

Hometown Christmas Choir

Directed/Accompanied by Rachelle Cekander

1 Jingle Bells Theme & Variations (Pierpont/Arr. Hayes)

2 Polar Express Medley (Ballard & Silvestri/Arr. Chinn)

3 Stopping by The Woods on a Snowy Evening (Robert Frost/Snyder)

Violinist Hope Knauer

Whose woods these are I think I know. His house is in the village though.
He will not see me stopping here to watch his woods fill up with snow. Snow, snow, snow . . .
My little horse must think it queer to stop without a farmhouse near between the woods and
frozen lake, the darkest evening of the year. He gives his harness bells a shake to ask
if there is some mistake. The only other sound's the sweep of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely dark and deep, but I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep.
Sleep, sleep, sleep; before I sleep . . .

(Please hold your applause until Still, Still, Still has been performed.)

4 Still, Still, Still (Keith & Bergman/Luboff)

5 Snow (Irving Berlin/Arr. Brymer)

6 White Christmas (Irving Berlin/Arr. Emerson)

7 We Wish You a Merry Christmas (Traditional English Folk Song)



FACE Christmas Orchestra

Directed by Nicholas Tkachuk

1 Sleighride (Mozart/Arr. Isaac)

2 Greensleeves (Arr. Reed)

3 March of the Toys (Herbert/Arr. Isaac)

4 Christmas Favorites (Arr. Chase)

5 Messiah Selections (Handel/Arr. Isaac)

6 Winter Wonderland (Bernard & Smith/Arr. Custer)

7 Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24 (O'Neill & Kinkel/Arr. Phillips)

8 Holiday Pops/Please Sing Along! (Arr. Cerulli)

Christmas Stylings by Hillary Beard

Repertoire Includes: Carol of the Bells, First Noel, Ave Maria,
What Child is This & Hallelujah

Holiday Pops/Please Sing Along! (Arr. Cerulli)

1 You better watch out. You better not cry. You better not pout.

I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is coming to town. He's making a list.
He's checking it twice. He's going to find out who's naughty and nice; Santa Claus is
coming to town. He sees you when you're sleeping. He knows when you're awake.
He knows when you've been bad or good. So, be good for goodness's sake.
You better watch out. You better not cry. You better not pout I'm telling you why,
Santa Claus is coming to town.

2 Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Let your heart be light.

From now on our troubles will be out of sight. Have yourself a merry little Christmas.
Make the Yuletide gay. From now on our troubles will be miles away. Here we are as in
olden days, happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to
us once more. Through the years we all will be together if the Fates allow. Hang a shining
star upon the highest bough and have yourself a merry little Christmas now!

3 Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw it, you
would even say it glows. All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games. Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say, "Rudolph, with your nose so bright won't you guide my sleigh
tonight?" Then how the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee.

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!

4 I'll be home for Christmas. You can count on me. Please have snow and mistletoe
and presents by the tree. Christmas eve will find me where the love light gleams.
I'll be home for Christmas if only in my dreams.

5 We wish you a merry Christmas. We wish you a merry Christmas. We wish you a merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year! Good tidings we bring to you and your kin!

We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Hometown Christmas Choir
(Rehearsals: 6-7:30 pm Monday Nights
Oct-Nov at First Presbyterian Church)

Jill Boone - Soprano
Bob Bugger - Tenor
Rachelle Cekander - Director/Keyboard
Rod Cekander - Tenor/Baritone
Cathy Freimuth - Tenor
Theresa Harner - Alto
Carrie Huff - Alto/Soprano 2
Brad Janes - Baritone/Bass
Kendra Johnson - Soprano 2/Alto/Assis. Director
Darlene Logue - Tenor
Sharon Macklin - Soprano
Ann Platt - Alto
Sara Ruding - Alto
Linda Sebree - Soprano
Kim Shefner - Soprano
Amber Wendt - Soprano
Gage Wendt - Tenor

FACE Christmas Orchestra
(Rehearsals: 7-8:30 pm Thursday Nights
After Easter-Nov at Sacred Heart School)

Rachelle Cekander - Keyboard
Emily Fitch - Trumpet
Marla Galloway Young - Violin
Jacque Holsapple - Violin
Hope Knauer - Violin
Kendra Johnson - Clarinet
Michael Livingston - Tuba
Becky Lustig - Clarinet
Evelyn Myers - Flute
Karen O'Connor - Flute
Allen Price - Euphonium
Gail Price - Clarinet
Raymond Reynolds - Tuba
Jean Sporleder - Violin
Carol Stead - Violin
Jerry Tkachuk - Percussion/Alto Sax
Nicholas Tkachuk - Director
Randy Tillman - Trumpet
Rosie Warner - Flute
Tom Watson - Euphonium

Youth-Adults are welcome to join the choir or the orchestra any time.
Contact: arugala76@hotmail.com for additional info

**May all the blessings and joy
of this season be yours!**

2025 Effingham Old Courthouse & Cross Christmas Concerts

Saturday, November 29

After the Santa Parade in the Old Courthouse Museum
100 E Jefferson Ave, Effingham, IL 62401

6:15 pm Hometown Christmas Choir
6:45 pm FACE Christmas Orchestra

Sunday, November 30

For the Open House in the "Cross" Chapel
1900 Pike Ave, Effingham, IL 62401

2:00 pm Hometown Christmas Choir
2:45 pm FACE Christmas Orchestra
3:30 pm Christmas Stylings by Hillary Beard

Thank you for Hosting Rehearsals & Performances!

Effingham Old Courthouse Museum
First Presbyterian Church Effingham - Sacred Heart School
The "Cross" Chapel