



Seattle Ensign
Symphony & Chorus

— PRESENTS —

Have You Heard
The Bells?

A Christmas Celebration

December 16
Benaroya Hall

Conductor's Note

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;" the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow ring with hope at this Christmas season.

For centuries bells have been used to call people together to worship, to feast and to celebrate. Bells have been used at Christmas time as a symbol of the angels heralding Christ's birth, as well as the sound of the anticipated arrival of a gift bearing sleigh!

This Christmas we offer you music on a theme of bells in hopes that it calls to you and inspires you to gather with loved ones to joyfully celebrate Christ's birth.

Thank you for joining us & Merry Christmas!

Kenneth Owen

**Symphony & Chorus Conductor, Artistic Director
Ensign Symphony & Chorus**

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Kenneth Owen

Ensign Symphony & Chorus Conductor, Artistic Director



Dr. Kenneth Owen is the chair of the music, art, and philosophy departments at Pierce College Puyallup and is on the Music Faculty. Ken directs the choirs at Pierce College and teaches music theory, music appreciation, and world music courses as well as piano and voice lessons.

Under Ken's direction, the Chamber Choir at Pierce College received the American prize in choral performance for colleges and Universities in its division. Ken received a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance and pedagogy from the University of Utah.

Ken went on to study conducting with Dr. Ronald Staheli and to work with the renowned choirs at Brigham Young University. There he received a Master of Music degree in Choral conducting and also studied orchestral conducting. While at BYU, Ken sang with the BYU Singers and sang on their best-selling album "Eric Whitacre, the complete a cappella works 1991-2001". At Arizona State University, Ken received his Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting and also studied orchestral conducting.

Nathan Rødahl

Guest Ensign Symphony Conductor



Nathan Rødahl is a rising star in orchestral pedagogy and education. He is presently director of orchestras at Port Angeles High School, one of the largest and most prestigious programs in the state, and serves as president of the North Olympic Music Educators. Nathan's conducting credits include: Ensign Symphony & Chorus, the Olympia Chamber Orchestra, the Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia, and the Plateau Community Orchestra (a position he earned at the age of 17).

Nathan has several competitive titles, most notably through the University of Oregon International Conducting Competition where he was selected for extended study and performance under the tutelage of Neil Varon (of the Eastman School of Music).

Nathan earned degrees in orchestral and choral pedagogy at Pacific Lutheran University and counts among his primary mentors: Drs. Jeffery Bell-Hanson, Edwin Powell, Richard Nance, Nikolas Caoile, David Jacobs and Neil Varon.

Daffodil Valley Ringers Bell Choir

Ensign Symphony & Chorus is pleased to welcome
The Daffodil Valley Ringers Bell Choir

Daffodil Valley Ringers (DVR), directed by Dr. Suna Chung, is a community handbell choir founded in 2015 by our late dear friend, Pat Vincent, as part of Puyallup United Methodist Church's outreach program. DVR is comprised of advanced ringers from different home handbell choirs from Seattle and across the South Sound and has performed several concerts in collaboration with the Tapestry Singers.

The Ringers have also performed in many community events at venues such as the Puyallup Public Library, the Lakewood Arts Festival, and the Puyallup Community Christmas Concerts held at the Puyallup South Stake Center. In April 2024, DVR performed the world premier of "A Joyful Life", by Ron Mallory, a work commissioned by the group in loving memory of Pat Vincent.

The ensemble is proud to have been invited to participate in this installment of Ensign's 2024-25 concert series and extend our heartfelt wishes for a Christ-filled holiday season for all.

RINGERS

Char Brummett
Lisa Danforth-Lewis
Brian Garrett
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Program

~ WELCOME & INVOCATION ~

Narrator: Luke Bailey

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High arr. by Howard Helvey

Featuring: Daffodil Valley Ringers & John Roeder on Piano

Christmas Fantasy for Organ and Brassarr. by Joel Raney

Featuring: John Jorgensen on Organ

Dublin Bells CarolDavid Mooney

Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuelarr. by Alan Lohr

Pasko Na Namanarr. by George Hernandez

Featuring: Daffodil Valley Ringers

Breath of Heavenarr. by Sandra Eithun

Featuring: Daffodil Valley Ringers

Caroling, CarolingAlfred Burt

In Dulci JubiloJohann Sebastian Bach

Featuring: John Jorgensen on Organ

Peace, Peacearr. by Fred Bock

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing DayJohn Gardner

~ INTERMISSION ~

I Saw Three Shipsarr. by Mack Wilberg

Featuring: Daffodil Valley Ringers

Do You Hear What I Hear?.....arr. by Harry Simeone

Program

I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day...arr. by Stephen Weatherford

World Premier Performance

Featuring: Luke Bailey

Carol of the Bellsarr. by Barlow Bradford

March from NutcrackerPyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Sleigh RideLeroy Anderson

Winter Wonderland of Snow.....arr. by Mark Hayes

Featuring: Luke Bailey

Silver Bellsarr. by Mark Hayes

Featuring: Luke Bailey

Jingle Bells.....arr. by Kay Thompson & Johnny

Mandel, choral arrangement by Mark Hayes

Featuring: Luke Bailey

Thank you & Merry Christmas!

Join Us!

Chorus auditions will be held Feb 20, 2025 6:00 pm

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Ensign Chorus

SOPRANO

Kristina Anderson
Rachel Alldredge
Amanda Barkley
Trinity Beji
Miryam Christensen
Jeni Hawkes
Lynne Hennessey
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Karen Barkley #
David Blackham
Angela Cox
Loren Erickson
Joshua Gates*
Drennon Gregory

Farouq Halawa
Howard Horne
Joe Johnson
Remy Jones
Michael King
Stephen Markham

Brian Morrow
Greg Miller
Darrel Perry
Matt Seymour
Garrison Ulrich

BASS

Dave Alldredge
Mark Calkins
Carl Day
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Patrick Donnahoo

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Peter Henderson#
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Ensign Symphony

VIOLIN 1

Sheila Bateman†
Dennis Haack
Kirk Price
Colin Hetherington
Moirra Farrell
Alyssa Hudon
Suzanna Turpin

VIOLIN 2

Brittany Willey*
Sini-Tuulia Simmons
Sylvia Kemple
Corrine Drollette
Janet Larsen
Tasha Reynolds
Juan Quiroga
Evan Turpin

PIANO

Stephen Weatherford*
John Roeder

ORGAN

John Jorgensen*

FLUTE

Kimberly Bell*
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VIOLA

Laura Haack*
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CELLO

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Christopher Acconcia
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