

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

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor is pleased to present the 26th annual performances of “A Boychoir Christmas” on Friday, December 14th at First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti (7:00 p.m.) and Saturday December 15th at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor (3:00 p.m.).



This popular traditional holiday concert series offers an opportunity to hear the wonderful and unique choral sound of boys’ voices featuring the Performing Choir of The Boychoir of Ann Arbor. From the moving opening boy solo in the classic processional “Once in Royal David’s City” to the more than 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's program features Benjamin Britten's beloved "A Ceremony of Carols", settings of several early English poems and carols, including the moving opening Gregorian chant “Hodie Christus natus est”, "There is no rose", the beautiful “Balulalow”, "This little babe", "Spring Carol", and concluding with the joyous "Deo Gracias". The Boychoir of Ann Arbor will present this renowned holiday work in its original conception for treble boys’ choir and harp, with harp accompaniment by University of Michigan student Kristin Lloyd. The older boys tenor and bass ensemble will perform the moving “Jesu, son most sweet and dear” by Colin Brumby, also with harp accompaniment.

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor will also perform a wide variety of both traditional and new carols and hymns, from “Gloria” from Charpentier’s Christmas Midnight Mass, and the famous setting of "O magnum mysterium" by Renaissance composer Tomas Luis de Victoria to "When Christ was born of Mary free", a new carol by Malcolm Archer, and a novel setting of a Yoruba carol “Irapada”, plus the lovely "The little road to Bethlehem" by British art song composer Michael Head, and "The Star Carol", the final carol of many now popular carols written by Michigan native Alfred Burt.

In keeping with tradition, the audience will once again be 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 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 over 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. The organist this year will be the award winning Dr. Aaron Tan.

For further information about the Boychoir of Ann Arbor or our “A Boychoir Christmas” concerts please visit <http://www.aaboychoir.org> or email office@aaboychoir.org or call (734) 663-5377.

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