

The Children of Christmas

Presented by

Choo Choo Chorus

With Guest Quartets

Chattanooga

Scenic City Sound

Rock City 4

And Special Guests

Combined Chattanooga and Cleveland Community Christmas Chorus

Director - PAUL BLAZEK

Associate Director - CHUCK WILSON

Script - GARY FISHER

Master of Ceremonies - Jed Mescon, WRCB-TV

December 3, 2011 - GPS Auditorium - 7:30 PM

Christmas is a special because it is the time of year we set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. He was a gift to the world and we commemorate that by giving gifts to each other at Christmas time. Some gifts are things not needed, given to people who are not needy, but even these gifts are meaningful when they express love, because love was the reason for the gift of Christ to the world.

A gift is especially wonderful when it is something desperately needed, the person in need has no way to get it on his own, and the needy person can give nothing back to the giver in return. Such was the gift of Christ and such is the gift you are giving to children with birth defects by your support of this concert. The Walter E. Boehm Center for Birth Defects is the organization that takes your gift and uses it wisely and well to help as many children as possible. Let's remember them in our prayers not only now but throughout the year. As your hosts, the members of the Choo Choo Chorus hope you enjoy the concert and have a very merry Christmas this year.

A Message From Our Director, Paul Blazek

Thanks for coming to our show this evening. For nine years we've been inviting men from our communities to join us for the Christmas season to enjoy a cappella singing in the barbershop style and share the fellowship embodied in four-part harmony. I'm especially proud of the combined chorus this year – they've worked quite hard to produce an entertaining and meaningful program for you. I'm also proud of the new song this year A Cradle In Bethlehem – made famous by Nat King Cole and arranged especially for the community chorus by your truly. Enjoy the show, and join in the sing-along with gusto!

Quartet Members

Chattanooga – Wally Edmondson tenor, Dave Fleury lead, Beau Christian baritone, Gary Fisher bass

Scenic City Sound – Fred Jesse tenor, Lamar Owens lead, Brooks Gist baritone, W.C. Strickland bass

Rock City 4 – Fred Jesse tenor, Bill Slack lead, Benny Malone baritone, Dave Collins bass

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ACT I

Let It Snow – Choo Choo Chorus
Jingle Bell Rock – Chattanooga
Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer – Chattanooga
Winter Wonderland – Choo Choo Chorus
Christmas Song – Choo Choo Chorus
Away In A Manger Medley – Scenic City Sound
Diddle-Squat – Scenic City Sound
Veni, Veni Emmanuel – Choo Choo Chorus
Angels We Have Heard On High – Choo Choo Chorus
Two Front Teeth – Rock City 4
I'll Be Home For Christmas – Rock City 4
White Christmas – Choo Choo Chorus

INTERMISSION

ACT II

Combined Chattanooga and Cleveland Community Christmas Chorus

Jingle Bells
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
Mary Had A Baby
I Saw Three Ships
A Cradle In Bethlehem
We Need A Little Christmas

Children Sing-along – Jingle Bells
Audience Sing-along (lyrics on back cover)
Joy To The World
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Silent Night

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Joy To The World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the king of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest:
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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 heav'nly peace, sleep in heav'nly peace.