IPSWICH CITY ORCHESTRAS INC. PRESENTS

The Spirit of Christmas

Guest Conductor
ADRIAN HEAD

5 DECEMBER 2020

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Ipswich

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christmas. A time where we eat too much, drink a little more than we should and wonder if the receipt is still available for that pair of socks.
We gather as families and as strangers at church services, carol and festive events throughout the world. For many, it is a time of celebration for the gift of Christ being born unto our world. Alternatively, for some a period of rest and relaxation.

This year the combination of Covid-19, the economic uncertainty that resulted and the normal stresses of daily life have not diminished the resolve and spirit of our communities.
Testament to this fortitude is the presence of our wonderful musicians in this beautiful location to share with you a beautifully curated collection of old and new works.

From all of us here at Ipswich City Orchestras we wish you and your families a very safe and Merry Christmas.

Christopher Trace L.L.B.(Hons), GDLP, MBA, MQLS.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Patrick Burns

It is with great joy and greetings of the season that we present to you our Spirit of Christmas concert.

Whilst the music of Christmas is often a cause for joy and celebration, today's concert also provides room for pause and reflection. In a year that has been trying and turbulent, especially for the arts community, it is wonderfully fitting that we are able to welcome back Adrian Head, who conducted our Bush Fire Relief concerts at the beginning of year.

We are also joined by 8 wonderful local vocal soloists, along with the musicians of the Ipswich City Orchestra as we celebrate some of the quieter and more evocative music of Christmas.

We are also excited to continue our spotlight on Australian composers, as we share with you a selection of music by a composer well known to Ipswich audiences, Sandra Milliken.

Thank you so much for joining us and continuing to support these incredible local artists and may today's concert herald in a festive season that is truly full of comfort and joy.

Programme

Vocal Ensemble, Brass Quintet & Percussion

HODIE CHRISTUS NATUS EST — Sandra Milliken

Full Company

JOY TO THE WORLD — Lowell Mason arr. J. Rutter

String Orchestra

PASTORES A BELÉN — Traditional arr. L. Anderson
IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR — Edmund Sears arr. L. Anderson

Organ & Brass Quintet

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING — J.S. Bach arr. G. Cherry

Vocal Ensemble, String Orchestra, Piano & Glockenspiel

BAMBINO DALLE STELLE (Child of the Stars) — A.M. de'Liguori arr. S. Milliken

Full Company

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING — F. Mendelssohn arr. D. Willcocks

Trio - Manuao Madar, Kellie Wilson, Carly Quinn

ANGELS EVER WATCHING — Sandra Milliken

Violin – Helen Carvolth & Piano – Eduarda van Klinken

Vocal Ensemble, String Orchestra, Piano

FALL ON ME — I. Axel, C. Vaccarino, M. Bocelli & F. Zampaglione arr. S. Milliken

Soloists Julie Sibley & Troy Castle

String Orchestra

AWAY IN A MANGER — Traditional arr. L. Anderson

Vocal Ensemble, String Orchestra and Organ

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER — G. Holst arr. P. Burns

Solists Manuao Madar & James Fox

Brass Quintet

O, HOLY NIGHT — A. Adam arr. A. Frackenpohl

String Orchestra

SERENADE FOR STRINGS 2ND MVT. — Edward Elgar

Vocal Ensemble, String Orchestra & Organ

THE SHEPHERD'S FAREWELL From L'Enfance du Christ Op.25 — Hector Berlioz

Full Company

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN — Traditional arr. D. Willcocks

String Orchestra

WASSAIL SONG — Traditional arr. L. Anderson

Full Company

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL — J.F. Wade arr. D. Willcocks

CONDUCTOR

Adrian Head

Over the last three decades Adrian has conducted numerous orchestras and ensembles, nationally and overseas, including the Janacek Philharmonic, the Dohnanyi Symphony, the Sinfonia of St Andrew's, and the Ady Ensemble: a twenty-three piece string orchestra which he founded in 2011, that performs standard repertoire and with newly written commissions and arrangements for the ensemble. In 2016 he studied conducting with Gabor Hollerung in Budapest, Hungary, and in 2017 he travelled to the Czech Republic to study with renowned Finnish conducting pedagogue, Jorma Panula. 2017 also saw Adrian voted a 4MBS Treasured Queensland Classical Musician.

Having graduated from his Bachelor of Music at the University of Queensland in 1993, Adrian became Principal Trombone and Staff Arranger with the Royal Australian Navy Band in Sydney (1994-2002) - a role which included arranging for the Sydney 2000 Olympics and Paralympics. His efforts during this time were rewarded with an Admiral's Commendation (2001). He moved to Manchester in the UK for two years (2002 – 2003), where he worked for the Royal Northern College of Music and for the Répertoire International des Sources Musicales (RISM). In 2011 he completed his Master of Music at the Queensland Conservatorium.

Credits

Conductor – ADRIAN HEAD

Host – SELINA MCMAHON

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Julie Sibley Manuao Madar Kellie Wilson Carly Quinn
Tom Holownia Ronan King-Rose Troy Castle James Fox

STRING ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I
Helen Carvolth *Concert Master*
Samuel Andrews
Hayden Burton
Donna Jones
Amy Phillips
Laura Thomson

VIOLIN II
Marguerite Sopinski
Celine Crellin
Alexandra Gorton
Tom Riethmuller

VIOLA
Kathryn Fletcher
Matthew Ryan
Teena Sullivan

CELLO
Alex McPherson
Amy Allen
Allan Hall

DOUBLE BASS
George Valenti
Michael O'Loughlin

BRASS QUINTET

TRUMPET
Tony Lashmar
Michael McKay

FRENCH HORN
Andrew Kopittke

TROMBONE
Jamie Kennedy

BASS TROMBONE
John Cosic

OTHER

ORGAN / PIANO
Eduarda van Klinken

PERCUSSION
Zach Brankovich

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