

HISTORY OF THE CECILIAN SINGERS

We began on December 18th, 1962 and we are one of the oldest mixed choirs in Hong Kong, singing a myriad repertoire from madrigals and world music to Mozart - in the style of "a cappella" harmonies or pieces with accompaniment. We are also a registered charity that sings for other charities and a significant percentage of profits from our concerts go to various charities chosen by the choir.

OUR CONDUCTOR: ANDREW LEUNG

Andrew earned his degree in sacred music from Franciscan University of Steubenville, USA, where he was trained in singing, organ-playing and conducting. As the former choirmaster and organist at the Macau Cathedral, he continues to maintain a busy conducting schedule in Hong Kong: In addition to the Cecilian Singers, he is the music director of Vox Antiqua, a choir he founded in 2017, which, with his artistic guidance aims to bring quality church music and innovative programming to the audience across Hong Kong. As a baritone, he recently performed works by Bach and Buxtehude as a soloist at the City Hall, and he performs regularly with the Choir of St. John's Cathedral and the Tallis Vocalis. Andrew is currently an artist at the Paul Phoenix Academy, where he works with the former tenor of the King's Singers and a two-time Grammy Award winner.

CHRISTMAS 2019 SINGERS

- Basses:** Bernard Mok, Craig Chapman, David Fung, Hubert Lem, Ivor Morris, Joseph Bruener, Julien Molinet, Lindsay Ellens, Pierre Gueneron, Tim Schuetz, Wesley Wong, Will Newman, Yussel de Kra
- Tenors:** Andrew Dangerfield, Charles Whitely, Diane Quick, Evan Miracle, Jason Chang, Lawrence Yeung Wing Lap, Miro Crame, Robert Quintin, Ronald Leung
- Altos:** Adrienne Walder, Alice Hui, Anita Shimazu, Callie Botsford, Corinne Bonne, Dorothy Chen, Gina Littlefair, Janus Lai, Jenni Sparks, Jennifer Saran, Jill Morgan, Krystyna Kosciuszko, Rainbow Chan, Sofia Suarez, Vera Hau, Viania Fong,
- Sopranos:** Aline Meers, Amy Sly, Anna Verghese, Bernadette Wo, Caroline Ireson, Christine Wasiowych, Clare Ho, Cora Wan, Eri Fukuda, Frances Nicholls, Gita K Babpat, Helena Green, Judy Ho, Juliet Ide, Kelly Chan, Lara Simpson, Liz Sullivan, Louise Kwan, Lucy Colback, Maisie Ooi, Maria Laurentia Priyanka, Michelle Cheung, Pearl Wong, Rebecca Wadsworth, Ruby Liang, Shin-yi Jeng, Simone Loke, Tzeitel Fernandes, Theadora Whittington, Vera Casasempere Sanus

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THE CECILIAN SINGERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 2019

Chair:	Jenni Sparks	Treasurer:	Ivor Morris	Secretary:	Rebecca Wadsworth
Librarian:	Anna Verghese	Publicity:	Liz Sullivan	Events:	Krystyna Kosciuszko
Charity:	Caroline Ireson	Membership:	Viania Fong		

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New singers are always very welcome to sing with us – especially Bass or Tenor! We also welcome concert sponsorship to help maximise our charitable donations.

SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING CONCERT 2020: Please join us for

A Night at the Movies

Thursday May 14th St John's Cathedral
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REJOICE AND BE MERRY!

An evening with The Cecilian Singers

Conducted by Andrew Leung

2 DEC 2019

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
Garden Road
Central

Proceeds to
Maggie's Cancer
Caring Centre

11 DEC 2019

ST STEPHEN'S CHAPEL
22 Tung Tau Wan Rd
Stanley

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Conductor: Andrew Leung, Pianist: Jackie Fung

Rejoice and be Merry with an evening of Carols and Christmas music with the Cecilian Singers. From traditional, classical and modern favourites, there'll be something for everyone to get into the Christmas spirit! These concerts are in memory to our fellow Cecilian Joyce Chan who sadly passed away earlier this year. All proceeds will go to Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre.

Christmas Concert 2019, Programme

Audience Carol 1: Joy to the World *arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)*

Welcome Message

1. **O Nata Lux**, *Thomas Tallis (1505-85)*
2. **This Little Babe**, *Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)*
3. **In Dulci Jubilo**, *arr. R. L. Pearsall (1795-1856)*
Soloists: Callie Botsford, Evan Miracle, Gina Littlefair, Lindsay Ellens, Liz Sullivan, Louise Kwan, Ronald Leung, Wesley Wong

Audience Carol 2: O Little Town of Bethlehem *arr John Rutter (b.1945)*

4. **The Holly and the Ivy**, *June Nixon (b.1942)*
5. **Shepherd's Farewell**, *Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)*
6. **Magnum Mysterium**, *Nicholas White (b.1967)*
Soloist: Caroline Ireson

Charity Talk – Fan Kwan from “Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centre”

7. **Rejoice and Be Merry**, *John Rutter (b.1945)*
8. **Angel's Carol**, *John Rutter (b.1945)*
9. **Three Kings of Orient**, *J.H. Hopkins (1820-1891) arr John Rutter (b.1945)*
Soloists: Julien Molinet, Miro Crame, Lindsay Ellens

Audience Carol 3: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear *arr John Rutter (b.1945)*

10. **Ding-a Ding-a Ding**, *Greg Gilpin (b.1964)*
11. **It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**, *arr. Alan Billingsley*
12. **Do You Hear What I Hear**, *arr Harry Simeone (1911-2005)*

Audience Carol 4: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen *arr John Rutter (b.1945)*

13. **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**, *Kirby Shaw (b.1941)*
Soloist: Caroline Ireson

Our chosen charity for this concert – Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centre

Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centre is an independent charity registered in Hong Kong. It operates a drop-in day centre built on the grounds of Tuen Mun Hospital and attended by a multi-disciplinary professional team which consists of oncology nurses, clinical psychologists, registered social workers, dietitian and therapists. Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centre is here to provide timely practical, psychosocial and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer, patients and their family, friends and caregivers in a purpose-designed environment. All services are offered free-of-charge. No referral or pre-registration is needed.



Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room;

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing.

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns

Let men their songs employ.

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy

3. No more let sin and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found,

Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness.

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love.

O little town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by

Yet in the dark street shineth

The everlasting Light

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight

2. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth

And praises sing to God, the King And peace to men on earth

For Christ is born of Mary

And fathered all above

While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wondering love

3. How silently, how silently The wondrous Gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven

No ear may hear His coming

But in this world of sin

Where meek souls will receive Him still

The dear Christ enters in

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray

Cast out our sin and enter in Be born in us today

We hear the Christmas angels

The great glad tidings tell

Oh, come to us, abide with us

Our Lord Emmanuel!

It came upon the midnight clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear,

That glorious song of old,

From angels bending near the earth,

To touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men

From heavens all gracious King!"

The world in solemn stillness lay

To hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come,

With peaceful wings unfurled;

And still their heavenly music floats

O'er all the weary world:

Above its sad and lowly plains

They bend on hovering wing,

And ever o'er its Babel sounds

The blessed angels sing.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife

The world has suffered long;

Beneath the angel strain have rolled

Two thousand years of wrong;

And man, at war with man, hears not

The love song which they bring:

O hush the noise, ye men of strife,

And hear the angels sing.

4. For lo! the days are hastening on,

By prophet-bards foretold,

When, with the ever-circling years,

Comes round the age of gold;

When peace shall over all the earth

It's ancient splendours fling,

And the whole world send back the song

Which now the angels sing.

God rest ye merry, gentlemen

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen

Let nothing you dismay

Remember, Christ, our Saviour

Was born upon this day

To save us all from Satan's power

When we were gone astray

Refrain: *O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy*

O tidings of comfort and joy

2. From God our Heavenly Father

A blessed Angel came

And unto certain Shepherds

Brought tidings of the same

How that in Bethlehem was born

The Son of God by Name **Refrain**

3. The shepherds at those tidings

Rejoiced much in mind

And left their flocks a-feeding

In tempest, storm and wind

And went to Bethlehem straightway

This blessed babe to find **Refrain**

4. But when to Bethlehem they came,

Where-at this infant lay

They found Him in a manger

Where oxen feed on hay

His Mother Mary kneeling

Unto the Lord did pray **Refrain**

5. Now to the Lord sing praises

All you within this place

And with true love and brotherhood

Each other now embrace

This holy tide of Christmas

Doth bring redeeming grace: **Refrain**

