

The Cecilian Singers

*On the way to Bethlehem*

Thursday December 9th, 8pm  
St. John's Cathedral, Garden Road, Central  
Tickets \$150, concessions \$50  
- to include mince pies & mulled wine

Tickets from the Cecilian Singers, the Cathedral Bookstore  
or call 2570 3783

Proceeds in support of Pathfinders & Christian Action



## ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Procession from 'A Ceremony of Carols' by Benjamin Britten.
2. CONGREGATION: OH, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
3. Tomorrow Shall be my Dancing Day arranged by David Willcocks.
4. Poverty Carol traditional Welsh Carol.
5. A Babe is Born by William Mathias.
6. CONGREGATION: ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY
7. Sans Carol traditional Cornish Carol.
8. What Sweeter Music by Richard Rodney Bennett.
9. Torches by John Joubert.
10. Behold That Star arranged by Bob Chilcott
11. CONGREGATION: THE FIRST NOWELL
12. The Three Kings by Peter Cornelius, arranged by Ivor Atkins.
13. The Shepherd's Pipe Carol by John Rutter
14. Hush My Dear, Lie Still and Slumber arranged by David Willcocks
15. CONGREGATION: SILENT NIGHT
16. The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy West Indian Carol, arranged by Ken Burton.
17. Follow that Star by Peter Gritton
18. Balulalow from 'A Ceremony of Carols' by Benjamin Britten.
19. This Little Babe from 'A Ceremony of Carols' by Benjamin Britten.
20. CONGREGATION: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
21. Carol of the Bell by M. Leontovich

OH, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL *O come let us adore him,*

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.*

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,*

See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to His cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly  
fear;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps:

*O come let us adore Him,*

Lo! star-led chieftans,  
Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child  
Bring out hearts' obligation:

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God,  
In the highest:

*O come let us adore Him,*

## ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in Royal David's City  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

## THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their  
sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so  
deep:

Nowell, Nowell,  
Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,  
Shining in the East, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night:

Nowell, Nowell,  
Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And follow that star wherever it went:

Nowell, Nowell,  
Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there, it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay:

Nowell, Nowell,  
Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

## 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 afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah  
Christ, the Savior is born  
Christ, the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

## HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Off-spring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man do dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heav'n-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 new-born King.

# THE CECILIAN SINGERS

Soprano

Kou Li Crowter

Irene Li

Lisa Mowser

Bet Peterson

Louise Pile

Barbara Robson

Pam Roper

Ali Ross

Ciara Shannon

Alexandra Tracy

Alto

Lucy Colback

Adelaide Gow

Sally Hanley

Sue Jackson

Brenda Noftel

Eri Onami

Theadora Whittington

Tenor

Judy Butler

Alfred Cheung

Matt Gow

Charles Wheeler

Peter Yue

Bass

Josh Begbie

Steven Benton

Andrew Lawson

Will Newman

A donation from tonight's concert will be made to the following two charities:

### PathFinders Limited

PathFinders Limited is a local charity that assists migrant mothers and their Hong Kong born children to return home safely and legally. Over 500 migrant babies are born in Hong Kong every year and most have no fathers, are born without documentation and their mothers have limited support. We aim to give these children a chance to live a better life. Visit us at:

[www.pathfinders.org.hk](http://www.pathfinders.org.hk)

### Christian Action

The Chungking Mansions Service Center belongs to the humanitarian department of Christian Action and is one of the only service centers for refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong. Since 2004, the Chungking Mansions Service Centre fills a large gap in social welfare services by providing a holistic support system which includes basic humanitarian assistance such as shelter, food, clothes and other daily necessities. In addition, we are the only source for educational, psychosocial, recreational and spiritual support. We particularly focus on children, teenagers, women and refugees/asylum seekers who are vulnerable, sick, traumatised and otherwise distressed. To date, we have registered just over 3,000 clients in our system and around 20-30 new clients approach our centre each month

Our objectives include:

- To meet the basic needs of women, men and children of the refugee/asylum seeker community in Hong Kong
- To enable our clients to access social welfare, educational and medical support
- To empower and educate refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong
- To enhance community development among the refugee/asylum seeking community in Hong Kong
- To raise awareness of the plight of refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong
- To create a sense of belonging and care for refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong

The Cecilian Singers have been singing in Hong Kong for over 47 years and sing a four-part mixed repertoire from madrigals, world music to Mozart in the style of acapella harmonies. We welcome new singers.

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