

## Program – Part 1

West Central Singers welcomes you to *In Winter's Time*. We have reconvened after our 2 year pause (because of the "c" word). We are thankful to have many returning members as well as new singers and are thrilled to be singing together again. As human beings, we are meant to interact with one another. That is a lesson each of us has learned in the past 2+ years. And so we sing...

### **Sisi ni moja (We are one) ..... Jacob Narverud**

*"We all laugh, we all cry, we all feel hunger, we all feel pain. We all love, we all hate, we all hope, and we all dream. We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same. A tribe of many languages, a group of many heartaches, fighting for peace among the land. Now we stand here together and lift our hearts in song to the rhythm of this moment in our lives."* Enough said.

### **Adoramus ..... Matthew Gawronski**

*"We glorify you, we thank you, we adore you."*

### **Lullay, Noel ..... Becki Slagle Mayo**

A delicate and beautiful arrangement with *"The Coventry Carol"*, *"What Child Is This"*, *"Noel Nouvelet."*

### **Sing-a-long Deck the Halls**

Deck the halls 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 Yule-tide carol Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

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 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

### **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day ..... arranged by Mac Huff**

Recorded by Casting Crowns, the lyrics of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow provide a powerful and inspirational reminder of our journey of peace in the world.

### **A Carpenter's Christmas .....arranged by Roger Emerson**

A trip down memory lane as recorded by the Carpenters. Grab a tissue.

*"It Came upon the Midnight Clear", "The Christmas Waltz", "An Old Fashioned Christmas", "Merry Christmas Darling", "I'll Be Home for Christmas"*

### **Sing-a-long Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry 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.

No more let sins 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.

### **Where the Light Begins .....text, Jan Richardson, music, Susan LaBarr**

This arrangement for women's voices is a thought provoker.

Writer and artist, Jan Richardson: "This text originally written about Advent.....uses universal words that relate to ideas of peace and hope." Each of us has the ability to work toward peace. It doesn't take a monumental action.

Composer, Susan LaBarr: "When we love, accept, and care for all of our neighbors – despite our differences – we find that the light that the dark world so desperately needs begins in us."

**INTERMISSION**  
**PROGRAM – PART 2**

**Cold Snap** ..... **Lyrics, Deborah Craig-Claar, Music, Mark Hayes**

Living in Minnesota we all can relate to this winter routine.

**Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy** ..... **arranged by Kaplan, Olusola, Bram, Brymer**

Imagine the many moods of the Sugar Plum Fairy as you listen to this variation of the popular piece.

**Christmas Jazz** ..... **arranged by Kirby Shaw**

*“Carol of the Bells” & “Jingle Bells”* Two familiar holiday songs with a swing feel to get your toes tappin’.

**Sing-a-long Winter Wonderland**

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?  
In the lane, snow is glistening  
A beautiful sight  
We're happy tonight  
Walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away is the bluebird  
Here to stay is a new bird  
To sing a love song  
While we stroll along  
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow, we can build a snowman  
We'll pretend that he is Parson Brown  
He'll say, are you married?  
We'll say, no man  
But you can do the job when you're in town

Later on, we'll conspire  
As we dream by the fire to face unafraid  
The plans that we've made  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
Walking in a winter wonderland



**This Little Light of Mine** ..... **arranged by Neil A. Johnson**

We dare you to not sing along with this closing piece. Always remember to let your light shine!

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**The Mission of West Central Singers**

West Central Singers was founded in January 2001 by retired Willmar Senior High School Choir Director, Rolf Anderson and its mission is to provide an opportunity to explore and experience the depth and power of choral music, both for those with a passion to sing, and for those who are enriched simply by listening. We are dedicated to performing a wide variety of music as a means of fostering a true appreciation for the long-standing tradition of choral music.

Are you interested in joining  
West Central Singers?  
Rehearsals will resume on January 5, 2023  
Every Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30pm  
Willmar Community Center  
624 US Business 71, Willmar  
“LIKE” us on Facebook or visit us online at  
[www.WestCentralSingers.com](http://www.WestCentralSingers.com)

## WEST CENTRAL SINGERS

DIRECTOR – Naomi Powers Baker

Naomi began directing WCS the fall of 2018. She enjoys the excitement and passion of this group. After thirty-two years of teaching, 30 in the New London-Spicer School District, Naomi is currently the Director of Music Ministry at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN. Besides her love of music, Naomi enjoys having fun hanging out with family and friends. Naomi's family includes 2 adult children, 2 dogs and 1 grand-dog.

### SOPRANO

\*Jacquelyn Cunningham, Willmar  
Char Strand, Paynesville  
Jean Urban, New London  
Sarah Moulton, Morris  
Eileen Twedt, Willmar  
\*Nanette Serbus, Renville

### SOPRANO II

Jill Benson, Willmar  
Elaine Boyd, Willmar  
JoAnn Halverson, Willmar  
Ramona Hjulberg, Corcoran  
Kaylee Nelson, Willmar  
Cheryl Schmidt, Willmar  
\*Kris Swanson, Willmar  
Diane Thompson, Pennock  
Kellie Wright, Willmar

### ALTO I

Lisa McBrian, Willmar  
Cindy Koll Tengwall, Spicer  
Peggy Lister, Corcoran  
Diane Johnson, Willmar

### ALTO II

Marilyn Orsten, Willmar  
Laura Molenaar, New London  
Carol Sanders, Brooten  
Char Kingstrom, Willmar  
Diana Gertken, Belgrade

### CONTRA-ALTO

\*Donna Brau, Spicer

### BARITONE

Lucas Ford, Willmar  
David Frey, Willmar  
Roger Kingstrom, Willmar  
Brad Schmidt, Willmar

### BASS

John Benson, Willmar  
\*Dale Lauer, Spicer

\* Denotes Board Member

### ACCOMPANIST

Andrea Limoges, Willmar

### PERCUSSIONIST

Jay Skrukrud, Willmar



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