choir. He also actively participates in the instruction of the SGC Music Theory. He teaches vocal and

choir in the Seattle School District and has been active as a church musician and piano teacher in the Seattle area since moving to the Northwest in 1994.



### Program

Please stand as able. The congregation is invited to join in from Verse 3.

#### Processional on "Once in Royal David's City"

Sophie Gerson, soloist

Festival Setting by Alice Jordan Verse 6 arr. David Willcocks



Soloist: Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir: He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

All: 3. And through all his wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

- 4. For he is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us he grew, He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew; And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.
- 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love, For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above; And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.
- 6. Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.

#### Adam lay ybounden I Wonder as I Wander

#### Words 15<sup>th</sup> century anonymous; Music by Boris Ord arr. John Rutter

Prepare the Royal Highway
Prelude on "Light One Candle to Watch
for Messiah" - Homage to César Franck
Carol Banach, organ

Charles W. Ore Wayne W. Wold

Lux Aeterna Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains Randall Stroope Felix Bartholdy Mendelssohn

Fanfare on Mendelssohn

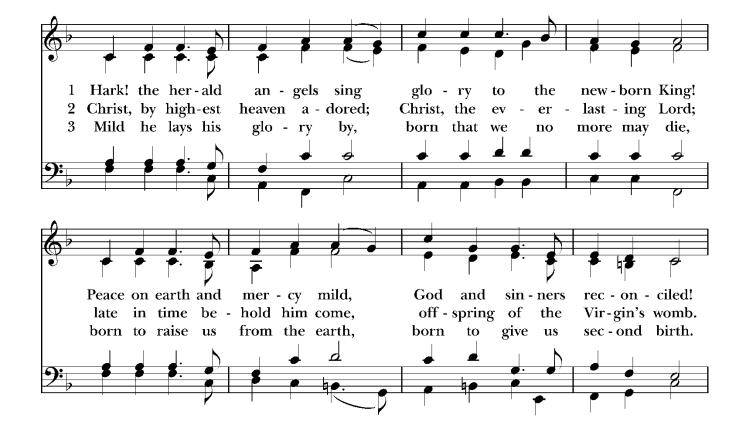
Alec Wyton

Carol Banach, organ

Please stand as able.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Verse 3 arr. David Willcocks





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

Listen

The Snow Carol (Still, Still, Still)

Reena Esmail arr. Audrey Snyder

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

setting, Aaron Shows

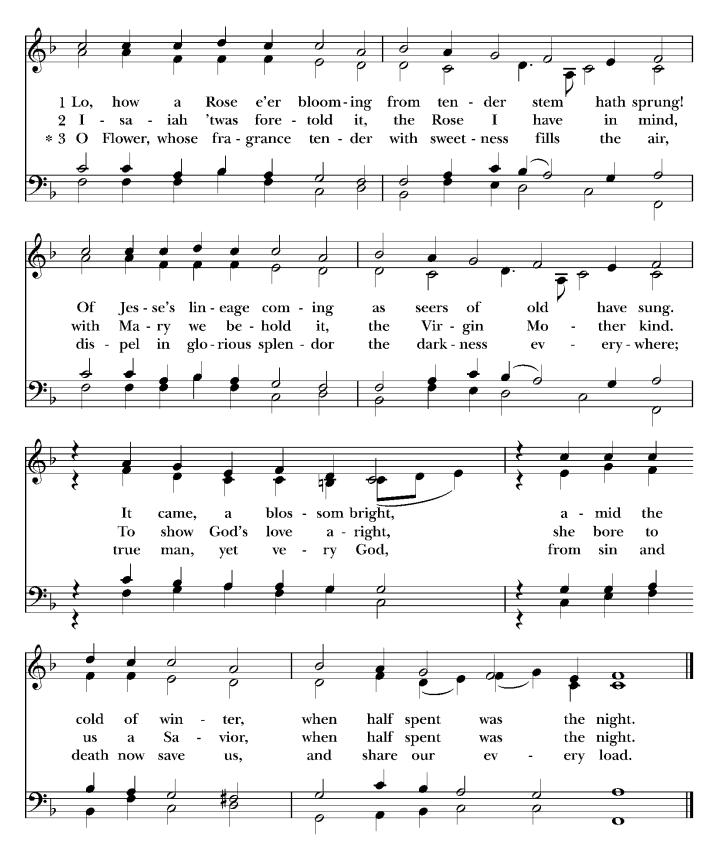
Carol Banach, organ

Please remain seated.

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Verse 2: Meditation – organ only

setting, Adrian Mann



Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859): tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*. St. 3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

#### Carol Banach, organ

Shepherd's Pipe Carol Star in the East John Rutter arr. Lauren Kastanas

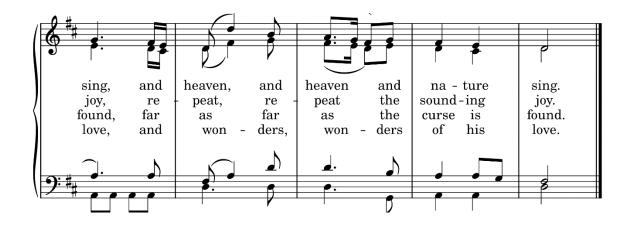
Joy to the World

setting, Wilbur Held

Carol Banach, organ

Please stand as able.





A New Year Carol Benjamin Britten

Bring a Torch!

setting, Keith Chapman, arr. Carol Banach



## Choristers

Cantamus Altos
Kirsten Brooker
Ava Fletcher
Isabelle Gargett
Sophie Gerson
Elena Hernandez
Ananya Iyer
Sophie Matesky
Elsa Peterson
Angelica Walker

Tenors	Basses
Orrin Doyle	Benjamin Harris
Joshua Haberman	Willimark Obenza

#### **Future Concerts**



## Sunday, March 3 at 3:00pm Reflection, Celebration and Rebirth

Michelle Huang and Erin Wight, a Seattle-based piano and viola duo, will present a special concert for a time of transition, as we move out of Winter and into the promise of Spring. Featuring a musical collaboration with organist Susanna Valleau, they will weave together perspectives and traditions from around the world, including works of Liszt, Gabriela Lena Frank, Adolphus Hailstork, and Ming-Hsiu Yen.

## Saturday, May 18 10:00am-12:00pm Masterclass with Stephen Price

Join us for a masterclass where local organ students will be coached by Dr. Stephen Price. This event is free and open to the community.

## Sunday, May 19 at 3:00pm Dr. Stephen Price in Concert

Organist Stephen Price closes out the 2023-2024 St. Dunstan's Concert Series. Dr. Price is the newly appointed organ professor at the University of Washington and is a sought-after performer and



adjudicator. As a performer, Dr. Price is known for his diverse programs, superbly and adeptly interpreted, that explore the full range of the organ's capabilities. His performance promises to leave a lasting impression for all music lovers.

## About the Organ

St. Dunstan's commissioned Ortloff Organ Company, LLC of Needham, MA in late 2018 to build a new pipe organ to replace the failing instrument that served the parish for over 40 years. St. Dunstan's chose Ortloff Organ Company because of the creative nature of the stop list and the incredible flexibility possible due to the instrument's electric action. Ortloff Opus 2 was completed and installed in the fall of 2020. The organ, with its dramatic dynamic range and color possibilities, exquisitely fulfills its many roles throughout worship: propelling congregational singing, accompanying choral anthems, serving as a duet partner with other instrumentalists, and shining as a solo instrument.

16 Bourdon (Extension, tenor C) 8 Stopped Diapason 8 Viola 8 Celeste (GG) 4 Principal 4 Spindle Flute	16 Bourdon 8 Diapason 8 Bourdon (Extension) 8 Stopped Diapason (Swell) 4 Octave (Extension)
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4 Spindle Flute	
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2 Flautino	8 Trumpet (Swell)
III Mixture	,
8 Trumpet	Great to Pedal
8 Oboe	Swell to Pedal
Tremolo	Great to Pedal 4
	Swell to Pedal 4
Swell 16	
Swell Off	
Swell 4	
	2 Flautino III Mixture 8 Trumpet 8 Oboe Tremolo Swell 16 Swell Off

All donations collected this evening will support the St. Dunstan's Music Fund, which makes musical events featuring our new organ possible. Recitalists can explore the organ's colors, broad dynamic range, and expressive voicing as a solo instrument and in partnership with others, sharing music both sacred and secular. The Fund will allow lecturers to share their passions on a specific subject, and enable masterclasses for musicians of all ages and abilities. We look forward to offering this resource, and the intimate setting of the St. Dunstan's space, with performers from across the nation and audiences from Shoreline and the Greater Seattle region.



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