# Chordiality

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# Chordiality Presents



## **A Classic Christmas**

Conducted by Ross Jelf

Guest Appearance: Jirani Singers And featuring Harpist Grace Kikuchi

Sunday 15 November 2015 2.30 pm St Andrew's Uniting Church Cnr Ann and Creek Streets, Brisbane

#### Welcome to Chordiality: A Classic Christmas

Chordiality is a community based choir of about 70 members which started rehearsing in February 2008. We are based in Indooroopilly and our membership is Brisbane-wide. We love to sing and enjoy each other's company. Chordiality's goals are to pursue choral excellence and have fun singing together.

Today's concert features a selection of favourite Christmas classics, highlighting Benjamin Britten's magnificent "Ceremony of Carols". With text from *The English Galaxy of Shorter Poems* it is written in Middle English. The piece was written in 1942 while Britten was at sea, going from the USA to England. We are delighted to welcome the Jirani Singers and Grace Kikuchi who join us today for this special program.

#### Christmas by Candlelight

Please also join us for our annual carols and Christmas party on Sunday 6 December at Toowong Uniting Church Hall, 82 Sherwood Rd. Toowong. From 4.30 – 6.30 Admission: donation to charity. Enjoy finger food while listening to beautiful music!



#### **Music Director - Ross Jelf**

Ross began conducting at 17 years of age and formally trained at UQ, receiving a Bachelor of Music and Education and a Graduate Certificate in Music Studies with Distinction. Before moving to the UK in 2009, Ross occupied himself conducting the Buderim Male Choir, the Sunshine Coast Choral Society, the Sacred Music Ensemble and Strings n Things Chamber Orchestra.

In London, Ross attended the Royal Academy of Music where he studied with many prominent choral directors and conducted professional choirs such as the BBC Singers. He graduated with a Master of Arts in Choral Conducting. Outside the Academy, Ross remained involved in community music and sang professionally with the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields and Southwark Cathedral. Ross now resides in Brisbane where he is the Musical Director of Pro Musica Singers, Chordiality, the University of Sunshine Coast Singers and Cantate Singers, as well being a Lay Clerk at St John's Cathedral.



#### Accompanist - Simon Carl

Simon Carl accompanies the choir. He completed a Bachelor of Music with Honours in voice, from the University of Queensland in 2004, and is the regular accompanist for several choirs. Simon brings a wealth of choral and vocal experience to his work as an accompanist.

#### **Guest Artists**

#### Jirani Singers

Jirani Singers is a community choir school based in Sherwood that offers singing classes to children aged 4 to 13 years. The classes are taught in four levels and our oldest three groups have combined for today's performance. Jirani's history started back in 1985 when it was originally called Imogen Children's Chorale and the first rehearsals were held in St Andrew's Church Indooroopilly, the same place that Chordiality uses now. Alisen McLeod is the director of Jirani Singers and has been associated with the group since its beginning when it was called Imogen. There are 5 core values that underpin the teaching at Jirani: welcoming, encouraging, playful, challenging and family. Jirani is a Swahili word that means neighbour and the choir is focused on involvement with the local



Community and including local children. In recent years we have performed at the popular Sherwood Street Festival and at the Sherwood State School Fete. This year our end of year performance will be a birthday celebration as Jirani turns 2 in December.

Alisen McLeod - Director

#### PROGRAM:

Chordiality with Iirani Singers (Matilda Weeks, solo)

Once in Royal David's City

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A Ceremony of Carols, op. 28

Benjamin Britten

1. Procession

2. Wolcum Yole!

3. There is no Rose

4. That Yongë Child and Bulalow

5. As Dew in Aprille

6. This little Babe

7. Interlude (harp solo)

8. In Freezing Winter Night

9. Spring Carol

10. Deo Gracias

11. Recession

Jirani Singers

This Little Light of Mine

Castle on a Cloud One Drop of Water

Ladybird

I Remember

**Chordiality with Jirani Singers** 

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

For Him All Stars Have Shone

Traditional spiritual

Claude-Michel Schönberg

Fay White Zoltán Kodály

Sarah Quartel

Harold Darke **Bob Chilcott** 

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Gaudete!

with Baritone Solo: Simon Carl

O Magnum Mysterium

Here is the Little Door

Grace Kikuchi

Movements from Children's Hour Suite

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For Unto Us a Child is Born

(from Messiah)

Gloria

(from Oratorio de Noël, op. 12)

The Three Kings

with Baritone Solo: Simon Carl

Sussex Carol

With Iirani Singers

**Tollite Hostias** (from Oratorio de Noël, op. 12) Pino Caniones (arr M E Dean)

Tomas Luis de Victoria

Herbert Howells

Marcel Tournier

G F Handel

Camille Saint-Saëns

Peter Cornelius (arr Ivor Atkins)

Traditional (arr David Willcocks)

Camille Saint-Saëns

#### **Guest Artist**



Grace Kikuchi - Harpist

Grace began studying harp at the age of three with Jacinta Dennete and is currently in her first year at the Oueensland Conservatorium under the tutelage of Sebastien Lipman. In 2009 at the age of 12, Grace was awarded the Grand Prize in Una Morgan's Harp Competition and also joined St Peters Symphony Orchestra, in harp and cello.

Grace has played as a guest orchestral player for QYS (2011 & 2015), QLD Pops, and has been playing with many community orchestras such as QKO (principal harpist since 2012) and for Ipswich Civic Orchestra.

Grace has been the recipient of the St Peters Cultural Excellence Award in Music consecutively from 2010-2014, and was selected as a finalist in the 2012 Performer of the Year Recital Competition. In 2013-2014 Grace was selected as a finalist for St Peters Performer of the Year Concerto Competition.

#### A Ceremony of Carols: the text

1. Procession

Hodie Christus natus est: hodie Salvator apparuit: hodie in terra canunt angeli: laetantur archangeli: hodie exsultant justi dicentes: gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum, Wolcum, Wolcum be thou hevenè king, Wolcum Yole! Wolcum, born in one morning Wolcum for whom we sall sing! Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon, Wolcum, innocentes everyone, Wolcum, Thomas marter one, Wolcum be ye, good Newe Yere, Wolcum, Twelfthe Day both in fere, Wolcum, seintes lefe and dere, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum! Candelmesse, Quene of bliss, Wolcum bothe to more and lesse. Wolcum, Wolcum, Wolcum be ye that are here.

Wolcum Yole, Wolcum alle and make good cheer. Wolcum alle another yere, Wolcom Yole Wolcum! 3. There is no rose There is no rose of such vertu As is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia, Alleluia For in this rose conteined was Heaven and earth in litel space, Res miranda, Res miranda By that rose we may well see There be one God in persons three, Pares forma, Pares forma. The aungels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gaudeamus, Gaudeamus. Leave we all this werldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth. Transeamus, Transeamus 4a. That Yongë Child That yongë child when it gan weep With song she lulled him asleep

That was so sweet a melody It passèd alle minstrelsy.

#### A Ceremony of Carols: the text (continued)

The nightingalë sang also: Her song is hoarse and nought thereto: Whoso attendeth to her song And leaveth the first then doth he wrong 4b. Balulalow

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit Prepare thy creddil in my spreit. And I sall rock thee to my hert. And never mair from thee depart. But I sall praise thee evermoir With sanges sweit unto thy gloir: The knees of my hert sall I bow And sing that richt Balulalow!

#### 5. As dew in Aprille

I sing of a maiden that is makelès: King of all kings To her son she ches. He came also stille there his moder was, As dew in Aprille that falleth on the grass. He came also stille to his moder's bour. As dew in Aprille that falleth on the flour. He came also stille there his moder lav As dew in Aprille that falleth on the spray Moder and mayden was never none but she: Well may such a lady Goddes moder be

#### 6. This little Babe

This little Babe so few days old Is come to rifle Satan's fold. All hell doth at his presence quake. Though he himself for cold do shake: For in this weak unarmèd wise The gates of hell he will surprise. With tears he fights and wins the field. His naked breast stands for a shield; His battering shot are babish cries, His arrows looks of weeping eyes, His martial ensigns Cold and Need. And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed. His camp is pitchèd in a stall, His bulwark but a broken wall; The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes, Of shepherds he his muster makes; And thus, as sure his foe to wound. The angels' trumps alarum sound. My soul, with Christ join thou in fight. Stick to the tents that he hath pight: Within his crib is surest ward: This little Babe will be thy quard: If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, Then flit not from this heavenly Boy. 7. Interlude (Harp Solo)

#### 8. In Freezing Winter Night

Behold, a silly tender babe, in freezing winter night.

In homely manger trembling lies.

Alas a piteous sight:

The inns are full, no man will yield,

This little pilgrim bed.

But forced he is with silly beasts In crib to

shroud his head.

This stable is a Prince's court. This crib

his chair of State

The beasts are parcel of his pomp.

The wooden dish his plate

The persons in that poor attire

His Royal liveries wear

The Prince himself is come from heav'n

This pomp is prized there

With joy approach O Christian wight.

Do homage to thy King

And highly praise his humble pomp,

Wich he from Heav'n doth bring

#### 9. Spring Carol

Pleasure it is to hear iwis, the Birdès sing.

The deer in the dale, the sheep in the vale, the corn springing.

God's purvayance For sustenance.

It is for man, it is for man.

Then we always to give him praise, And thank him than.

#### 10. Deo Gracias

Deo Gracias! Deo Gracias! Adam lay ibounden, bounden in a bond, Four thousand winter thought he not to

long.

And all was for an appil. an appil that he tok.

As clerkès finden written in their book

Ne had the appil takè ben.

The appil takè ben.

Ne haddè never our lady

A ben hevenè quene.

Blessèd be the time That appil takè was.

Therefore we moun singen. Deo Gracias!

#### 11. Recession

Hodie Christus natus est: hodie Salvator apparuit:

hodie in terra canunt angeli:

laetantur archangeli:

hodie exsultant justi dicentes:

gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia!

#### Translation of Latin Works

#### Gaudete!

#### Refrain:

Gaudete! Gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria virgine: Gaudete!

- 1. Tempus adest gratiae, hoc quod optabamus: Carmina laetitiae, devote reddamus. Refrain
- 2. Deus homo factus est, natura mirante: Mundus renovatus est a Christo regnante. Refrain
- 3. Ezechielis porta clausa pertransistur; unde lux est orta, salus invenitur. Refrain
- 4. Ergo nostra contio psalat iam in lustro; Benedicat Domino; salus Regi nostro. Refrain

#### Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary: Rejoice!

- 1. The time of grace has come. This that we have desired; Verses of joy, let us devoutly return Refrain
- 2. God has become man. Nature marvelling; the world has been renewed, by the reigning Christ Refrain
- 3. The closed gate of Ezekiel is passed through: whence the light is born, Salvation is found Refrain
- 4. Therefore let our gathering, Now sing in brightness. Let it give praise to the Lord: Greeting to our King. Refrain

#### O Maanum Mysterium

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio. O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Iesum Christum. Alleluia!

#### Gloria

Gloria in altissimis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis

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

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill.

#### **Tollite Hostias**

Tollite hostias, et adorate Dominum in atrio sancto eius. Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra a facie Domini, quoniam venit. Alleluia

Bring offerings, and adore the Lord in His holy place. Rejoice, heaven, and exult, all the earth, before the Lord, for He comes. Alleluia