

The Choo Choo Chorus

Presents

**Songs of
the Season**

Special Guest

**Chattanooga Community
Christmas Chorus**

**A Benefit Concert for the
Boehm Birth Defects Center**

Girls Preparatory School

Saturday, December 13, 2014 7 PM

WELCOME

The Choo Choo Chorus along with special guest, the Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus, welcomes you to our show. The Christmas Chorus is a group of men who come together the first Monday of October to begin rehearsals for the Christmas show.

Every one of us probably has memories of past Christmas seasons. I remember a long time ago when I was a kid, my parents would load the family in the car and we would ride around town (gas was cheaper then) looking at lights and singing Christmas carols. Tonight we will be singing some of the same songs.

This is the season when every child is looking for a fat man with a white beard. The problem is, when they finally see him, they don't know what to do or say. This season is so magical. It is so magical that that on Christmas Eve bitter World War I enemies laid down their weapons and joined each other in singing Silent Night.

I invite you to sit back and enjoy the show. Hopefully it will bring back some memories and remind you of some magical moment, as we bring to you "THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON."
Steve Vipond, Show Chairman

Translation of Betelehemu

(Olatunji,Via) - arr.Wendall Whalum

We are glad that we have a Father to trust.
We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon
Where was Jesus born? Where was He born?

Bethlehem, the city of wonder.

That is where the Father was born for sure.

Praise, praise, praise be to Him.

We thank thee, we thank Thee, we thank Thee for this day,

Gracious Father.

Praise, praise, praise be to Thee, Merciful Father.

PROGRAM

THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

We Want To Wish You a Merry Christmas	Choo Choo Chorus
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!	Choo Choo Chorus
Christmas Chopsticks	Birchwood Common
The Christmas Song	Choo Choo Chorus
Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer	Chattanoogaogs
The Man With the Bag	Rock City 4
Winter Wonderland	Choo Choo Chorus
Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Chattanoogaogs
Jingle Bell Rock	Choo Choo Chorus
I'll Be Home For Christmas	Rock City 4
You Ain't Gettin' Diddly Squat	Rock City 4

THE CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Jingle Bells
We Need A Little Christmas
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Veni, Veni)
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day - Birchwood Common
Ding Dong Merrily on High
Betelehemu (Nigerian Christmas Song - Translation on Page 2)
O Holy Night - Chattanoogaogs
Mary Had A Baby
Angels We Have Heard On High - Rock City 4
A Cradle In Bethlehem
I Saw Three Ships
Audience sing-along (words on next page)
Joy to the World
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Finale: Silent Night
(Christmas Chorus sings second verse)

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

Joy to the World

Verse I

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.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

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

CHOO CHOO CHORUS MEMBERS

TENORS

Wally Edmondson
Gene Huelman
Fred Jesse
Brandon Middlebrooks
Barry Owens
Wendell Whitmire
David White

LEADS

Pat Crowe
Frank Delaney
David Fleury
Steve Grubb
Charlie Holder
Thomas Keegan
J.W. Kirk
Julius McShan
William Slack
Steve Vipond
Steve Wixson

BARITONES

Beau Christian
Brooks Gist
Johnny Jackson
John Johnston
Benny Malone
Rich Ptacin
Chuck Wilson

BASSES

Barry Arp
Paul Blazek
Lebron Brock
Erby Erwin
David Rack
Daniel Randolph
Neal Robinson
Marcellus Scott
Chet Tschetter
Jesse Trigg
Wilbur Strickland
Clarence Wall



CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Charles Abercrombie
Douglas Alexander
George Ames
Dean Arnold
Anthony Baker
Bob Blackburn
Matt Blazek
Mike Brandt
Andrew Bresee
Dan Bullock
Lucien Claiborne
Chris Coles
John Cook
Henry Crutcher
Louie Elliott
Wayne Evans
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Bob Hill
Rich Huhn
Jayson Jones
Daniel Kopf
Mark McKeel
James McNutt
Kelly Mercer
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Jerry W Moore
Philip Newton
Bernard L Peek
Dan Peterson
Carl Striebeck
John Thomas
Richard Vaupel
Art Von Werssowetz
Fred Weinhold



The 2013 Chattanooga Community Christmas

Our sincere thanks to the men listed above who gave of their time for this benefit concert and other performances during the Christmas season. That is a gift to the Chattanooga community.

HISTORY OF THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

The Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, known as the Choo Choo Chorus, celebrated its 50th anniversary three years ago with a big show, an anniversary party, and redecoration of our chapter rooms. This year we again present our Christmas Show with the 12-year-old 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, nursing and retirements centers, and more.

You can find us at choochoochorus.org or facebook.com/choochoochorus and let us know how to get in touch with you. If the “interweb” gives you a fit, feel free to 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 was already producing an annual show during the year to raise operating funds, we decided that 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 in the CCCC and we have had as many as 82 men in previous years. This is our 12th year, and we

will have 66 men on stage and hope to raise a lot of money for our charitable cause. In addition to the main Christmas show, we have invited CCCC members to sing with us at other area performances in the last couple of years - we sing at nursing homes and assisted living centers for people who can’t make it to the big show. This year we also sang at Rock City for their Enchanted Garden of Lights.

Thanks 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 2015!

If you can’t wait until next October, come visit us - we meet at All Saints Academy, 310 E 8th St, Chattanooga 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	Steve Vipond
Music Leadership VP	Wilbur Strickland
Script	Paul Blazek
Tickets	Wendell Whitmire
Program	Steve Wixson
Director	Paul Blazek
Associate Director	Chuck Wilson
Set/Background Video	Steve Wixson
Stage Manager	Mary Kathryn Blazek
Stage Hand	Brandon Middlebrooks
Choo Choo Belles	Mary Strickland

BACKGROUND VIDEO

The background video shows stamps from the personal collection of Steve Wixson. How appropriate since Show Chairman, Steve Vipond, is a retired postal worker.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BOEHM BIRTH DEFECTS CENTER

The net proceeds from tonight's benefit performance go to the Boehm Birth Defects Center. This would not be possible without support from patrons and businesses who purchased an ad in our 2014 Annual Show Program. Several of them made an additional contribution and their ad is included in this program. If you get the chance, please thank them for their support.

And thank yourself for purchasing a ticket to tonight's show.

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