BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS ROBERT BARNEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR CHAD WEIRICK, ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR & ACCOMPANIST

RECORDED LIVE AT JORDAN HALL, DEC. 9 & 10, 1995

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Performed by The Bay Statesmen, John O'Neil, Director

Words & Music by Lionel Bart, arr. Norman Leyden

^{*}Recorded January, 1994

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8	Il est né le Divin Enfant trad. French Carol, arr. Robert Barney Charles Eversole, tenor	(3:00)
9	Still, Still, Still trad. German Carol, arr. Robert Barney	(3:00)
10	Somerset Wassail trad. English Carol, arr. Robert Barney	(2:40)
11	The Carol of the Birds trad. Spanish Carol, arr. Howard Rosner Charles Eversole, tenor	(4:30)
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BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS

The Boston Gay Men's Chorus was founded in February, 1982 and the ensemble has matured into an innovative 80-voice, community-based chorus committed to musical excellence. Under the leadership of Music Director Robert Barney, the BGMC enhances the cultural richness of Boston and New England and provides a positive, affirming image of the gay and lesbian community. The Chorus performs a three concert subscription series in Boston each year and sings outreach concerts throughout the region. The BGMC's first commercial recording, Visions: Words for the Future, was released in 1994 on the AFKA label and features 9 world premiere recordings of compositions commissioned by gay choruses.

The Boston Gay Men's Chorus was the first openly gay organization to perform at Boston's historic Symphony Hall and has performed throughout New England and from coast to coast, singing at New York's Avery Fisher Hall, Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis, Boettcher Symphony Hall in Denver, Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, and in Washington, DC and Seattle. In 1995, the BGMC performed with the Boston Pops under the batons of Keith Lockhart and Seiji Ozawa for 15,000 people at the opening of the FleetCenter. Other special appearances include concerts for Dartmouth College's Hopkins Center for the Arts, the Boston Children's Museum 80th Birthday Celebration, the Human Rights Campaign Annual Dinner, and the American Guild of Organists National Convention.

The BGMC sings and programs a diverse repertoire of music encompassing virtually all periods and styles. The Chorus is committed to the creation and advancement of new works and regularly commissions from nationally prominent composers such as Daniel Pinkham, Conrad Susa, and Libby Larsen and noted local composers including Jeffrey Brody, Bill Cutter, and Bill Lowe. Selected members of the Chorus also perform in the Bay Statesmen, the BGMC's song and dance troupe under the direction of John O'Neil. The Chorus is a member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA), an international organization of over 135 men's, women's, and mixed-voice choruses.

ROBERT BARNEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Music Director of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus since 1985, Robert Barney has led the ensemble with distinction across New England and the U.S. Robert also holds the position of Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church in Concord, Massachusetts, and teaches piano, organ, and voice. He earned degrees from Concordia College in Bronxville, New York, and the New England Conservatory of Music. He studied organ with Robert Owen, Frank Taylor, and Yuko Hayashi, and choral conducting with Ralph Schultz, Donald Teeters, and Joseph Flummerfelt. He recently completed an organ study tour of England sponsored by the Westfield Center for Early Keyboard Studies. As a pipe organ recitalist, Robert has played demonstration recitals for the American Guild of Organists National Convention and for the Organ Historical Society in Maine, Connecticut and Maryland. In the summer of 1995, Robert performed a recital at Grosvenor Chapel in London, England. He has been heard on the nationally broadcast radio program *Pipe Dreams* and was heard in a local AGO broadcast on WCRB-FM. Robert has been featured on recital series at Methuen Music Hall, Trinity Church at Copley Square, Boston's historic Old West Church, and at Trinity Church as part of Boston's First Night festivities.

CHAD WEIRICK, PRINCIPAL ACCOMPANIST & ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR

Chad Weirick, Principal Accompanist and Assistant Music Director, was born in Rockford, Illinois. A five time winner of the Illinois State Fair organ competition, he went on to become organist for Radio City Music Hall and the rehearsal pianist for the Rockettes. He has also performed as a keyboardist for the Broadway productions of *A Chorus Line, The Act*, and *Shenendoah*. In 1977, he performed for the U.S. State Department on the Harry S. Truman grand piano. He graduated with honors and distiction in performance from New England Conservatory of Music, with a degree in composition. He has also served as Music Director for Mariott's Great America and various local summer stock productions. In addition to teaching, Chad tours the United States playing theatre organ concerts and accompanying silent films.

JOHN O'NEIL, BAY STATESMEN DIRECTOR

John O'Neil, a native and resident of Brookline, joined the Boston Gay Men's Chorus as Bay Statesmen director in March 1991. John also serves on the BGMC Artistic Advisory Panel and has heard his musical arrangements sung by the chorus in many concert halls across the country. As well as being a talented director and arranger, John is an accomplished pianist, singer and accompanist whose work spans the film, recording and television industries. John appears regularly in dinner clubs, piano bars and cabarets throughout New England and is a featured performer at many of Boston's favorite piano bars. Most recently, John has appeared with the New England Vocal Arts Ensemble and has served as music director of an original one-act play by local playwright Ricardo Marquez.

CAPITAL BRASS

Capital Brass, founded in 1986, is a recital oriented group that focuses on contemporary literature, especially the works of New England composers. They have performed local and world premieres of works by John Harbison, John Huggler, Richard Cornell, Lawrence Seagal, Michael Carnes, Marti Epstein, Jean Hasse, John McDonald and Michael Weinstein. The Capital Brass has been heard throughout Boston, at New England Conservatory, Brandeis University, MIT, and Wheelock College. They have performed for Boston's First Night celebration and on the Crosscurrents series. They can also be heard on the BGMC's first CD, Visions: Words for the Future.

CHARLES EVERSOLE, TENOR

Charles Eversole holds degrees in voice performance from Baldwin-Wallace College and the University of Michigan, where he studied with George Shirley. He has appeared with Cleveland Opera, Lyric Opera Cleveland and the Great Lakes Theatre Festival, among others. He recently recorded a disc with the American Boy Choir, singing with Kathleen Battle. Based in New York City, Charles is a voice teacher, vocal coach, soloist and musical director. He is also a composer in the BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theatre Workshop.

BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS ORCHESTRA

Violin I: Jane Hemenway, Lucy Pope, Jill Good Violin II: Robert Lehmann, Kimberly Lehmann, Hilary Foster Cello: Timothy Terranella, Michael Curry, Drew Eckard Bass: David Hollender; Harp: Matthew Doherty Flute: Steven P. Finley; Oboe: Jane Harrison Clarinet: Richard Shaughnessy; Bass Clarinet: Mark Margolies Trumpets: Judson Scott, Jane Sanford, Tony Gimenez French Horn: Beth Allifranchini; Trombone: Joseph Branco Drum Set: Steven Gray; Mallets: John Tanzer

BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS STAFF

Robert Barney, Music Director Chad Weirick, Assistant Music Director & Accompanist John O'Neil, Bay Statesmen Director LeWana Clark, Sign Language Interpreter Steven F. Smith, Executive Director

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BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS ROSTER, DECEMBER 1995

First Tenors	Jeff Thomson	Basses	Al Lynch
Scott Amaral	Craig Towers	Richard Arsenault	Maureen Murphy
Jay Baer	Royce Tyree	Bob Blum	Michael Passe
Bryan Clark*	Steve Waugh	John Brown	Bob Porzio
Gerry Dagesse*	Randy Zinkus	Craig Capone	Douglas Raymond
Courtney Furno		Danny Clenott	Robert L. 'Rab'
Peter Kokoszka	Baritones	Michael J. Cote*	Sherman
David Lee	Jim Anderson*	Mark Daggett	Robert Stiefel
Terence McGinty	Richard Babson	Lewis Brian Day	Michael W. Tobey
Stephen Murtagh	Alex Baker*	Matthew Doherty	Luis Valdez
Tom Regan	Calvin J. Beckett	Brian Griffin	
Richard Smith*	Richard Bentley	Gary Griffiths	* denotes member
Craig Thomas	Chirstopher Chouinard	Mark Harding	Bay Statesmen
Ludwig von Hahn	Laurence Collopy	Mike LaFleur	
	Gregory Dill	Buck Lamsa	
Second Tenors	Joe DiSalvatore*	Mark Meehl	Board of Directors
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The following additional singers performed in the 2 tracks recorded in 1994: First Tenors: John Ambrose, Daniel-John Aylward, Steve Duysen, David Fougere, Ralph Gioncardi, Charles E. Hodges, Jr., Gerald B. James, Kenneth Kayser, C.I. Micheil MacCutcheon, Ross Ozer, Mark W. Peters, John Poirier, Christopher Ricciotti, Robert L. 'Rab' Sherman, Howard Stahl, Patrick West; Second Tenors: Harold Bingham, Scott Braithwaite, William Brown, Bob Ebersole, Paul E. Fallon, Karl Flueckiger, Ron Hersom, Sean Mallari, James L. Miller, Dominic Montuori, David J. Pia, Lido Raposo, Denis M. Reidy, Stan Sack, Robert Tetirick, David Warren; Baritones: Paul Brouillette, Josef Comperchio, James Fritz, Fred S. Furnari, Kevin Gahagan, Christopher P. Gaucher, Kent Jue, Mickey Kasper, Edward LeSage, Alec D. J. McLure, Phil Melemed, Thomas J. Monahan, Richard Osborne, Tom Saunders, Paul Sherman, Jim Taber, Floyd Thomson; Basses: Richard J. Bilodeau, Raphael J. Burgos-Mirabel, Wayne Drake, Eric Johnson, David D. Nielson, Gordon Pooler, Corey Smith, Walter Swiatynski, Richard Triplett

TRACK SPONSORS

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Magnificat sponsored by Robert D. Blum

Three Carols, arranged by Robert Barney, sponsored by Ronald A. Hersom

Audience Sing-Along sponsored by Richard Babson in memory of those who always sing with us in spirit

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Mark Grossman	Evelyn May	Frederick Riley	Ken Zak
Nancy Grossman	George Mello, Jr.	Molly Robinson	Terry Zinno
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TRANSLATIONS

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud of their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Il Est Né Le Divin Enfant

Refrain: Born on Earth the divine Christ Child,
Oboes rejoice with bagpipes vying
Born on Earth the divine Christ Child,
Sing to welcome the Saviour mild.

'Tis four thousand years and more, Men his birth have been prophesying, 'Tis four thousand years and more, While we longed for the joys in store. Refrain

Ah! such beauty and charm adore! Ah! such perfection of grace undying! Ah! such beauty and charm adore! Promised us in days of yore.

Refrain

In a stable here on Earth, Jesus, in the manger lying, In a stable here on Earth, O how lowly our Saviour's birth! Refrain

O Jesus, heaven's Lord, Tiny child in the manger crying, O Jesus, heaven's Lord, Christ our king for evermore. Refrain

Still, Still, Still

1. Still, still, Let all the world be still, For Mary lays her child to rest, Sings to him softly at her breast, Still, still, Let all the world be still.

2. Sleep, sleep, My dearest baby sleep, The angels all rejoice and sing, Heaven for your delight shall ring, Sleep, sleep, My dearest baby sleep.

3. Great, great, great, my heart with joy is great,
The God of love has left his throne, Made this humble world his own,
Great, great, my heart with joy is great.



Boston Gay Men's Chorus

and Orchestra at Jordan Hall,

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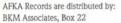
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