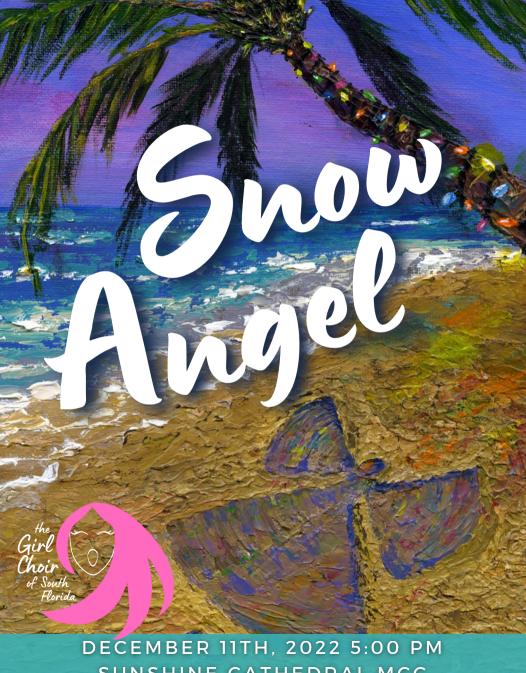
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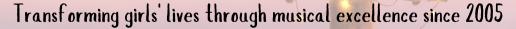
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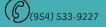




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Welcome

We are so glad you chose to enjoy the magic of a live choral performance with us this evening! In a world filled with almost constant distractions beckoning us to step out of the present moment, we invite you to settle in and engage with the musical offerings we're honored to share.

Tonight's program celebrates the ordinary moments not just of the holiday season, but of everyday life. In each song, our ensembles explore the notion that if we just pay attention to our surroundings, we may notice the angels in our lives who work to make the world a gentler and more magical place.

CHAMBER SINGERS

Winter's NightFrode Fjellheim from Norwegian Sámi Songs

Tre Staffansvisor från västra Sverige.....Traditional Swedish Carols

1. Staffansvisa från Norra Vånga

arr. Johanna Thür

2.Staffansvisa från Västergötland

3.Staffansvisa från Karlstad

These songs honoring St. Stephen originate in three different regions of Sweden.

They are traditionally sung on St. Lucia's Day, which is a festival of lights, celebrated annually on December 13. It marks the beginning of the Christmas season in Scandinavia and is meant to bring hope and light during the darkest time of year.

Each song tells the story of Stephen, a stable-boy who cares for his five horses. Refrains remind the listeners that while the nights are cold and long, there is immense beauty in the starry skies and much joy to be had in yuletide celebrations.

CONCERT & HARMONY CHOIRS

In the Bleak Midwinter......Gustav Holst

text by: Christina Rossetti arr. Simon Lole

With the Earth, I Am One.....Judith Herrington text by: Amy Lowell

Miriam, Dancing With the Women.....Elliot Z. Levine

PRIMES & PRELUDE CHOIRS

> With my donkey of the savannah, I'm on my way to Bethlehem. If anyone sees me, if you see me, I'm on my way to Bethlehem. The morning light illuminates my path. Hurry up, my little donkey, we're almost there.

CHAMBER SINGERS

Caribbean Carol.....Traditional Carol "Las Arandelas" from *Winter Celebrations* arr. Arthur Frackenpohl

This carol comes from the rich "Aguinaldos" tradition of caroling door to door during the holidays with groups of friends and family that is common in many Latin American countries. This popular song asks the listener to "open the door" and join in the fun!

Hazeremos Una Merenda.....Sephardic Chanukah melody arr. Elliot Levine

This ancient Sephardic melody is thought to have originated inTurkey. Lyrics describe the preparation of "bumuelos," puffy fritters that are deep-fried in oil and traditionally eaten during Hanukkah.

Amid the Falling Snow.....Enya & Nicky Ryan arr. Audrey Snyder, text by: Roma Ryan

MEZZO CHOIR

Winter Branches......Cristi Cary Miller text by: Margaret Widdemer

Al Shlosha D'Varim.....Allan E. Naplan text by: Pirkei Avot (Mishnah)

 ${\it The world is sustained by three things; by truth, by justice, and by peace.}$

Simple Gifts.....Shaker Song, arr. Aaron Copland Shepherd's Pipe Carol.....John Rutter

Hotta Chocolatta.....Milton Drake & Vic Mizzy arr. Kirby Shaw

CONCERT CHOIR

Herbstlied......Robert Schumann text by: Sieafried August Mahlmann ed. John B. Haberlen

Falls apart in ashes and dust.

Leaves fall from the trees,
The tender summer leaves.
Life with its dreams

And all things then will return That now have died away.

El Cielo Canta Alegria......Pablo Sosa, arr. Roger Bergs

Heaven is singing for jou, Hallelujah! For in your life and in mine Is shining the glory of God. Hallelujah!

HARMONY & CONCERT CHOIRS

Snow Angel......Sarah Quartel No. 5 from Snow Angel

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas......Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane arr. Jacob Narverud

Audience sing-along

Here Comes Santa Claus......Gene Autry & Oakley Haldeman Jingle Bells.....James Pierpont Silent Night.....Franz Gruber Deck the Hall......Welsh Carol

Featuring GCSF alumnae

We Wish You a Merry Christmas.....Traditional English Folksong arr. Emily Crocker

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The Girl Choir of South Florida would not be the remarkable organization that it is today without the limitless love and support of our friends & family.

To showcase the generosity of our beautiful community, we are now offering a way to be a part of GCSF every day! We warmly invite you to sponsor a part of our home and be forever recognized with a tasteful plague to be seen by all who pass through our doors.

Additionally, GCSF is working with local artists to design a dynamic art installation evocative of music and motion for our new space. Over time, donor names will be added to the piece in the form of music notes to create an ever changing expression of gratitude.



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