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In the Bleak Mid-Winter Holst, arr. Parker

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"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" Bach

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Wake up, the voice calls us
of the watchmen high up on the battlements,
wake up, you city of Jerusalem!

This hour is midnight;
they call us with a clear voice:
where are you, wise maidens?

Get up, the bridegroom comes;
Stand up, take your lamps! Allelujah!

Make yourselves ready for the wedding,
you must go to meet him!

Joseph, Dearest Joseph Scheidt

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 He is born, the divine child.
 Let us all sing of his arrival.

For more than four thousand years,
 We have been promised it by the prophets,
 For more than four thousand years,
 We have been awaiting this happy time.

Chorus

Ah! How beautiful he is, how charming he is!
 Ah! How perfect are his graces!
 Ah! How beautiful he is, how charming he is!
 How sweet is the divine child.

Chorus

A stable is his lodging place,
 A bit of hay, his little bed,
 A stable is his lodging place,
 For a God, such an abasement.

Chorus

He asks for our hearts, he will wait for them,
 He comes to make the conquest,
 He asks for our hearts, he will wait for them,
 They will be with him from this moment on.

Chorus

Oh Jesus, oh king all powerful,
 Such a little child you are.
 Oh Jesus, oh king all powerful,
 Rule over us completely.

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Behold, the autumn has passed, the rain has gone away.
The buds sprout in the land. The nightingale has arrived.
And the voice of the turtledove will be heard in our land.

The fig tree is sending forth her fruit
and her vines' flowers smell of perfume.
Arise you, my beauty and go out.

Fuyugeshiki.....Japanese, arr. Reppert

Shchedrik.....Leontovich

Song of good cheer, song of good cheer!
A swallow is here chirping her song,
Calling out the master of the house:
"Come out, come out, master, take a look at your manger!
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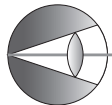
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The winter concert, *When the Snow Falls*, draws upon the beauty of traditional winter songs from throughout the world and the ages. The program is filled with meaningful and artistic arrangements by great composers of some well-known and many less-known songs.

A featured work will be "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" (Wake up! the voice calls to us). This Lutheran advent carol was set as a substantial chorale prelude, the opening piece of the Cantata 140 by J.S. Bach. We will perform it with a trio accompaniment—violin, oboe, and keyboard.

Our "Ancient Tradition" includes many well-known pieces in old and new settings. An early baroque chorale motet by Samuel Scheidt uses the well-known German carol "Joseph, Dearest Joseph." "A Spotless Rose" by the prolific 20th century English choral composer, Herbert Howells is based on another version of "Lo, How A Rose." "Corpus Christi Carol" is a carol from medieval times, filled with the symbolism of the story of Christ's sacrifice, a common theme for Christmas during the Middle Ages. The complex and beautiful arrangement is by the Norwegian composer Trond Kverno.

There are a number of beautiful pieces from other cultures. The piece well-known as "Carol of the Bells" was originally "Shchedrik," a New Year's celebration. You will hear it in the origi- — CONTINUED —>

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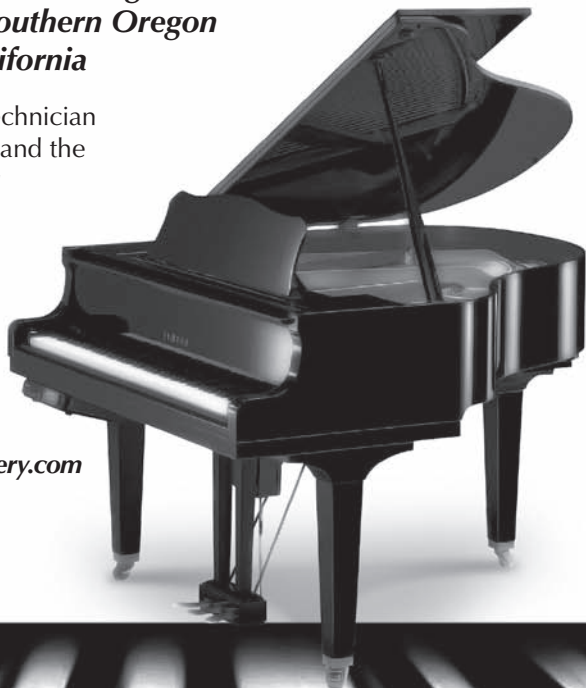
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You will also enjoy very interesting arrangements of many of the very traditional English and American songs. Naming a few: "Deck the Halls", "Go Tell It On the Mountain," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (version from England), a beautiful jazz arrangement of "White Christmas" by Kirby Shaw, and a delightful arrangement of "Silent Night" by the famous American composer, Norman Dello Joio.

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Biographies



Mark Reppert - Music Director

Mr. Mark Reppert studied conducting, composition, piano, and music history at the University of Southern California, graduating with a degree in Music History. While there, Mr. Reppert was a member of the University Symphony, the Opera Chorus, and the Trojan Marching Band.

Mr. Reppert received a master's degree in piano performance from Cal State University, Chico, graduating with distinction. While there, he soloed with the Shasta Symphony as the winner of the Shasta Symphony Solo Competition and also with the Paradise Symphony and performed numerous solo recitals.

Mr. Reppert began his teaching career at Paradise Intermediate School in Paradise, California. He taught for 23 years in California, teaching all manner of music from kindergarten to college, including band, orchestra, elementary music, college music appreciation, community choir, and high school and middle school choir. He recently retired from the position of choral director at North Medford High School after 10 years there. While at North Medford the award winning choirs were an important part of the musical community, performing in many venues including the annual Renaissance Dinner. While at North he was the music director for numerous musical theatre productions including *Into the Woods*, *The King and I* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Mr. Reppert is an active musician in the Rogue Valley. As music director at Camelot Theater, he has worked on productions of *Cabaret*, *Secret Garden*, *Gigi* and *White Christmas*. He has also worked as a singer and accompanist for the Rogue Valley Choral. He accompanies the Jefferson State Choral Coalition, under the direction of Kirby Shaw, and works as a musician in many other capacities around the Valley.

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Mikiko S. Petrucelli Accompanist



Mikiko S. Petrucelli was born in Tokyo, Japan where she first started playing piano at the age of 4. She attended the Mushashino Academia Musicae and received her undergraduate degree in Piano Performance. She then moved to Germany and earned a Performance

Degree from Hochschule für Musik, Detmold in Detmold, Germany. After she returned to Japan, Mikiko played with the string chamber group Uovo as their guest pianist, touring Japan and giving chamber and solo concerts in Germany. She has played on NHK radio, the national public radio station in Japan, and won a special award at the Josef Dichter Competition in Vienna, Austria in 2001.

In 2004 Mikiko moved to the United States and received a Masters of Music from Baylor University and Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. — *CONTINUED* —>

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Mikiko has extensive experience as a chamber and solo pianist as well as an accompanist. As of May of 2010, she completed three years of service at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska as an adjunct faculty member. Mikiko is enjoying her second season as accompanist for the Siskiyou Singers.

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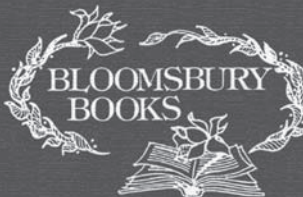


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Kenton Gould - Oboe



Kenton has a Bachelor in Music Performance from California State University, Long Beach and was a member of the Air Force Band of the Northwest from 1984 to 1991 at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Washington. Kenton has played oboe and English horn with the North State Symphony in California, Rogue Valley Chorale, Rogue Opera, Rogue Valley Symphony, Jefferson Baroque Orchestra, and Rogue Music Theatre. He played in the recent production of Sweeney Todd at Camelot Theatre.

Beth Martin - Violin



Beth has been a professional violinist and teacher in the Rogue Valley for over 30 years. She has performed in numerous ensembles, quartets, symphonies, and operas and has played and sung with various popular music groups as well. She is currently a member of the Rogue Valley Symphony and the Cantabile String Quartet. She played for the recent production of Sweeney Todd at Camelot Theatre. Beth has composed and directed several musicals for young people.

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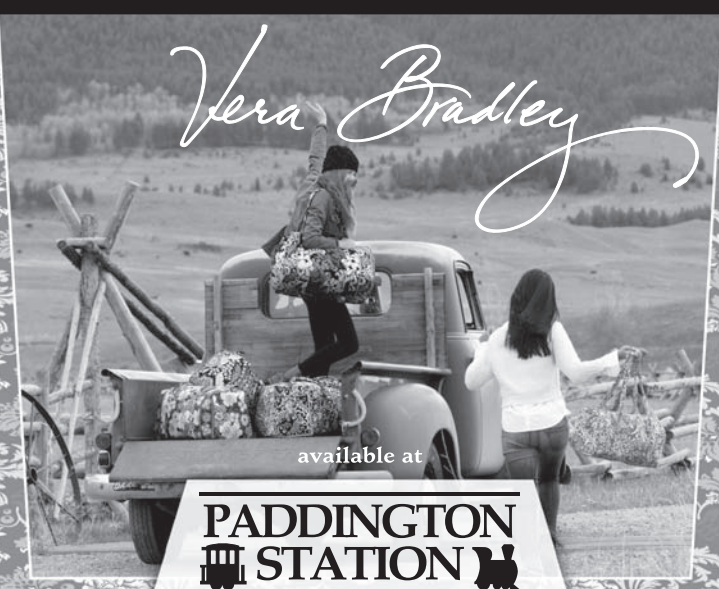
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Behold, the autumn has passed, the rain has gone away.
The buds sprout in the land. The nightingale has arrived.
And the voice of the turtledove will be heard in our land.

The fig tree is sending forth her fruit
and her vines' flowers smell of perfume.
Arise you, my beauty and go out.

Fuyugeshiki.....Japanese, arr. Reppert

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