

FMN Repertoire

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025

8 to 9.30pm



## PROGRAMME

Musical Director  
Piano Accompanist  
Tenor  
MC

Norah Constance Walsh  
Emmet O'Connor  
Eoin Hynes  
Karen Meenan

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The Forget Me Nots	
Hark the Herald Angels Sing	
A Winter's Tale	
Happy Everything	Soloists Sean Watts & Catherine O'Donovan
Were You There	FMN Ensemble
When a Child is Born	Soloist Frances Elliott
O Come All Ye Faithful	

Eoin Hynes
The Little Road to Bethlehem
Lulazje
Mille Cherubini In Coro
Chestnuts Roasting

The Mellow Tonic
Last Christmas
Heyr Himna
Northern Lights
Sing of a Merry Christmas

Instrumentalist - Piano	
Piano Solo	Emmet O'Connor

Forget Me Nots & Mellow Tonic with Soloists	
Silent Night/Night of Silence	
Snowflakes	
O Holy Night	Soloists Claire Scanlon & Helene Vigour
Jerusalem	Soloist Eoin Hynes
Pipes of Peace	



## **HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Christmas Traditional (Tune Eltham, American)

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

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, the incarnate deity,  
Pleased as Man with Man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail, the heav'n-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 sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.

## A Winter's Tale

The nights are colder now  
Maybe I should close the door  
And anyway the snow has covered all your footsteps  
And I can follow you no more  
The fire still burns at night  
My memories are warm and clear  
But everybody knows it's hard to be alone at this time of year

It was only a winter's tale  
Just another winter's tale  
And why should the world take notice  
Of one more love that's failed?  
It's a love that could never be  
Though it meant a lot to you and me  
On a world-wide scale we're just another winter's tale

While I stand alone  
A bell is ringing far away  
I wonder if you hear, I wonder if you're listening  
I wonder where you are today  
Good luck, I wish you well  
For all that wishes may be worth  
I hope that love and strength  
Are with you for the length of your time on Earth

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# Happy Everything

By Don Black, 1980

## *Soloist*

If every wish of mine comes true, A box will come addressed to you  
A velvet box, fit for a king, Now who would send you such a thing?  
Open it up, and there will be, A happy everything from me.

## *Short Music*

## *All*

My love wrapped in a circus poster, A song inside a ring of gold  
A smi-ile on a bed of straw, All of this and more  
Would be in the hands I long to hold

## *Short Music*

## *Soloist*

If every dream of mine comes true, Tonight a star will shine on you  
When morning comes, the day will bring, A very happy everything  
If there's no star, yes there will be, A happy everything from me.

## *Short Music*

## *All*

My love wrapped in a circus poster, A song inside a ring of gold  
A smi-ile on a bed of straw, All of this and more  
Would be in the hands I long to hold....Open it up, and there will be, A happy everything  
from me.....

*(My love wrapped in a circus poster,)*

If every wish of mine comes true,

*(A song inside a ring of gold,)*

A box will come addressed to you.

*(A smi-ile on a bed of straw, all of this and more,)*

A velvet box, fit for a king,

*(Would be in the hands I long to hold.)*

Now who would send you such a thing?

Open it up, and there will be

A happy everything from me.

Women/Men/All

## Were You There?

By Natalie Sleeth, 1976



Were you there? Were you there  
On that Christmas night?  
When the world was filled with a holy light?  
Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold  
Came to Earth?

Did you see? Did you see?  
How they hailed him king?  
With their gifts so rare that they chose to bring?  
Did you see how they bowed as they praised him aloud  
At his birth?

Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang  
At the glory of the sight?  
Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang  
All through the night?  
(Ah 2 lines behind)

Did you know, did you know  
It was God's own son?  
The salvation of the world begun?  
Did you know it was love that was sent from above?  
Did you know it was love that was sent from above  
To the Earth?

Were you there?

## When A Child is Born

By Zacar, words by Fred Jay, 1974

A ray of hope flickers in the sky  
A shiny star lights up way up high  
All across the land dawns a brand new morn  
This comes to pass when a child is born

A silent wish sails the seven seas  
The winds of change whisper in the trees  
And the walls of doubt crumble tossed and torn  
This comes to pass when a child is born

A rosy hue settles all around  
You've got the feel you're on solid ground  
For a spell or two no-one seems forlorn  
This comes to pass when a child is born

*(Spoken by Frances – with very soft humming from the choir)*

***And all of this happened***

***Because the world is waiting***

***Waiting for one child***

***Black, white, yellow, no one knows***

***But a child that would grow up and turn tears to laughter***

***Hate to love, war to peace***

***And everyone to everyone's neighbour***

***Misery and suffering would be forgotten forever***

It's all a dream an illusion now  
It must come true, sometime soon somehow  
All across the land dawns a brand new morn  
This comes to pass when a child is born

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## **O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

By John Francis Wade, 1751

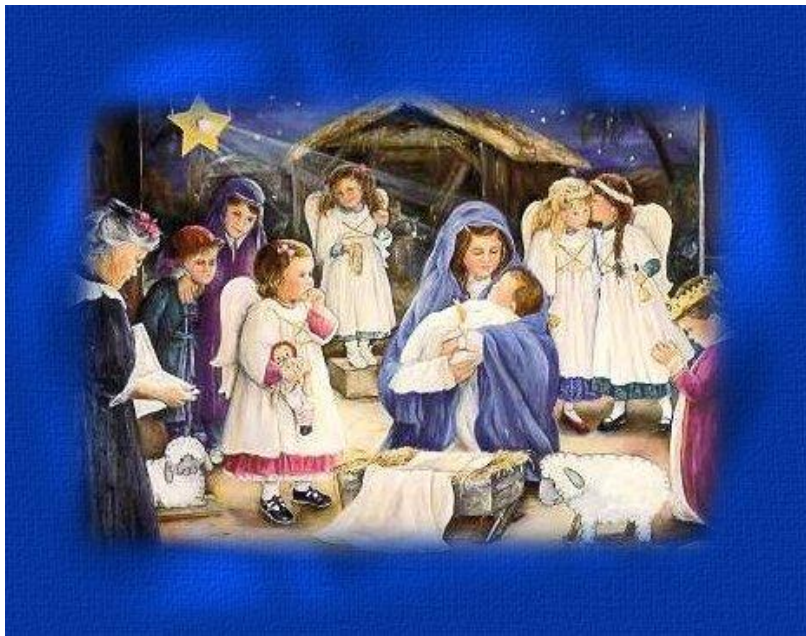
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him; Christ, the Lord!

Adeste Fideles laeti triumphantes,  
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.  
Natum vidite, Regem Angelorum  
Venite adoremus,  
Venite adoremus  
Venite adoremus Dominum



## **Lulajze, Jezuniu**

### ***(Lullaby, Jesus)***

Christmas Traditional, Poland

*(English phonetics of the Polish):*

Loo-lie-zhay Yay-zoo-oo-new, moo-ya.... per-elkoo  
Loo-lie ooh-loo-byaw-nay, may pyeah shti-delkoo

Loo-lie-shay-ay Yay-zoo-new Loo-lie Zhay-loo-lie  
Ah tee guh ma-too-oo-loo, vpwa-choo ooh-too-lie

Loo-lie-zhay-ay Yay-zoo-new Loo-lie Zhay-loo-lie  
Ah tee guh ma-too-oo-loo, vpwa-choo ooh-too-lie

### **English:**

Lullaby little pearl, dear baby Jesus  
Lullaby little pearl, dear baby sleeping

Lullaby little one, dear baby Jesus  
Mary is holding you, guarding and keeping

Lullaby little one, dear baby Jesus  
Mary is holding you, guarding and keeping



# Mille Cherubini In Coro

Franz Schubert

*Choir women only*

**Dormi, dormi Sogna, piccolo amor mio**  
**Dormi, sogna, Posa il capo sul mio cor**

*Soloist:*

Mille cherubini in coro  
Ti sorridono dal ciel  
Una dolce canzone  
T'accarezza il crin  
Una man ti guida lieve  
Fra le nuvole d'or

Sognando e vegliando  
per te, mio tesor  
Proteggendo il tuo cammin

*Choir women only*

**Per te, mio tesor**  
**Proteggendo il tuo cammin**

*Soloist:*

Dormi, dormi  
Sogna, piccolo amor mio

*Choir women only*

**Dormi, sogna Ah.....**

**Chiudi gli occhi. Ah....**

*Soloist:*

Dormi sogna posa il capo sul mio cor

Chiudi gli occhi Ascolta gli angioletti

Dormi, dormi, Sogna, piccolo amor

*Choir women only*

**Dormi, dormi,**  
**sogna, piccolo amor mio**  
**Dormi, sogna,**  
**posa il capo sul mio cor**  
**Chiudi gli occhi. Ah....**

Chiudi gli occhi Ascolta gli angioletti

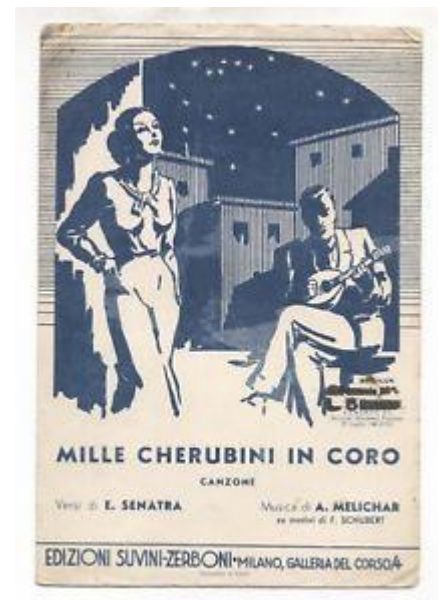
Dormi, dormi, Sogna, piccolo amor

*Choir women only*

**Dormi, dormi,**  
**Sogna, piccolo amor mio**

*Soloist:*

Sogna, piccolo amor mio



**Silent Night / Night of Silence** SN: Franz Xaver Gruber, Joseph Mohr, NOS: Daniel Kantor

### **Stille Nacht – Mellow Tonics Only**

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Alles schläft; einsam wacht  
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh



### **Night of Silence – Both Choirs - Women only**

Cold are the people, winter of life,  
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,  
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,  
Flowers that will echo the sunrise,  
Fire of hope is our only warmth,  
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

#### **Men HUM Silent Night**

**Hummmm**

**Hummmm**

**Hummmm**

**Hummmm**

**Hummmm**

**Hummmm**

#### **Women sing:**

Voice in the distance, call in the night,  
On wind you enfold us you speak of the light,  
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,  
Rumors of a dawn so embracing,  
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,  
Soon will we know of the morning.

### **Everyone sings Oíche Chiúin - Women add harmony if known**

Oíche Chiúin, Oíche Mhic Dé, Cách 'na suan, dís araon,  
Dís is dílse 'faire le spéir, Naíon beag gnaoi-gheal ceannanntais caomh,  
Críost 'na chodhladh go séimh, Críost 'na chodhladh go séimh.

#### **Men SING Silent Night:**

**Silent night, Holy night**

**All is calm, all is bright**

**Round yon virgin, mother and child**

**Holy infant, so tender and mild**

**Sleep in heavenly peace**

**Sleep in heavenly peace.**

#### **Women sing:**

Spirit among us, Shine like the star,  
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,  
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,  
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,  
Star unknowing of night and day,  
Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

# Snowflakes

By Gerry O'Halloran / Arr Norah C Walsh

## Choir

Snowflakes falling through the night  
Gladness everywhere  
Love and laughter all around  
To brush away your cares

Angels winging through the sky  
Sing their joyous song  
How on this night in Bethlehem  
a baby king was born  
Yes on this night in Bethlehem  
a baby king was born



**And children gazing at the sky  
and wishing on a star  
Know that Santa will come by  
no matter where they are**

## Altos,

**Chil - dren  
Wish - ing**

**Santa will come**

## Sops

**Chil - dren  
Wih-Wishing on a Star**

**Santa will come**

## Choir Men – melody

Snowflakes falling through the night  
Gladness everywhere  
Love and laughter all around  
to brush away your cares

Angels winging through the sky  
Sing their joyous song  
How far away in Bethlehem  
a baby king was born  
Yes far away in Bethlehem  
a baby king was born

## Altos,

**Snowflakes  
Everywhere  
Laughter,  
Brush away your cares**

**Angels  
Joyous song  
Far away  
Babe was born  
Far away  
Baby king was born**

## Sops

**Snowflakes  
Everywhere  
Laughter,  
Love**

**Angels  
Joyous song  
Far away  
Babe was born  
Far away  
Baby king was born**

# O Holy Night

*(Lyrics for Forget Me Nots)*



## Verse 1 - Solo by Claire

Oh holy night, the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world In sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt it's worth  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder break a new and glorious morn

## Refrain – Both choirs join softly

Fall on your knees  
Oh, hear the angel voices  
Oh, night divine  
Oh, night when Christ was born  
Oh, night divine  
Oh night, oh night divine

## Verse 2 – Solo by MT

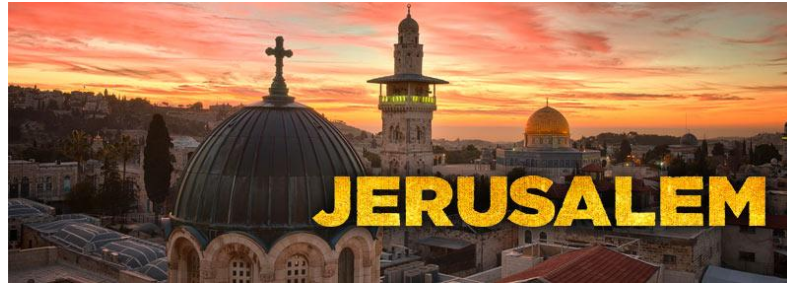
Minuit, chrétiens, c'est l'heure solennelle,  
Où l'Homme-Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous  
Pour effacer la tache originelle  
Et de Son Père arrêter le courroux.  
Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance  
En cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur.

## Refrain - Mellow Tonics join softly

Peuple à genoux, attends ta délivrance.  
Noël, Noël, voici le Rédempteur,  
Noël, Noël, voici le Rédempteur !

## Refrain – Both Choirs join giving it socks

Fall on your knees  
Oh, hear the angel voices  
Oh, night divine  
Oh, night when Christ was born *(from here watch conductor)*  
Oh, night div – i *(pause)* - ine *(pause)*  
*(Sops)* Oh *(everyone back in)* night, oh night divine



## **The Holy City (Jerusalem!)**

Song by Stephen Adams, with lyrics  
by Frederic Weatherly, 1892

Last night I lay asleeping  
There came a dream so fair,  
I stood in old Jerusalem  
Beside the temple there.  
I heard the children singing  
And ever as they sang,  
Methought the voice of Angels  
From Heaven in answer rang.  
Methought the voice of Angels  
From Heaven in answer rang.

**"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!  
Lift up your gates and sing,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna to your King!"**

And then methought my dream  
was chang'd  
The streets no longer rang  
Hush'd were the glad Hosannas  
The little children sang  
The sun grew dark with mystery,  
The morn was cold and chill  
As the shadow of a cross arose  
Upon a lonely hill  
As the shadow of a cross arose  
Upon a lonely hill

**"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!  
Hark! How the Angels sing,  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna to your King!"**

And once again the scene was  
chang'd  
New earth there seem'd to be,  
I saw the Holy City  
Beside the tideless sea  
The light of god was on its  
streets  
The gates were open wide,  
And all who would might enter  
And no one was denied.

No need of moon or stars by  
night,  
Or sun to shine by day,  
It was the new Jerusalem  
That would not pass away.  
It was the new Jerusalem  
That would not pass away.

**"Jerusalem! Jerusalem  
Sing for the night is o'er  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna for evermore!  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna for evermore!"**

## Pipes Of Peace

Song by Paul McCartney



I light a candle to our love  
In love our problems disappear  
But all in all we soon discover  
That one and one is all we long to hear

All 'round the world (all 'round the world)  
Little children being born to the world (born to the world)  
Got to give them all we can 'til the war is won  
Then will the work be done?

Help them to-learn  
Songs-of-joy instead-of "burn, baby-burn"  
Let-us-show-them-how-to-play the-pipes-of peace  
Play the pipes of pea-ea-ea-eace

*Short instrumental with 'ahs'*

Help me to-learn (Help me to learn)  
Songs-of-joy instead-of "burn, baby-burn" (burn baby burn)  
Won't-you-show-me-how-to play (how to play)  
The-pipes-of peace? (Pipes of peace)  
Play the pipes of pea-ea-ea-eace.  
Ah-Ah-Ah-Ah

What do-you-say? (Do you say)  
Will-the-human-race-be-run in-a-day? (In a day)  
Or-will-someone-save-this planet we're playing on?  
Is it the only one?

Help them to see (help them to see)  
That-the-people-here-are like you and me (like you and me)  
Let-us-show-them-how-to play (how to play)  
The pipes of peace (pipes of peace)  
Play the pipes of pea-ea-ea-eace.  
Ah-Ah-A-Ah

I light a candle to our love  
In love our problems disappear  
But all in all, we soon discover  
That one and one is all we long to hear.....