

## The Boychoir of Ann Arbor presents: *A Boychoir Christmas*



The Boychoir of Ann Arbor is pleased to present our 25th annual performances of “A Boychoir Christmas” on Friday, December 16th at First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti (7:00 p.m.) and Saturday December 17th at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor (3:00 p.m.).

This popular holiday concert series offers an opportunity to hear the wonderful and unique choral sound of boys’ voices featuring both the Performing and Preparatory Choirs of the Boychoir of Ann Arbor. From the moving opening boy solo in the classic processional “Once in Royal David’s City” to the now 25 year tradition of closing with John Gardner’s rhythmic “Tomorrow shall be my dancing day”, the choral sound of the Boychoir of Ann Arbor will delight young and old alike.

This year, “A Boychoir Christmas” will feature the first five movements of Antonio Vivaldi’s “Gloria”, with boy soloists singing the duet “Laudamu te.” The concerts will also feature a wide variety of carols and hymns, from Ralph Vaughan Williams’ “The blessed son of God” to the beautiful and moving “Candlelight Carol” by John Rutter, and the Renaissance carol “Psallite, unigenito.” The Preparatory Choir (boys ages 7 to 10) will delight with a Bach setting of the familiar cradle hymn “Away in a Manger” and the Italian carol “Dormi, dormi.” The Performing Choir returns with an engaging version of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” and the joyous energetic Nigerian carol “Betelehemu”.

The audience is invited to join in singing “Hark! the herald angels sing” and “O come, all ye faithful”, each featuring a soaring boychoir descant verse sure to get you in the spirit!

Tickets may be purchased in advance and at the door: \$15/adults, \$10/students and seniors, \$5/children. Purchase or reserve online at <http://aaboychoir.org/reserve.html> or by email [tickets@aaboychoir.org](mailto:tickets@aaboychoir.org) or by phone (734) 663-5377. Tickets are also available for advance purchase from members of the Boychoir.

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, founded in 1987 for the re-opening of the Michigan Theater, and continuing to contribute to the musical life of our community for 25 years with choral music performances by musically talented boys from the greater Ann Arbor area. The Boychoir of Ann Arbor is directed by Founder & Music Director, Dr. Thomas Strode, and Assistant Music Director, Mr. Alex Sutton.

For further information about the Boychoir of Ann Arbor or this Christmas concert series please visit <http://www.aaboychoir.org> or email [office@aaboychoir.org](mailto:office@aaboychoir.org) or call (734) 663-5377.

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