



A HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

with the

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

Sunday, December 16, 1984



River City Mixed Chorus
PURPOSE

Adopted 8/5/84

The **RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS** is a volunteer community chorus, organized to provide the opportunity for gay/lesbian and gay/lesbian sensitive men and women to sing together. The primary purpose of the **CHORUS** is musical excellence in performance. This purpose is served through:

- (a) providing the membership with the most competent musical leadership that can be secured,
- (b) advancing the musical arts in general and choral music in particular;
- (c) providing an opportunity for public performance for singers, instrumentalists, conductors, and others;
- (d) furthering public appreciation and understanding of choral and other musical arts;
- (e) encouraging and maintaining a non-professional mixed choral ensemble in the metropolitan Omaha area; and,
- (f) organizing, sponsoring, or presenting public performances of choral or other musical works.

While striving to achieve this purpose, the **CHORUS** seeks to provide social and fellowship experiences to build a community spirit as a group of gay/lesbian and gay/lesbian sensitive women and men with a common purpose, and opportunities to present a positive image of the gay/lesbian community to the wider public.

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

Jerry Kruse, Director

The Max
Omaha, Nebraska

Sunday, December 16, 1984
3:00 pm

PROGRAM

THE CHORUS

Holiday Montage arr. H. Ades
Here We Come a-Wassailing Traditional
Coventry Carol arr. R. Croo

SPECIAL MUSIC

Piano Solo: Christmas Song
Flute Solo: Greensleeves

THE MINSTRELS

Salve Regina arr. R. Ringwald
Il Est Ne arr. G. Cockshott

THE CHORUS

The Twelve Days After Christmas arr. F. Silver

INTERMISSION

THE CHORUS

Rounds of Israel arr. R. DeCormier
I Wonder as I Wander arr. J. J. Niles

SPECIAL MUSIC

Duet: Go Tell It On The Mountain
Wake From Your Sleep

THE SOLFEGIOS

Calypso Carol arr. L. Tellep

THE CHORUS

We Sing In Celebration French Carol
Pat-A-Pan French Carol
Carol of the Bells arr. M. Leontovich

SING-A-LONG

Please see next two pages.

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS
WORDS FOR SING-A-LONG

DECK THE HALL

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la
Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la la, la,
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la la, la la la la
Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la la,
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la, la la la la

Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la la la,
Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la!

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

JOLLY OLD SAINT NICHOLAS

Jolly old Saint Nicholas, Lean your ear this way!
Don't you tell a single soul what I'm going to say;
Christmas Eve is coming soon; Now you dear old man,
Whisper what you'll bring to me; Tell me if you can.

Johnny wants a pair of skates; Susy wants a dolly,
Nellie wants a story book; She thinks dolls are folly;
As for me, my little brain isn't very bright;
Choose for me, old Santa Claus, What you think is right.

UP ON THE HOUSE-TOP

1. Up on the house-top reindeer pause, Out jumps good old Santa Claus;
Down thro' the chimney with lots of toys, All for the little ones,
Christmas joys. (Chorus)
*Ho, ho, ho! who wouldn't go!
Ho, ho, ho! who wouldn't go!
Up on the house-top, click, click, click,
Down thro' the chimney with good Saint Nick*
2. First comes the stocking of little Nell; Oh, dear Santa, fill it well;
Give her a dolly that laughs and cries -One that will open and shut her
eyes. (Chorus)
3. Next comes the stocking of little Will; Oh, just see what a glorious fill!
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks, Also a ball and a whip that cracks.
(Chorus)

JINGLE BELLS

1. Dashing thro' the snow, In a one horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go, Laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring, Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing A sleighing song tonight! (Chorus)
*Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh (Repeat)*
2. A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank, Misfortune seemed his lot,
He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upsot. (Chorus)

SILENT NIGHT

Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night! Holy Night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from Heaven a-far,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent Night! Holy Night! Son of God, loves pure light!
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

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Come Join Us!

Rehearsals for the Spring Concert Preparation Period begin January 14, 1985, at 7:30 pm at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street in Omaha, and will be held weekly thereafter up to the Spring Concert.

New members will be welcome to audition at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1985. (February 4, 1985, will be our Spring Concert Preparation Period cutoff date for new members).

The tentative Spring Concert "window" is from April 21 to May 12, 1985. The exact concert date will be announced as soon as possible.

For more detailed membership information, talk with any RCMC member, or call 345-0939, 341-8429, or 345-5797.

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