A Christmas Celebration



Musical Director: Rupert D'Cruze

Accompanist: David Woodcock



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Cantando is a community choir of people who enjoy singing, and who wish to achieve high standards of public performance in a variety of musical styles. No audition is required.

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The Choir thanks our Stage Manager Peter Jarman

Concert Programme edited by Jeanette Holborow, assisted by Yvonne Ingram & Lynne Matthews

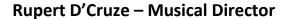
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FOREWORD

Cantando is very pleased to collaborate with the TWSO for *A Christmas Celebration*, the last concert of our 2019 season. For the Choir it is also the final time that we will perform under the baton of our present Musical Director, Rupert D' Cruze. Rupert has been Cantando's MD for eight years and has added his own particular style, expertise and repertoire to the development of the Choir. In addition to presenting great works such as the Verdi *Requiem*, Handel's *Messiah* and Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Rupert has introduced the Choir to some of his favourite music and composers from the English choral tradition. Most notable among these were selections from Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* at several of our *ANZAC Reflections* concerts.

On behalf of Cantando, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the huge contribution Rupert has made to the Choir over the past eight years and to thank him particularly for his skill in coaxing the best possible performance out of our singers at each concert. We extend our warmest good wishes to Rupert for the future and for his continuing contribution to the musical life of the Waikato.

Merilyn Manley-Harris, President, Cantando Choir





Rupert D'Cruze is Music Director of the Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra and also Musical Director of Cantando Choir. He gained his earliest musical training as a boy chorister in the Temple Church Choir in London and later Principal Trombone with the European Community Orchestra. Following many years of playing in symphony orchestras and working as a respected instrumental and ensemble teacher, he studied conducting at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Rupert also has a strong interest in performing works by living composers. Throughout his career he has directed many premieres of new music and commissioned several new works. Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra made him their first full-time Music Director as well as joining Cantando Choir as its MD.

David Woodcock – Accompanist

Following music and trombone studies including at the Royal College of Music and playing with the NZSO, and touring orchestras, he is a composer and arranger. As well as being an accompanist for touring singers and instrumentalists he is Cantando's regular accompanist. He plays piano and other keyboards for the TWSO, and gets to make even more noise than he does as a trombone player when assisting with the fireworks display and firing the cannon in the 1812 Overture at the Hamilton Gardens Festival.



About our Soloist



Kolitha Jayatunge

Koli first sang with Wellington's St Paul's Cathedral, the Orpheus Choir, and NZ Opera Chorus until 2012. After moving to Hamilton he sings with a number of groups including Civic Choir, St Peter's Cathedral Choir, and the Baroque Chamber Group while carrying out Music studies at the University of Waikato under the tutelage of Dame Malvina Major.

Koli has performed with Cantando Choir previously as our Soloist and from next year takes up his role as our new Musical Director.

CHOIR MEMBERS

SOPRANOS

Margaret Adkins Kirstie Barr Jill Bergin Robyn Buick Deborah Capper-Starr Irene Dawson Josina Ellis Elizabeth Gilling Robyn Glenn Yvonne Ingram Sister Anne-Marie Jones **Gudrun Jones** Peggy Koopman-Boyden Stephanie Law Sue Marshall Sandra Neil Monica Orbe Chohye Park Barbara Rosenberg Jenny Shepherd Trewan Shevan Angela Sullivan **Esther Termaat** Lynne Walker Delwyn White Glenys Wood

Adrian Wrigglesworth

ALTOS

Mafalda Baptista Jane Barnett Alison Beardsmore Mary Booker Jill Bull **Barbara Davis** Heather Derbyshire Jenny Field Elysia Gumbley Alison Hampton Janet Hanfling Helen Hickling Jeanette Holborow **Catherine Holmes** Iris-Mary Kimpton Janion Le Quesne Muriel Leadley Judith Littlejohn Victoria Mann Lynne Matthews Alison McBride Janet Milne Susanne Neal Lynley Parker Helen Petchey Heather Ridge Joanne Seager Elizabeth Snook Brenda Taylor (Harvey) Miriam ten Hove Karen Van der Lingen Jackie Walton Nancy Wilcock Margie Wynne- Jones

TENORS

Gerald Bailey Kevin Broughan Mary Cave-Palmer **Scott Chaplow** Teresa Douglas Elizabeth Gibson Terry Gibson John Heritage Julia Hodgkinson Terence Keller Clive Lamdin Merilyn Manley-Harris **Rob Nicholls** Francesca Okiyama Wayne Petersen **Brian Prestidge** Nadine Viljoen

BASSES

Alastair Barnett
Sean Brady
Walter Crookes
Chris Glassey
Richard Gorman
Tony Nolan
Peter Schaare
Wayne Kiew Teng
Murray White
Phillip Woods

PROGRAMME

Trad arr. Willcocks O Come all ye Faithful

Bach Christians be Joyful (Christmas Oratorio)

Rutter Shepherd's Pipe Carol

Hadley I Sing of a Maiden

P. Norman Suite from 'A Christmas Carol'

Trad arr. Willcocks God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

L. Anderson Christmas Festival

Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Rutter Twelve Days of Christmas

arr. Willcocks Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Please note that the Programme may vary between the afternoon and evening performances

ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

Flute 1 Flute 2	Elsie Kane Malcolm Carmichael	Percussion	Veronica Garcia Gil
ridic 2	Walcom carmenaer	Keyboard	David Woodcock
Piccolo	Malcolm Carmichael	,	
		Violin 1	Amy Jones
Oboe 1	Anne Mendrun	Violin 1	Ann Speed
Oboe 2	Jordan Wise	Violin 1	Bev Oliver
		Violin 1	Christine Conning
Clarinet 1	Elias Chandran	Violin 1	Debbie Cotter
Clarinet 2	Ian Witten	Violin 1	Jean Paterson
		Violin 1	Julie Dowden
Bass clarinet	Oliver Barratt	Violin 1	Katie Mayes
Bassoon 1	Keith Rodgers	Violin 2	Carolyn Armstrong
Bassoon 2	Murray Petrie	Violin 2	Fevziye Hasan
	·	Violin 2	Fiona Green
Horn 1	Sergio Marshall	Violin 2	Katrina Carswell
Horn 2	Martin Stevenson	Violin 2	Kevin Maurin
Horn 3	Campbell Smith	Violin 2	Lucy Chilberto
Horn 4	Brittany Ward	Violin 2	Meemee Phipps
	·	Violin 2	Peter Stokes
Trumpet	Hiro Kobayashi		
Trumpet	Jodi Albery	Viola	Amelia Meertens
Trumpet	Tomas Metz	Viola	Aroon Parshotam
-		Viola	Sally Whyte
Trombone 1	Jody Thomas		
Trombone 2	Robert Lummus	Cello	Boram Keam
Trombone 3	Mark Barnes	Cello	Catherine Milson
		Cello	Leone Pienaar
Tuba	Steve Webb	Cello	Olivia Fletcher
		Cello	Rosalie Collins-Gargan
Timpani	Natalie Garcia Gil		
		Double bass	Denise Hudson
Percussion	Natalie Garcia Gil	Double bass	Robert Johnson
Percussion	Abby Pinkerton	Double bass	Simon Wang









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