

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 also the music director of Vox Antiqua. As a baritone, he performs as a soloist and 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 2021 SINGERS

Sopranos: Jace Au, Suzy Borelli, Emilie Chardonnay, Lucy Colback, Tzeitel Fernandes, Christine Fung, Glenys Goulstone, Caroline Ireson, Simone Loke, Cheryl Russell, Lara Simpson, Amy Sly, Liz Sullivan, Rebecca Wadsworth, Christine Wasiowych, Theadora Whittington, Teresa Yu.

Altos: Julia Chan, Rainbow Chan, Michelle Cheung, Viania Fong, Janus Lai, Gina Littlefair, Florence Lui, Lay Har Ng, Elizabeth Smith, Adrienne Walder.

Tenors: Jason Chang, Miro Crame, Max Dunn, Bill Lee, Clive McLaughlin, Russell Reinke.

Basses: Pierre Gueneron, Vincent Li, Julien Molinet, Bernard Mok, Ivor Morris, Will Newman, Simon Reason, Wesley Wong.

Conductor: Andrew Leung **Pianist:** Carlos Li

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our thanks go to our conductor, Andrew Leung, for his excellent conducting, insightful choral knowledge, and joyful and positive enthusiasm and to our pianist and organist Carlos Li. Thanks also to our guest conductor Celia Leung and pianist Jackie Fung. We have been blessed this season to have been supported by Pastor Maggie Mathieson of the Kowloon Union Church who has provided us with our weekly rehearsal space. Our fundraising for the Kowloon Union Church Refugee Program has been generously supported by Zoe Pearson and her team at St James's Place Charitable Foundation. Choir masks were kindly supplied by MEDEIS. Special thanks go to The Cecilian Singers for their wonderful singing and all the committee, choir and family members who have helped this year.

THE CECILIAN SINGERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 2020-21

Chair:	Gina Littlefair	Treasurer:	Ivor Morris	Secretary:	Rebecca Wadsworth
Librarian:	Kana Gonzaga	Publicity:	Liz Sullivan	Events:	Lara Simpson
Charity:	Caroline Ireson	Membership:	Viania Fong, Christine Fung		
Officers:	Miro Crame, Lindsey Ellands, Julien Molinet, Amy Sly.				

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.

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SPRING CONCERT 2022:

A Night at the Movies

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Jingle all the way!

*An evening of festive music
with The Cecilian Singers
Conducted by Andrew Leung*

2 December 2021 7:30PM
Kowloon Union Church
4 Jordan Road, Jordan

6 December 2021 7:30PM
St Stephen's Chapel
22 Tung Tau Road, Stanley

8 December 2021 7:30PM
Methodist International Church
271 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

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Jingle all the way! An evening of Carols and Christmas music with the Cecilian Singers. Traditional, classical and modern favourites, there'll be something for everyone to get into the Christmas spirit! All proceeds will go to Kowloon Union Church Refugee Program.

Christmas Concert 2021, Programme

1. **Et Incarnatus Est**, Andrew Leung (b.1992)
Soloists: Emilie Chardonay, Christine Fung, Glenys Goulstone, Caroline Ireson, Amy Sly.

Audience Carol 1: O Come All Ye Faithful *arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

Welcome Message: Gina Littlefair

2. **O Magnum Mysterium**, Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)
3. **I Wonder As I Wander**, John Rutter (b.1945)
Soloists: Emilie Chardonnay, Glenys Goulstone, Liz Sullivan.
4. **Joys Seven**, arr. Stephen Cleoberry (b.1948)
Soloists: Michelle Cheung, Caroline Ireson.

Audience Carol 2: The First Nowell *arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

5. **In the Bleak Mid-Winter**, *Gustav Holst (1874-1934) arr Mark Wilberg (b.1955)*
Soloists: Jason Chang, Clive McLaughlin, Julien Molinet
6. **There is No Rose**, *Philip W J Stopford (b.1977)*
7. **Ding Dong! Merrily On High** *arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

Charity Talk – Aime Girimana (KUC), Rey Asis (St Stephen's), Revd Phyllis Wong (MIC).

8. **Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day, John Rutter (b.1945)**
Soloists: Glenys Goulstone, Caroline Ireson, Liz Sullivan.
Soprano 1: Emilie Chardonay, Tzeitel Fernandes, Glenys Goulstone, Liz Sullivan, Theadora Whittington
Soprano 2: Amy Sly, Caroline Ireson, Lucy Colback, Simone Loke
Altos: Adrienne Walder, Elizabeth Smith, Gina Littlefair, Janus Lai, Michelle Cheung, Viania Fong.
9. **What Sweeter Music, John Rutter (b.1945)**
10. **As I Sat On A Sunny Bank, Malcolm Archer (b.1952)**

Audience Carol 3: Deck The Hall

11. **Frozen Choral Suite: Heimr Árnadalr, Vuelie, The Great Thaw**, arr. Roger Emerson (b.1950)
12. **Somewhere In My Memory** arr. Audrie Snyder (b.1953)
13. **Nutcracker Jingles**, James Pierpont (1822-1893) & *The Nutcracker Suite* by Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Audience Carol 4: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr David Willcocks (1919-2015)

14. **Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!**, arr. *Mark Hayes (b.1953)*

Kowloon Union Church Refugee Program



Kowloon Union Church Refugees Program supports refugees and asylum seekers through pastoral care, advocacy, and empowerment activities. We build a community of faith through prayers and sharing God's word as well as providing practical support with accommodation, health needs and education. KUC also works to reach out to the wider community in Hong Kong advocating for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers, with the aim of bringing mutual understanding and support in the love of God.



1) O Come, All Ye Faithful

v1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

v2 God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
True God, begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

v6 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest:
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

3) Deck The Hall

v1 Deck the hall with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

v2 See the blazing yule before us
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus
(Fa la la la la, la la la.
Follow me in merry measure
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

v3 Fast away, the old year passes
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Sing we joyous all together,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

2) The First Nowell

v1 The First Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

v2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Refrain

v3 And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

v6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Refrain

4) Hark! The Herald-Angels Sing

v1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!

v2 Christ, by highest heaven adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

v3 Hail! the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the son of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"