

# **What the Dickens!**

Musical Parody of A Christmas Carol

PRESENTED BY

## **The Choo Choo Chorus**

Celebrating 50 Years of Service to the Chattanooga Community

SPECIAL GUEST

### **The Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus**

Celebrating Its 10th Anniversary with 100 Men

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE

### **Boehm Birth Defects Center**



**Girls Preparatory School**

**Saturday, December 8, 2012 7:30 PM**

## HISTORY OF THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

The Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, known as the Choo Choo Chorus, celebrated its 50th anniversary this year with a big show, an anniversary party, redecoration of our chapter rooms, and now our Christmas Show with the 10th Anniversary Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus (see below.) We continue traditions started many years ago of Harmony, Service, Fellowship and Fun. Our special venues include Scout Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Special Olympics, Naturalization Ceremonies for new citizens, and nursing and retirements centers and more.

Please visit us at [www.choochoochorus.org](http://www.choochoochorus.org) or [www.facebook.com/choochoochorus](http://www.facebook.com/choochoochorus) and let us know how to get in touch with you. If the "interweb" gives you a fit, call us at (423) 265-SING (7464) and leave us a message - we'll get back to you.

## HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS CHORUS

While the Choo Choo Chorus had Christmas shows since at least the early 1990s, the Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus (CCCC) was started in 2003 as an outreach program to men in the Chattanooga/North Georgia area. The idea was that we could invite men who enjoyed singing, but weren't already members of the Choo Choo Chorus, to come and rehearse with us on Monday nights in October and November, then sing with us on the Christmas show in December. There would be no pressure to join the Chapter, just the availability of singing with fellow harmonizers in four-part a cappella style. Since our Chapter produced an annual show during the year to raise operating funds, we decided we could dedicate some or all of our proceeds from the Christmas show to a local charity. This gave us something else to offer potential singers - the chance to raise money for a worthy cause while raising our voices in song.

Our first year we had 55 men on stage, and we have had as many as 75 men in previous years. This year, our tenth, we set a goal of 100 men on stage in addition to our ambitious goal of raising \$10,000 for

our charitable cause. In addition to the main Christmas show, we invite CCCC members to sing with us at other performances in the area. We sing at nursing homes and assisted living centers for people who can't make it to the big show, and this year we'll be singing at Rock City on December 20th for the Enchanted Garden of Lights (come see us if you can!).

Thank you for being here tonight, and we hope you enjoy the show as much as we enjoy singing for you. If you're the kind of guy who loves to sing, especially with 100 or so of your closest friends, consider joining us next year. Start planning now for the 'First Monday in October' so that you can be on stage with us in 2013!

If you can't wait until next October, come visit us at All Saints Academy, 310 E 8th St, Chattanooga. We meet almost every Monday night starting at 7 PM. I can promise you a great evening of harmony, both musical and personal. *Paul Blazek, Musical Director*

## SHOW COMMITTEE

Chairman	Marcellus Scott
Script	Gary Fisher
Tickets	David Rack
Program	Steve Wixson
Director	Paul Blazek
Associate Director	Chuck Wilson

## Cast

Ernie (Scrooge)	Steve Grubb
Jack Murley - Ghost of High School Chorus Director	Johnny Jackson
Ghost of Christmas Past	Brandon Middlebrooks
Ghost of Christmas Present	Chuck Wilson
Ghost of Time-Yet-To-Come	Gary Fisher
Chorus Man 1	Wendell Whitmire
Chorus Man 2	Cameron Druyor
Chorus Man 3	Rich Ptacin



CHOO CHOO CHORUS  
Also Sing in the Community Chorus

TENORS

Wally Edmondson  
Niles Fowler  
Fred Jesse\*  
Brandon Middlebrooks  
Barry Owens\*

LEADS

Pat Crowe  
Frank Delaney  
David Fleury  
Steve Grubb  
Charlie Holder  
John Johnston\*  
Thomas Keegan  
J.W. Kirk  
William Slack\*  
Wendell Whitmire  
Steve Wixson

BARITONES

Beau Christian  
Brooks Gist  
Al Clairmont  
Gene Huelman  
Johnny Jackson  
Benny Malone\*  
Rich Ptacin  
Grady Rhoden  
Chuck Wilson

BASSES

Paul Blazek\*  
Charlie Bright  
Lebron Brock  
David Collins\*  
Erby Erwin  
Gary Fisher  
David Rack  
Daniel Randolph\*  
Neal Robinson  
Marcellus Scott  
Wilbur Strickland  
Chet Tschetter  
Clarence Wall\*

CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Myron Abercrombie  
Charles Abercrombie  
Douglas Alexander  
Richard Ansell  
Tim Ballew  
Bob Blackburn  
Matt Blazek  
Rob Brackett  
Wil Brannen\*\*  
Andrew Bresee  
Bill Brooks  
Todd Buccelli  
Daniel Cisoeros  
Lucien Claiborne  
Chris Coles  
James Correll, III  
Henry Crutcher  
Thirstain Daniels  
Edgar Dawson  
Misael Dominguez  
Ted Doss  
Malone Everett\*\*\*  
Anthony Fowler  
Paul Gardner\*\*  
Wayne Guffy  
Chad Guyton\*\*  
Chase Guyton\*\*  
John Hain  
Carl Hansen  
LeRoy Hobbs  
Jayson Jones

Jim Larkin\*\*  
David Littell  
Marty Massengale  
Ronald Massingale  
Julius McShan  
Kelly Mercer  
Bob Mills\*\*  
Jerry Moore  
Philip Newton  
Ron Noles  
Georga Patton  
Bud Pressley  
William Rodgers  
Ron Satterfield  
Lonnie Satterfield  
Shannon Sewell  
Marty Smith  
Peter Snyder  
Anthony Songer\*\*  
Billy Stevenson  
Mike Stewart  
Simon Strickland  
Carl Striebeck  
Nathaniel Thomas  
Richard Vaupel  
Claude Walker  
Fred Weinhold  
David White  
Robert White  
Ben White  
Edwin Zackrison

\*Dual member of Choo Choo Chorus and Sound of Tennessee  
Chorus, \*\*Member of Sound of Tennessee Chorus

\*\*\*Charter Member

Our sincere thanks to men listed above who gave of their time to  
sing in this benefit concert. Some these men have sung with us for  
several years. What a great sound we make together!

## MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN

The year 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the Chattanooga Choo Choo Chorus. And it is particularly fitting that you are in attendance as we embark on our most ambitious concert drive to date. Your attendance promises to make 2012 our most successful ever in our efforts to support worthwhile community causes. To that end, we are so proud to have dedicated once again all net proceeds from tonight's concert to the Walter E. Boehm Birth Defects Center.

The fact that this particular annual concert involves the participation of not only the regular members of the Choo Choo Chorus, but also the community at large is a source of great pride to the Chorus. The combined chorus is called the Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus, and you will see before you men (with the support of their families) who have given unselfishly over the past two months to help bring Christmas joy to you and the many families here tonight.

Thank you so very much for attending, and we sincerely hope you each enjoy the performance as much as we had preparing for it.

Special thanks to all those who have either donated funds to the project or placed advertising. We sincerely wish one and all a truly happy holiday season and prosperous new year!

Marcellus Scott

## PROGRAM

### ACT 1

#### *WHAT THE DICKENS*

##### Musical Parody of A Christmas Carol

Jingle Bells	Choo Choo Chorus
Let It Snow	Choo Choo Chorus
Feliz Navidad	The Chattanooga guys
The Man With the Bag	Four Grand
Santa's Singing Barbershop Tonight	Rock City 4
Winter Wonderland	Choo Choo Chorus
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	The Chattanooga guys
Diddly Squat	Four Grand
The Christmas Song	Choo Choo Chorus
White Christmas	Choo Choo Chorus
I'll Be Home For Christmas	Rock City 4
O Holy Night	Choo Choo Chorus
Angels We Have Heard On High	Choo Choo Chorus

##### 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

### ACT 2

#### *THE CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS*

We Need a Little Christmas
Veni, Veni, Emmanuel
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Mary Had a Baby
A Cradle in Bethlehem
I Saw Three Ships
Audience Sing Along (Pages 10-11)
O Come, All Ye Faithful
The First Noel
Silent Night - First Verse
Christmas Chorus sings Second Verse



## THANKS TO OUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES

This is Jed Mescon's fourth year as Master of Ceremonies for our Christmas Show. The Choo Choo Chorus is grateful for his continued support of the Walter Boehm Birth Defects Center. From all the men in the Choo Choo Chorus and the Community Christmas Chorus...thank you, Jed. [Don't tell him, but we have a surprise for him.]

## DONORS AND PATRONS

The net proceeds from tonight's benefit performance go to the Boehm Birth Defects Center. This would not be possible without support from the patrons and businesses who purchased an ad in our 50th Anniversary Program. Please thank them when you see them. And thank you for purchasing a ticket to tonight's show.

### OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$10,000

If you would like to help more tonight,  
Please drop your donation in the basket at the door.  
All donations are tax-deductible

### Patrons From 1962 and 2012

These businesses bought ads in our 1st and 50th  
Anniversary Programs

Capitol Motor Sales	Quality Tire Pros
Rock City	Coca-Cola
South Crest Chapel/	Gordon's Cleaners
Lane Funeral Home	The Garden Walk B&B
Wally's Restaurant	Kenco

## 50th Anniversary Patrons

These businesses bought an ad in our 50th Anniversary Program

Ace Hardware Stores	James F. Kimball, DDS
Action Jack Barbershop	Lisa's Gold & Diamonds
Advanced Eye Care	Long of Chattanooga
Aladdin Printing & Copying	Martin-Boyd Christian Home
The Allergy Asthma Group	Megan Johnson Audiology
All Day Every Day	Mtn View Nissan
Big River Grill & Brewing Works	Nick Van Zyl, DDS
Big Table Restaurant	Parker's Brainerd Citgo
Bi-Lo Grocery Stores	Parkway Baptist Temple
Blood Assurance	Peak Hydro Services
Champy's Restaurant	Pizza Hut
Chattanooga Funeral Home	Provino's Italian Restaurant
Chattanooguys Quartet	Pruett Signal Mountain Market
Choo Choo Roofing	O'Charlie's Restaurant
Christian Family Bookstore	Old South Restaurant
Classic Harmony Quartet	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
Community National Bank	Rick Davis Gold & Diamonds
Copelands	Robbins & Bohr
CVS Pharmacy	Rock City 4 Quartet
Dalton Flooring	Ross Glass & Aluminum
East Brainerd Wine & Spirits	Gene M Rudnick, OD
East Ridge Auto Alignment	SAS Shoes
Eazy Book & Taxes	Scenic City Chorus
Evergreen Advisors	Shallowford Family Dental Group
Eyear 1-Hour Optical	Shelter Insurance
Food Works	Signal Mountain Cleaners
Furniture Shoppe	Sound of Tennessee Chorus
FSG Bank	State Farm Insurance
General Heating & Air	Taco Mamacita
Greater Chattanooga Christian Svs	TDL Construction
Greeneffects Landscaping	Tri-State Pools
Hagler	The UPS Store
Hickory Pit Bar-B-Que	Village Volkswagen
Hospice of Chattanooga	Walmart
Hubbuck Glass Co	

## SING ALONG SONGS

### **O Come All Ye Faithful**

#### Verse I

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

#### Chorus

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

#### Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above,  
Glory to God all glory in the highest,

#### Chorus

#### Verse 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
O Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,

#### Chorus

### **The First Noel**

#### Verse I

The First Noel, the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

#### Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far.  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

### **Silent Night**

#### Verse 1

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.

#### Verse 2

Sung by Christmas Chorus



**Thank You to the  
Choo Choo Chorus &  
Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus  
For Your Generous Support!**



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