

personnel

soprano

Karin Kanneberg
Brittney Kempfer
Morgan Luttig
Senja Peterson
Catherine Rogers
Lana Marie Stark
Kira W. Tucker

alto

Peggy Breese
Jan Curtis
Stacy Eblin
Kenna Kinsey
Susan McCain
Bakara Nkenge-Hinds
Abbey Terry

tenor

Brian Dean
George Fidler
Drew Hillis
Russell Martin
Joshua Wall

bass

Daniel Bolta
Richard Cheong
Ray Ellis
Gregory R. Martin
Skip Watts

Leah Nestor, rehearsal accompanist

I Cantori

Robert L. Harris, conductor
Richard Morgan, organ

presents

**Christmas with
I Cantori**

Friday, December 9, 2016 – 7:30 pm
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 7:30 pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

I Cantori – Savannah's premier chamber choir

Sir Christèmas

William Mathias
(1934-1992)

Quem vidistis, pastores

Richard Dering
(1580-1630)

Whom did you see? Shepherds, tell us! Proclaim to us who has appeared on the earth? We saw the new-born child and choirs of angels praising the Lord. Tell us what have you seen? Announce the Birth of Christ!

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Michael Praetorius
(1571-1621)

How beautifully shines the morning star, full of grace and truth from the Lord, the sweet root of Isaiah. You, David's son from Jacob's lineage, my king and my bridegroom, you have possessed my heart – lovely, friendly, beautiful and glorious, great and righteous, rich in blessings, high and magnificently exalted.

Behold a Star From Jacob Shining (Christus)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Ave Maris Stella

Trond Kverno
(1945-)

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Senja Peterson, soprano

Juris Karlsons
(1958-)

Hail, Star of the Sea, loving Mother of God and Virgin immortal Heaven's blissful portal! Receiving the "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel, reversing the name of "Eva," establish us in peace. Break the chains of sinners, bring light to the blind, drive away our evils, and ask for all good things. Show thyself to be a mother, that, through thee, he may accept our prayers, He who, born for us, chose to be your Son. O incomparable Virgin, meek above all others, make us, freed from our faults, meek and chaste. Keep our life pure, make our journey safe, so that, seeing Jesus, we may rejoice together forever. Let there be praise to God the Father, and glory to Christ the most High, and to the Holy Spirit, and to the three be one honor. Amen.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Don Michael Dicie
(1941-)

Gaudete

Steven Sametz

Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born of the virgin Mary, Rejoice! (1954-)

It is now the time of grace that we have desired; let us sing songs of joy, let us give devotion.

God was made man, and nature marvels; the world was renewed by Christ who is King.

The closed gate of Ezechiel has been passed through; from where the light rises salvation is found.

Therefore let our assembly now sing, sing the Psalms to purify us; let it praise the Lord: Greetings to our King.

intermission

Carol Arrangements by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Fum, Fum, Fum (Spain)

The Holly and the Ivy (England)

The Boar's Head Carol (England)

What Child Is This? (England)

Gregory Martin, baritone

Away in a Manger (USA)

La viene la vieja (Spain)

The Carol of the Birds (Spain)

Marie Stark, soprano

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella (France)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Deck the Hall

John Rutter
(1945-)