

Glen Eira City Choir with
Choral Studio *Harmony Children's' Choir* present a

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 9 December 2023

Conductor: Elena Varshavskaya

Organist: Hugh Fullarton

Accompanist for Harmony Children's Choir: Rosa Hwang

GLEN EIRA CITY CHOIR

Silent Night – J. Mohr (arr. Varshavskaya)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring – from the *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben* (Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life), BWV 147 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

C'était à l'heure de minuit (Provençal) – Harmonisation Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

A Gaelic Blessing – John Rutter (b.1945)

Candlelight Carol – John Rutter (b.1945)

Baby's born in Bethlehem — Mary Val Marsh

HARMONY CHILDRENS' CHOIR

Christmas is a time to love – tba

Carol of the Bells – Mykola Leontovych (1877–1921)

HUGH FULLARTON

Organ interlude

GLEN EIRA CITY CHOIR and HARMONY CHILDRENS' CHOIR

The Snow – Words Eleanor Farjeon; Music Michael Slavkin

GLEN EIRA CITY CHOIR

Australian Christmas Carols – William James (1892– 1977)

The three drovers

Carol of the birds

The silver stars are in the sky

Christmas day

GLEN EIRA CITY CHOIR, HARMONY CHILDREN'S CHOIR and AUDIENCE (words overleaf)

O come, all ye faithful (*Adeste fidelis*)

While shepherds watched their flocks

Hark! The herald angels sing

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fidelis) v 1,3,6,7

**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:**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;|
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps: [Refrain]**

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

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]**



Words: Tr. F; Oakley, W.T. Brooke & others
Tune: 18th cent. anon. arr. David Wilcocks

While shepherds watched their flocks

All **While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.**

Men **'Fear not', said he (for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring, to you and all mankind.'**

Women **'To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:**

Women **'The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.'**

Men **Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:**

All **'All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease.'**

Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
Tune: From Este's Psalter 1592

Hark! The herald angels sing

**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 th' angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

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Refrain: **Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King.**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun 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. [Refrain]**

Words: C. Wesley, T Whitefield, M. Madan and others

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn. Descant and organ part by David Willcocks

CONDUCTOR

Elena Varshavskaya graduated from Moscow State P. I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory with Honors in 2002 majoring in choral conducting. While studying at the conservatory, she was a member of the Moscow Conservatory Chamber Choir and participated in international choral music competitions and festivals, both in Russia and abroad touring Italy, Germany, Austria and Poland. In 2002 Elena was the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Chamber Choir *Lad* which successfully toured Greece, Germany and Finland and also received gold and silver awards at the 5th International Johannes Brahms Choir Competition, Wernigerode, Germany in 2005. In 2006 she started working in the Russian Radio and Television Big Academic Choir as a singer and an assistant to the Artistic Director.

In 2010 she joined Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Choir as a chorister, and in 2011 Elena became Musical Director of *Bendigo Chorale* where she directed and conducted many concerts for the choir in Bendigo, Echuca and Melbourne and also participated in projects with David Kram (More Than Opera) and Victorian Opera. Elena also works with a community choir *Nostalgia*. Her repertoire includes classical music, contemporary music, jazz, gospel and folk, including works by Rachmaninoff, Mozart, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Gershwin and Rutter. She also leads the Children Choral Studio *Harmony Children's Choir*.

ORGANIST

Hugh Fullarton FRCO ARCM B.Mus(Melb) Dip.Ed(Melb) LMusA, is an Australian organist, pianist, conductor, composer, and improviser. Hugh Fullarton has established a significant reputation for his dynamic performances, compositions, and fluency across diverse musical genres. He studied pipe organ with internationally renowned John O'Donnell at the University of Melbourne, receiving the highest marks in performance in his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and winning a number of prizes. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, one of only a handful of Australians to have been awarded this pre-eminent diploma over the last few decades, and also holds an Associate Diploma in Organ Performance from the Royal College of Music, London. As organist or pianist he has appeared with King's College Choir Cambridge, Winchester Cathedral Choir, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, The Consort of Melbourne, The Sydney Chamber Choir, Trinity College Choir at The University of Melbourne, The Australian Boys Choir, and The Australian Choral Symposium, amongst a host of other local ensembles. He has performed as an organ soloist throughout Australia and England, and had solo recitals broadcast on ABC FM and 3MBS FM.

THE GLEN EIRA CITY CHOIR

Sopranos: Judy Aldridge, Jan Brasch, Paige Byrne, Halina Dynek, Jenny McUtchen, Barbara Overbury, Margaret Reimer, Margaret Ricardo, Betty Spencer, Annie Sweeney, Julia Williams

Altos: Angela Alomes, Nadya Belousova, Helen Cliffe, Rosemary Harmer, Irene Havryluk-Davies, Irina Fateeva, Iris Felstead, Denise Grocke, Valerie McDonald, Eileen O'Callaghan, Penny Paton, Annette Robinson, Eva Viaz

Tenors: Stuart Allen, Andre Dubrowin, Rob Faulkner, Alex Hovey, Jeremy Paton

Basses: Sam Bateman, Rob McUtchen, Adrian Mill, Geoff Peters, Bill Raper

CHORAL STUDIO *HARMONY CHILDRENS' CHOIR*

Andrei Fateev, Aleksandr Fateev, Victoria Furman, Kent Kulakovsky, Maxim Levin, Alisa Levin, Erik Poliak, Kai Polak, Laura Rodin, Shoshana Tesler, Reina Tran, Ivana Tyapkin, Sasha Tyapkin, Mirabella Tyapkin, Alisha Vagisarova, Keira Zemskova

ABOUT THE GLEN EIRA CITY CHOIR

The Glen Eira City Choir is a SATB non-auditioned choir that was established in 1946. We are a voluntary not-for-profit organisation, and a member of the Australian National Choral Association (ANCA). We usually perform two to three concerts per year. The first is normally a choral work, the second comprising lighter music from operas and musicals, and a third (sometimes combined with second concert) is our Christmas concert.

Our life members are: Jane Elton Brown OAM and Hazel Wilson.

The Choir extends its thanks and appreciation to:

- Elena Varsharvskaya (Conductor)
- Berta Brozgul (Rehearsal Accompanist)
- Glen Eira City Council
- David Southwick MP (Member for Caulfield)
- St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton
- Buxton Real Estate
- National Pharmacies Brighton



The Glen Eira City Choir welcomes new members

Rehearsals resume in February 2024

on Mondays 7:45- 9:30pm

at St Andrews Church, 228 New Street Brighton

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