

The Enfield Community Chorus

45th Annual
Christmas Concerts



Enfield Town Annex
124 North Maple St.
Enfield, Connecticut

Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 6:00pm
Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 3:00pm

I

“The Man With the Bag/Santa Baby”arr. Paul Langford

“The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth”arr. Jay Althouse.
Simeone/Onorati/Davis/Fraser/Grossman/Kohan

“The Twelve Days After Christmas”by Frederick Silver

“Silent Night for All the World”arr. Pepper Choplin,
Joseph Mohr, Franz Gruber

“Angels Are Making Their Rounds”by Pepper Choplin

“Hydom, Tiddlydom”arr. Mark Burrows

“Remembering Decembers”by PINKZEBRA

“Masters in This Hall”arr. Pat Willet

II

INTERMISSION

III

Cantata: Sing a Song of Christmas

Michael Barrett & Joseph M. Martin

“A Song of Christmas”

“Come, Emmanuel”

“Prepare the Way”

“Call the Baby Jesus”

“Sleep, Little Lamb”

“Come, Hear the Music”

“Christmas Songs of Joy”

Narrators:

Saturday – Christopher Malo

Sunday – Nzima Hutchings, Enfield Poet Laureate

THE ENFIELD COMMUNITY CHORUS

Juliane LaRocca, Director

Jonathan O'Brien, Accompanist

Sopranos

Deborah Barry
Trisha Carpe
Jana Crisafi
Sandy Donelan
Jessica Duga
Leeandra Garcia
Shelley Gillespie
Jean Hawk
Becky Hinckley
Joanne Kendrick
Donna Lanati
Pat Linehan
Becky Michaud
Carolyn Petersen
Barbara Richard
Cassandra Riley
Susan Sterling
Linda Washington
Ginny Zdebski

Altos

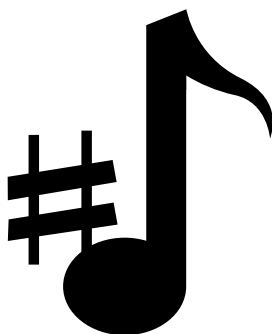
Sue Baibak
Jen Branchini
Emily Clifford
Mica Coons
Pat Cosma
Laurie Crisafi
Laura D'Angelo-Gonn
Cindy Eisnor
Diane Gowdy
Genie Hijeck
Karen Hocking
Karen Lendvay
Aliyana Mitchell
Vicki Mitchell
Irene Mosher
Adria Patterson
PK Sanieski
Sheryl Thompson
Kathie Whitson
Joyce Young

Tenors

Steve Mitchell
Christopher Pettigrew
Matt Ramos
David Robert
Tony Ruggiero

Basses

Adam Geiger
David Stabile
Rob Wallace



Musicians:

Michael Melnik, percussion
Charles Wasserman, cello

Santa:

Gene Albee



Welcome to the Enfield Community Chorus's 2023 Christmas Concert!

This is our first year here at the Enfield Town Annex, and we are so excited to perform for you on this big stage!

Our new address is just one milestone in several years of growth and overcoming challenges. The Hazardville United Methodist Church had been graciously hosting us since 1976, but by 2019 we were outgrowing that beautiful space. Covid hit, and growing pains immediately became a back-burner issue.

The ECC Board met throughout that time and we applied for and received our 501(c)(3) non-profit designation, which opened doors and grant opportunities that we had only dreamed about.

When Covid restrictions ended, we were ready to restart in September 2022. We didn't know what turnout there would be after two years without concerts but the response was amazing! Our returning singers missed our special brand of fun and camaraderie, and new singers wanted to make up for lost opportunities.

After the success of the 2022 season, it was time to say farewell to HUMC and we found a new home in the Annex. Many who helped with that huge transition are listed in the "Special Thanks" section. We are thrilled now to be able to accommodate larger audiences and increase our visibility in the community.

Thank you so much to President Emerita Joyce Young for steadfastly leading the group since its origins, and to the ECC Board of Directors for their creative ideas, hard work, and perseverance. We are blessed to work with our music director, Julianne LaRocca, and accompanist, Jonathan O'Brien. Thank you to our singers, too...every September, we start a musical journey together and each December, we deliver holiday magic to our audiences.

We hope you enjoy the show! By attending the concert, you are already a part of our group's success in bringing music to our community. If you love to sing, come sing with us! And if you want to help support the ECC, consider becoming a sponsor or a volunteer. We can't wait to hear from you!

Happy Holidays and Merry Everything!

Emily Clifford, Enfield Community Chorus President



Music Director

Juliane LaRocca has been directing and performing with various choral groups in the Greater Hartford area for more than twenty years, and is currently celebrating her tenth year as director of the Enfield Community Chorus.

She began studying piano privately at the age of five, transferring to the Hartt School of Music when she was thirteen. She continued her education at Hartt over the next decade, later adding organ performance and vocal instruction. She has performed as a soloist with the Hartford Symphony and directed numerous cabarets, concerts, and musicals including Legally Blonde, Cabaret, and You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown. She is known for her unusual flair and directing style, and her groups have performed everything from Sondheim to Bach.

She is currently music director and organist at Ellington Congregational Church and lives in Windsor Locks.

Accompanist



Jonathan O'Brien is celebrating his 19th year as accompanist for the Enfield Community Chorus, after joining in 1999. Born and raised in New Bedford, MA, he began his studies in piano at age 5 with Felix Fournier, and continued with Daniel Beachman and Doris Sullivan in the Greater New Bedford area. He studied organ with Brian Roderick in Fairhaven, MA starting at age 15.

Mr. O'Brien was Organist for the Lakeville United Church of Christ in Lakeville, MA and has been Organist and Choir Director at First Congregational Church of East Windsor since 1998. He has been involved with productions of the Opera House Players and Cirillo Summer Theatre in Windsor, CT.

Mr. O'Brien holds degrees in Civil Engineering and Teaching, and tunes pianos in his free time. He currently resides in Stafford Springs, CT.

The Enfield Community Chorus was founded in 1976 when Alice Allen and Joyce Young collaborated on a musical, “200 Years of American Music”, to present as part of Enfield’s bicentennial celebration. Singers from local choirs joined together and enjoyed the experience so much that the group has continued to present annual Christmas concerts ever since, practicing and performing at the Hazardville United Methodist Church.

Currently, the group averages about 50 members. As the ECC continues to grow and set new goals, we are very excited to become more visible in the community. We believe that the act of singing and performing music is empowering in many ways, and the ECC provides a way to bring those benefits to your life. If you are interested in joining or being a concert volunteer, please talk with the Director or President after the show, or email us at: EnfieldCommunityChorus@gmail.com.

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Enfield Community Band Winter Solstice Concert

December 11th @ 7:30pm

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Directed by: John Power





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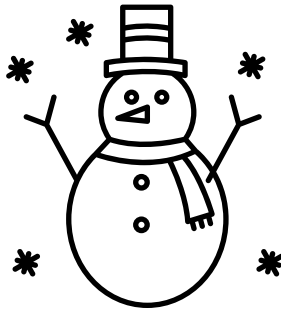
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