

FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Dr. Timothy Seelig

The holidays have always been a favorite time for the members of the Turtle Creek Chorale. We love singing the music and enjoy entertaining the people who come to hear us. One of the most exciting aspects of the season is seeking out new holiday music and new arrangements of familiar tunes. In addition, we are able to stretch the envelope to include a variety of guest artists.

This recording includes selections recorded live at recent holiday concerts. There is a wide variety of music to fit every mood – from the nostalgic to the outrageous. You will hear extraordinary guests including Denise Lee, Gary Floyd, Tiffany Roberts, Flutes Unlimited and the exquisite violin artistry of Stirling Trent. You will also hear the voices of the 200+ singing members of the TCC.

We hope you will spend many hours of enjoyment with this recording and the approximately 35 others we have made over the years. If you have never heard the chorus live in concert, please make that a priority and come on down to the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. As they say, it is “Like No Other Sound on Earth.”

We wish you the most joyous and blessed holiday season ever.

Yours,

Tim Seelig

ABOUT TURTLE CREEK CHORALE

With over 200 singing members, the Chorale presents a full subscription concert series at its home, the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, performing annually to live audiences in excess of 50,000. All members of the Chorale are dues paying volunteers who donate over 100,000 hours to rehearsals, service projects and as many as 50 benefit performances annually. The TCC currently has four sub-groups: Chamber Chorus; ENCORE!; New Texas Symphony Orchestra; and the Turtle Creek Strangerettes, a precision dance team.

The Chorale currently has 35 CD's in addition to a variety of DVD's in its library. Performances by the Chorale have included two state, two regional and three national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association as well as a regional convention of Music Educators National Conference. The Chorale has traveled to Europe, performing sold out concerts in Barcelona, Berlin, and Prague as well as two appearances at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Milestones in the life of the Turtle Creek Chorale:

- *The Power of Harmony*, a new documentary about the struggles and triumphs of the Turtle Creek Chorale by Emmy Award-winning director, Ginny Martin, won the USA Film Festival's award for Best Documentary, 2005 and appeared on PBS in 2006
- 2003 Guinness Book of Records holder for World's Longest Choral Concert
- In collaboration with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, created *Sing For The Cure: A Proclamation of Hope*, narrated by Dr. Maya Angelou
- Created and presented the world premiere of *Song of Wisdom from Old Turtle*, based on the award-winning book *Old Turtle*. Narrated by Marlo Thomas, a portion of all recording proceeds benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- The PBS documentary, *After Goodbye: An AIDS Story*, featuring the Turtle Creek Chorale, received nine national awards, including an EMMY
- Ranked in the top ten of Billboard Classical Chart with *Requiem* CD
- Performed for the inaugurations of Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Texas Governor Ann Richards, as well as the Dallas City Council in 2005
- Made the only recordings of Richard Strauss' *Die Tageszeiten* and Gyorgy Orban's *Missa III*

HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Artistic Director: *Dr. Timothy Seelig*

Principal Accompanist: *Antoine Spencer*

Assistant Accompanist: *Russ Rieger*

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TRACKS

- 1. Ding Dong Merrily on High** 2:46
Traditional English Carol
arr: Howard Helvey
© 2003 Beckenhorst Press Inc.
- 2. Coventry Carol** 3:56
Traditional English Carol
arr: Howard Helvey
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- 3. Tomorrow Shall Be
My Dancing Day** 2:33
Traditional English Carol
arr: Howard Helvey
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- 4. Pachelbel Noel** 3:55
Traditional English Carol
arr: Michael Clawson
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Ellen Ritscher-Sackett, harp
Flutes Unlimited

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| 5. With Harps of Gold | 6:31 | 10. Advent | 4:48 |
| arr: Robert Seeley | | Based on Veni, Veni Emanuel | |
| © 1997, 2004 Yelton Rhodes Music Inc. | | arr: Craig Courtney | |
| Ellen Ritscher-Sackett, harp | | © 2005 Beckenhorst Press Inc. | |
| Flutes Unlimited | | Stirling Trent, violin | |
| Tiffany Roberts, soloist | | | |
| 6. Ave Maria | 3:10 | 11. Not in Our Town | 6:05 |
| Charles Gounod, adapted from J.S. Bach | | words/music: Fred Small | |
| arr: Anne Albritton | | arr: Kevin Robinson | |
| © 2005 Anne Albritton | | © 2005 Kevin Robinson | |
| Ellen Ritscher-Sackett, harp | | Gary Floyd & Denise Lee, soloists | |
| Flutes Unlimited | | Sterling Trent, violin | |
| 7. Mary Sat a Rockin' | 3:00 | 12. Lo, How a Rose
E'er Blooming | 5:25 |
| Greg Gilpin | | Michael Praetorius | |
| © 2003 Shawnee Press Inc. | | The Rose | |
| 8. Whisper, Whisper | 4:48 | Amanda McBroom | |
| Jay Althouse | | Denise Lee, soloist | |
| © 1995 Alfred Publishing Company | | arr: Craig Hella Johnson | |
| Gary Floyd & Denise Lee, soloists | | © 2005 Craig Hella Johnson | |
| Sleep my Child | | 13. Sleigh Ride | 3:25 |
| James Eakin | | Leroy Anderson | |
| © 2005 E.C. Schirmer Music Company | | arr: Eddy Clement | |
| 9. O Holy Night | 4:36 | © 2005 Eddy Clement | |
| Adolphe Adam | | 14. Insubordinate Claus | 3:51 |
| arr: Mark Hayes | | Eric Lane Barnes | |
| © 2004 Alfred Publishing Company | | © 1991 by Eric Lane Barnes ASCAP
and Cheri Coons ASCAP | |
| Gary Floyd & Denise Lee, soloists | | Denise Lee, soloist | |

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Instrumental:

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Stirling Trent, violin

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