

The Cecilian Singers
50th Anniversary Christmas Concert

King of Kings

Conducted by Kent Lee



Wednesday December 12th 2012, 8pm
St. John's Cathedral, Garden Road, Central.

Tickets \$200 (concessions \$100), from the Cathedral Bookstore,
or to reserve visit www.ceciliansingers.com, or call 2570 3783,
or buy on the door - to include mince pies and mulled wine.

Proceeds to the Clear Air Network (CAN) and the Hong Chi Association.

About this Concert: This concert is the finale of the Cecilian Singers' 50th Anniversary celebrations. It takes you on a spiritual, majestic journey to celebrate and rejoice in Christmas themed around the emotional power of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and its final acclamation "King of Kings". The programme also includes Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* and well known pieces from John Rutter, Harold Darke and lighter pieces by Peter Gritton and Kirby Shaw. You'll also hear familiar carols and choral motets and we hope you will sing loudly with the audience hymns! Conducted by Kent Lee; organist: Cherrie Chan Tsz Wai and trumpeter: Richard Payne.

Welcome by Chair, Ciara Shannon

Choir Sings

1. *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919 -)

Introduction by The Revd William Newman

2. *Jesus bleibet meine Freude* BWV 147 by J.S. Bach (Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring)
3. *In Dulci Jubilo* arranged by Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856)

Audience Carol: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

4. *Transeamus* by Joseph Schnabel (1767-1831)
5. *For Unto Us a Child is Born* from George Frederic Handel's Messiah (1685-1759)
6. *Hallelujah!* from George Frederic Handel's Messiah (1685 –1759)

Charity Talks

- *Sum Yin Kwong, CEO: Clean Air Network (CAN)*
- *Karen Hon, Communications and Fundraising Manager: Hong Chi Association*

7. *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* arranged by John Rutter (1945 -)
8. *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Harold Darke (1888 –1976)

Soli: Victoria Allington (Soprano) and Antonio Joseph (Bass)

Audience Carol: *Silent Night*

9. *Away in a Manger* arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919 -)
- Soli: Adelaide Gow (Alto) and Renee Chan (Soprano)**
10. *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* by Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

Audience Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

11. *Mary's Boy Child* arranged by Peter Gritton (1963 -)
- Tenor Solo: Matt Gow (Tenor)**
12. *Follow That Star* composed and lyrics by Peter Gritton (1963 -)
 13. *Jamaican Noel* by Kirby Shaw (1941 -)

Audience Carol: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Chair, Ciara Shannon: Thanks and End (followed by complimentary mulled wine and mince-pies)

Audience Carols Verses and Words

Audience Carol: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

(verses 1, 2 and 6)

1. O Come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten not created:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

6. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation.
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Audience Carol: *Silent Night*

(verses: 1 and 2)

1. 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.

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Audience Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1, 2 and 4)

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Audience Carol: *Hark! The Herald Angels*
Sing (verses: 1, 2 and 3)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

About The Cecilian Singers

Kent Lee, Conductor: Kent graduated from the Trinity College of Music, London in 2007 where he studied piano performance and conducting. He has conducted performances at the St James's Church Piccadilly, London and was the assistant conductor of Trinity College of Music's opera production. Kent studied orchestral conducting with Colin Metters (Head of Conducting of the Royal Academy of Music) and with George Hurst at the Canford Music Summer School. Kent is currently conducting the Cecilian Singers, the English Mass at The Hong Kong Catholic Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception, the Hong Kong Wind Symphony and tutoring at the Hong Kong Institute of Education and HKU SPACE.

The Cecilian Singers Choir

Bass: Peter Anderson, Steven Benton, Gustav Johansson, Antonio Joseph, Will Newman and Tom Raggett

Tenors: Judy Butler, Sindre Eide, Matthew Gow, Greene Mtonga and Mike Rooney;

Altos: Rebecca Austin, Caroline Chang, Anette Fallman, Adelaide Gow, Sue Jackson, Nissa Marion, Janet Martin, Polly Noble, Eleanor McColl, Masako Sanai and Theodora Whittington;

Sopranos: Victoria Allington, Caselyn Chan, Renee Chan, Helen Dewar, Harjeet Kaur Grewal, Ursula Hauser, Estrid Hessellund, Beatrice Lin, Carrie Lane Mefford, Erika Mok, Robin Louise Pile, Helen Peters, Elizabeth Petersen, Pamela Roper, Ciara Shannon, Gail Southward and Liz Sullivan.

Acknowledgements

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History of the Cecilian Singers

We began on December 18th 1962 and this is our third concert this year celebrating our fiftieth Anniversary in 2012. We are a mixed choir and sing a myriad repertoire from madrigals and world music to Mozart - in the style of a cappella harmonies or pieces with accompaniment. We are also a registered charity and a large percentage of our profits from our concerts go to various charities chosen by the choir. New singers are welcome.

About the Charities We are Donating to this Concert:

- **Clean Air Network:** Is an independent NGO that encourages the public to speak out about the health impacts of air pollution and they do this in a very creative and inspiring way - bringing together and amplifying the voices of individuals, groups and organizations to urge the Government to act immediately to clean our air. Read more at: www.hongkongcan.org

- **Hong Chi Association:** Is a non-profit making organization in Hong Kong dedicated to serving 7,000 people of all ages and all grades of intellectual and mental disabilities and their families. They operate 80 service units which provide pre-school training, special education, job training, sheltered and supported employment, adult education, day care and training, residential services, family and community support, recreational and social programmes, as well as professional therapy. Read more at: www.hongchi.org.hk

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- Christmas 2011: HK\$34K to the Resonance Project and the Home of Loving Faithfulness
- Easter 2012: HK\$10.5K to the Brotherhood Charity Foundation
- Freedom Concert 2012: HK\$78K to the Child Welfare Scheme (HK), Olgas Promise and the Moonlight Foundation (MFN). Thanks to sponsors Linklaters, OLN, Pizza Express and Swire Properties.

Committee Members 2012-2013

- Chair: Ciara Shannon
- Secretary: Helen Peters
- Treasurer: Tom Raggett
- Operations and Publicity: Nissa Marion
- Officers: Judy Butler and Steve Benton

Happy Christmas

Thank you for joining us

Our Spring Concert is May 7th 2013 at the Methodist International Church, Wan Chai

New singers are always welcome to sing with us; as well as concert sponsorship to help maximise our charitable donations.