

*The Cecilian Singers*



# *O Holy Night !*

*Conducted by Kent Lee*

*Tuesday, December 9th, 7.30pm  
St. John's Cathedral, Garden Road, Central*



*Tickets: \$200, concessions \$100 (to include mulled wine & mince pies), available at the Cathedral Bookstore, or buy online at [www.ceciliansingers.com](http://www.ceciliansingers.com), telephone 2570 3783, or buy on the door on the night.*

*Proceeds in support of Medecins Sans Frontieres, Ebola Projects*

**Conductor: Kent Lee, Organist and Pianist: Jackie Fung, Trumpeter: Li Kwok Yin**

**About this Concert:** This year we have a great mix of evocative songs we all know, alongside favourites such as Oh Holy Night by Adolphe Adam, Tollite Hostias - Oratorio de Noël by Camille Saint-Saëns, Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck and Shepherd's Farewell by Hector Berlioz. Concert proceeds will go to Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) projects tackling Ebola. We will also have an additional donation collection for MSF, in addition to ticket proceeds.

# Christmas Concert 2014, Programme

1. Hodie Christus Natus Est (Gregorian antiphon)

**Audience Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful - verse 1, 2, 6**

2. Jesus Bleibet Meine Freude BWV 147 by J.S. Bach (1685-1750) (Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring)
3. The Angel Gabriel arr. by Edgar Pettman (1866-1943)
  - o *Soloist: Hugh Tyrwhitt-Drake(Tenor)*
4. Myn Lyking by Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)
  - o *Soloist: Allison Clark (Soprano)*
5. The Truth From Above arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
6. Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

**Audience Carol: Joy to the World- verse 1, 2, 4**

7. Glory to God from Handel's Messiah composed in 1741
8. Tollite Hostias - Oratorio de Noël by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

**Charity Talk**

- o Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Martyn Broughton, Director of Communications for MSF(HK)
9. Sussex Carol arr. by David Willcocks (b.1919-)
    - o *Soloists: Belinda Lam (Soprano) and Steven Benton (Bass)*
  10. Candlelight Carol by John Rutter (b.1945 -)

**Audience Carol: Once in Royal David's City - verse 1, 2**

11. Shepherd's Farewell by Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)
12. Torches by John Joubert (b.1927-)
13. Oh Holy Night written in 1847 by Adolphe Charles Adam (1803-1856)
  - o *Soloists: Pamela Roper (Soprano) and David Kidd(Tenor)*

**Audience Carol: Silent Night - verse 1, 2**

14. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, arr. by Ryan James Brandau (contemporary)
  - o *Soloists: Elizabeth Petersen and Tom Raggett*
15. The Twelve Days of Christmas, arr. by Bob Chilcott (b.1955-)
  - o *Soloists: Janice Record (Alto) Callie Botsford and Johanna Halvorsen (Soprano Duet)*

**Audience Carol: Hark the Herald Angel Sing - verse 1, 2, 3**

Closing thanks by Ciara Shannon, Chairperson of the Cecilian Singers

## **AUDIENCE CAROLS**

### **1) Audience Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful**

(verses 1, 2 and 6)

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:

#### **Chorus**

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:

#### **Chorus**

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation.  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

#### **Chorus**

### **2) Audience Carol: Joy to the World**

(verses: 1, 2 and 4)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every 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 earth! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the  
sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy,

He rules the earth 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, wonders of His  
love.

### **3) Audience Carol: Once in Royal David's City**

(verses: 1, and 2)

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.

### **4) Audience Carol: Silent Night**

(verses 1 and 2)

Silent night, Holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child  
Holy infant, tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

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.

### **5) 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 CONDUCTOR: KENT LEE**

Kent Lee graduated from the Trinity College of Music, London in 2007 where he studied piano performance and conducting. He has conducted performances at 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. For more information visit: [www.kentleemusic.com](http://www.kentleemusic.com)

#### **The Cecilian Singers: Christmas Singers, 2014**

**Bass:** Steven Benton, Charles Goldsmith and Tom Raggett

**Tenors:** Stephen Burrows, Judy Butler, David Kidd, Hugh Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mike Rooney

**Altos:** Rebecca Austin, Emma Baker, Johanna Halvorsen, Januus Lai, Josephine Leung, Nissa Marion, Cesilia Poon and Masako Sanai

**Sopranos:** Callie Botsford, Karen Chan, Allison Clark, Harjeet Kaur Grewal, Juliet Ide, Belinda Lam, Elizabeth Petersen, Janice Record, Pamela Roper, Ciara Shannon, Liz Sullivan and Margaret Van

#### **ABOUT THE CHARITY**

Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from healthcare. MSF offers assistance to people based on need, irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation. MSF is responding to the Ebola outbreak in Mali, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. In parallel, MSF is also responding to an outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

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#### **HISTORY OF THE CECILIAN SINGERS**

We began on December 18th 1962 and we are one of the oldest mixed choirs in Hong Kong, singing 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 that sings for other charities and a significant percentage of our profits from our concerts go to various charities, chosen by the choir.

#### **THE CECILIAN SINGERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 2014-2015**

Chair: Ciara Shannon

Secretary: Margaret Van

Treasurer: Tom Raggett

Officers: Judy Butler, Steven Benton, Nissa Marion and Harjeet Kaur Grewal

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