

Brisbane Concert Choir

at St Andrew's

With the

SINFONIA OF ST ANDREW'S

presents

*A Christmas  
Fable*



Dr. Debra Shearer-Dirié, Musical Director

with Sinfonia of St Andrew's

Sunday 4th December 2011

St Andrew's Uniting Church

(Cnr Creek & Ann st)



## Welcome from St Andrew's Uniting Church



The purist in us will want to speak of the all riches of Christmas, and remind us that Christmas is far more than music.

There is no doubt however that music is at the heart of our celebration of the birth of Jesus – in that we tend to take after the angelic host that Luke speaks of!

So welcome to St Andrew's! May this feast of Christmas music enrich your Christmas celebration.

**REV. BOB WARRICK**

Minister St Andrew's Uniting Church

### EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event of fire or other emergency, walk promptly to the rear of the building and exit through the glass doors. Do not congregate in the café area, but continue walking up the footpath to ensure that the exits are not blocked.

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Only if access to the main glass-door exit is blocked should you attempt to leave via the door to the right of the stage.



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## WELCOME FROM THE CHOIR



Welcome to this our final concert for 2011. As you may be aware, our tour to Italy in September was very successful, with nine performances in all. The concerts

were well supported by the local communities, with generally large and always very enthusiastic audiences. Thanks to all of you who were able to help make this tour a reality by attending our fundraisers. A selection of photographs from the tour can be found on our website, and more will be added over the coming weeks.

The other exciting news is that our new CD *Rejoice at Christmas* is being launched today. It contains a nice mix of well-known carols together with other delightful Christmas music from around the world. We are very pleased with the final result and hope that you will be too. Do I need to remind you that it would make an ideal Christmas gift?

Today's concert will feature a number of pieces which appear on the CD. We hope that children (and adults too) will enjoy the story of *Brother Heinrich's Christmas*, a fable written and set to music by John Rutter. It tells the story of how the carol *In dulci jubilo* came to be written down by Brother Heinrich, with the help of his musical donkey Sigismund.

We will be performing our usual Christmas carolling at Toowong Village from 17 December. We also have a full program planned for 2012 and look forward to seeing you at future events. As always, you can find the latest details on our website.

**IAN MAURER**

Chairman

Brisbane Concert Choir





## Music Director



# DR DEBRA SHEARER-DIRIÉ



Originally from Perth, Dr Debra Shearer-Dirié maintains an active career as a choral conductor, music educator, clinician and scholar. She holds a Master of Music Education degree and Doctor of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Indiana University. During her time there she directed the Indiana University Children's and Youth Choir, was assistant director to maestro Paul Hillier with the Pro Arte Singers, and Director of the International Vocal Ensemble at Indiana University for two years.

From 2000 to 2001, she conducted the Northwest Girlchoir in Seattle, a 400-voice organisation of young women who perform frequently with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra.

Debra has received numerous invitations to present at national conferences both in Australia and abroad, including the National Conference of the American Choral Director's Association in New York in 2003, and most recently, her third Australian National Choral Association (ANCA) conference in July 2010.

Debra conducted the Queensland Young Conservatorium Chamber Choir through diverse repertoire which led to an invitation to perform at the ANCA conference in 2004. In 2005, she was appointed Musical Director of Brisbane Concert Choir, and in 2006 founded Vox Pacifica Chamber Choir. In 2009 she founded Fusion, a semi-professional adult a capella ensemble. She continually searches for opportunities to collaborate with other musical groups, composers, dancers, visual artists and cultural groups.

Debra lectured in the School of Music at the University of Queensland and is currently serving as editor of the ANCA journal *Sing Out*, and on the national ANCA committee. She is in demand as an adjudicator, clinician and conductor for festivals and eisteddfods throughout Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.



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## *Programme*

**Wassail Song**

English Trad. Carol . Arr. V. Williams

**Shiloh**

William Billings

**Brother Heinrich's Christmas**

John Rutter

**Away in a Manger**

W.J. Kirkpartick (1838-1921) arr. David Willcocks

**Jingle Bells**

J. Pierpont (1822-1893) arr. David Willcocks

*(audience to join choir)*

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 spiritis bright;  
What fun it is to ride, and sing a sleighing song tonight. Hey!

Refrain: Jingle, bells, Jingle, bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!  
Jingle, bells, Jingle, bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

Now the ground is white; Go it while you're young,  
Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song.  
Just get a bob-tailed bay., Two forty for his speed;  
Then hitch him to an open sleigh and crack! You'll take the lead.

Refrain

Repeat Verse 1 Refrain.





## Los Coflondas

Juan de Araujo (1646-1712)

Brother s and siters of the League of the Star, let's all go now to Bethlehem,  
Where we'll see our lovely Lady with our little Lord in the stable.

Let's go, let's go running there!

We'll hear a carol that Francisco will compose, with a gourd to keep the beat;  
The Blas, Pedro, Juan and Tomás will sing it, and the refrain will go:

Gulumbé, gulumbé, gulumbá.

Guaché, guaché! O blacks from Safala!

Let's see what Baltasar, Melchor and my cousin Gaspar  
Are bringing from Angola to Our Lady and our little Lord.

Let's go, let's go running there!

Gulumbé...

So all you blacks who work at court, — O Yeah!  
Yes, let's go, and follow the star, — Let's go!  
Behind the kings with the treasure — All of us!  
They carry across the desert — To the stable!

And you, Blas, Pedro, Juan and Tomás, Let's all get going now,

Gulumbé...



Let's go then. All you blacks — Cousins!  
For it guides us there, our star — Lovely!  
From it, like lightning dazzling bright— Tonight!  
Lots of light upon the stable — Will shine!  
And you, Blas, Pedro, Juan and Tomás, what a lovely night there'll be!  
Gulumbé...

Move out, you members of the League — Lovely!

Fourour star is guiding us — Our own star

Behind the kings, for there — Dancing!

To make the Child happy — They go!

O yes, Blas, Pedro, Juan and Tomás, our dance will go nicely,

Gulumbé...

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Let's go with joy to the little stable — Cousins!  
Together around the crib we'll see — Oxen,  
The shepherds and the king — Who's black!  
Singing to the little Lord — Who lies there!  
Blas, Pedro, Juan and Tomás, black cousins, come see the oxen there.  
Gulumbé...

## **Kookaburra Christmas Cake**

### **Resonant in laudibus**

Jacob Gallus (1550—1591)

Let Zion resound in praises with the joyous acclaim of the faithful:  
He whom Mary bore has appeared.  
The things which Gabriel predicted are fulfilled. Joy, joy!  
The Virgin has given birth to God, that which his divine mercy willed.  
Today in Israel has appeared, born of the Virgin Mary, a King.

### **Hark! the herald- angels sing**

F. Mendelssohn (1809– 1847)

*arr. David Willcocks*

*(Audience to join choir)*

Hark! The herald-angels sing, Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on Eearth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled;  
Joyfull all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'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 ever lasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Please as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald-angels sing, Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the hav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Ligh t and life to all he brings, Ris'n 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.

## INTERVAL

**Man of Goodwill**

**Organ**

**A Maiden Most Gentle**

Andrew Carter

**The Silver Stars**

Michael Bojesen

**Bring Rest, Sweet Dreaming Child**

Tarik O'Regan (b. 1978)

**Joy to the World**

Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

arr. John Rutter

*(Audience to join choir)*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.

Let ev'ry 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.

Joy to the World! The Savirous reigns; Let men their songs employ,

While feilds and floods, rocks, hills and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.





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**In dulci jubilo**


**Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King**

Moses Hogan

**A Merry Christmas**

Trad. West Country Carol

Arr. Arthur Warrel



*After the concert*

*Please join us for supper in the hall  
below the Church.*



## THE CHOIR



The Brisbane Concert Choir *at St Andrew's* is an auditioned, adult, mixed voice community choir of up to 70 members drawn from all walks of life, based in Brisbane, Australia. Formed in 1996 by Dr Guy Jansen as an initiative of St Andrew's Uniting Church's Arts Outreach, it was directed by Christopher Kiver until July 2002, and thereafter came under the direction of Graeme Morton, until the end of 2003. Following an extensive search for a new Musical Director, Debra Shearer-Dirié was appointed to the position in May 2005.

The choir has established an excellent reputation for its performances of diverse repertoire ranging from a cappella pieces to full symphonic works. Performances have included appearances with The Queensland Orchestra, Queensland Pops Orchestra and in prestigious festivals such as Brisbane Cathedrals Week and the 4MBS Festival of Classics.

The choir embarked on a highly-successful ten-day tour of the North Island of New Zealand in 1999 and in June 2002, following the release of its first CD, *Journey*, the choir toured to north Queensland. The choir has recorded performances for broadcast on ABC-TV and 4MBS Classic-FM. In 2008 the choir released another CD, *Radiance*, and went on its first European tour to Prague, Salzburg and Vienna.

The choir toured to Italy in September and plan to release its third CD this year, featuring music for the Christmas festive season.



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## SOPRANO

Susan Burrows  
Katherine Chan  
Helen Fredericks  
Mary Gough  
Andrea Hall Brown  
Jan Hungerford  
Anne Hunt  
Stella Jenks  
Fiona McKeon  
Janet McKeon  
Suzana Milosevic  
Sarvenaz Monfaredi  
Judy Neal  
Renata Rankin  
Stephanie Rodgers  
Lucinda Thomson

## TENOR

Simon Burgess  
Ian Clarkson  
Lourens Feuth  
John Holmes  
Allen Kloeden  
Freddy Madsen  
Michael Scott

## ALTO

Christine Campbell  
Amanda Dee  
Sorcha Delaney  
Sue Gray  
Melissa Hutchinson  
Nicolie Jenkins  
Barbara Lamb  
Barbara Maenhaut  
Lynne Maurer  
Jane Oliver  
Tricia Pezet  
Ceri Takken  
Kathy Teakle

## BASS

Malcolm Alexander  
Robert Bray  
Bruce Campbell  
Ian Maurer  
Mark McKeon  
Timothy Reeves  
Ross Salomon  
Murray Smith  
Chris Whight

## MUSICAL

### DIRECTOR

Debra Shearer-Dirié

### REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST

John Woods

### ORGANIST

Steven Nisbet

### PATRON

Guy Jansen

## MANAGEMENT

### *Chairman*

Ian Maurer

### *Secretary*

Stella Jenks

### *Treasurer*

Lourens Feuth

### *Committee*

Christine Campbell

Sue Gray

Janet McKeon

Caitlin McMorro

Jim McNicol

Stephanie Rodgers

### *Librarian*

Mary Gough

### *St Andrew's Liaison*

Steven Nisbet

## Sinfonia of St Andrew's

### Violin 1

Theo Lazaroff (\*)  
Lucy Bignall  
Elisha Harrison  
Katy Sillar  
Ben Adkins

### Violin 2

Joan Lazaroff  
Geraldine Campbell  
Sonia Wilson  
Lucy Sullivan  
Colin Hardcastle

### Viola

Anna Jack  
Kieren Welch  
Bronwen Gibbs

### Cello

Peter Williams  
Grace Kim  
Meg Robson

### Double Bass

Murray Gay

### Flute

Deborah Cox  
Sophie Manahoran

### Oboe

Natasha Kalous  
Andrew Stower

### Clarinet

Graham Evans  
Kate Jones

### Bassoon

Trevor Williamson  
Anne Hoare

### French-Horn

John Redfearn  
Stuart Sloane

### Trumpet

Malcolm Liddell  
Tim Opstelton

### Trombone

### Timpani

Jane MacKerras

### Percussion

Ross Dovey

### Harp

Ingrid Bauer

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The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund which proudly funded the purchase of specialised black choir folders, together with additional music books for our library.

## 2012 Concert Dates

3pm Sunday 15 April 2012      Concert with Orchestra

Saturday 14 July 2012      Annual 'from Scratch' event  
12:30pm—8pm      Rehearse and perform a  
major choral with large  
choir, orchestra and soloists

3pm Sunday 26 August 2012      a cappella concert

6pm Sunday 2 December 2012      Christmas Concert  
with orchestra

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