

Brecksville-Broadview Heights Community Chorus Presents  
A Holiday Concert

Program

Jazz Gloria	Natalie Sleeth
Glow	Eric Whitacre Lyrics by Edward Esch
Ding-a-Ding-a-Ding	Greg Gilpin
Up on the Housetop (Sing-along)	Benjamin Hanby

\* \* \* *Brief Intermission* \* \* \*

The Spaces in Between Us	Jan Garrett, JD Martin, & Lisa Aschmann Arr. Larry Nickel
A Hope Carol	David Dickau Poem by Christina Rossetti
We Wish You a Merry Christmas (Sing-along)	Traditional English Carol
Fum Fum Fantasy	Traditional Catalonian Carol Arr. Audrey Snyder

## Community Chorus

Isaac Becker-Howell, director  
Gail Wirick, pianist

Diane Griffiths	Barbara Baley	Jonathan Hollingsworth
Shawana Johnson	Carm Charnas	Patrick McRoberts
Deanne Kloss	Monica Keil	Mark Vastartis
Rosellen Minite	Sandy Laurenson	Glenn Nestlerode
Linda Neel	Fran McClean	Robert Highman
Judy Zimmerman	Shelley Nixon	Clyde Jones
Suzie Estvanko	Barb Sindyla	Craig Kotnik
Barbara Kupski	Pat Thomas	Glenn Nestlerode
Juliana Thompson	Karen Soltis	
Cherie Wall	Terry Bartlett	
Janice Wojtowicz	Paul Hilts	

## Thank You...

Brecksville United Methodist Church for providing our beautiful performance and rehearsal space.

Jamie Schwendeman for setting up and running the livestream for the performance.

Gail Wirick for volunteering her time and talent on piano.

Members of the BBHCC Board for time and energy spent in promoting the success of this organization

Family and Friends for supporting this choir with encouragement, patience, and presence.

Our financial supporters for helping us bring beautiful music to our community.

## About the Musicians

Isaac Becker-Howell is a music teacher, conductor, and pianist with a mission to introduce musical literacy back into everyday life. He earned degrees in piano performance from Baldwin-Wallace College and Miami University of Ohio, and he studied music education at Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland. He currently teaches general music at Elizabeth-Price Elementary in Cuyahoga Falls. He believes that singing and music, especially when performed collaboratively, enrich people's lives, and that music should be cultivated with love and enthusiasm. Isaac and his wife Courtney share a musical household with their sons Sam and Henry and with their cats Linus and Phoebe.

Gail Wirick has served as accompanist of the Community Chorus for over twenty years. She retired from a career in Information Technology and is enjoying more time for her passion – music!! Gail accompanies contest and recital participants, music directs for local community theaters and is active in The Friends Church music ministry.

## Join Us!

If you have a passion for singing and like what you heard today at our concert, please consider joining the choir. We strive to make music at a high level while remembering that music should be a fun and social undertaking. We meet on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. at Brecksville United Methodist Church, and we would love to have you there. No audition is necessary, and for more information, visit our website:

[www.bbhcommchorus.org](http://www.bbhcommchorus.org)

## Donate

Please consider becoming a financial supporter of our choir and its mission. A large portion of our income comes from donations, and we cannot do what we do without your financial support. To donate online, please visit our website and click on the "Donate" button on the homepage. To donate by check, please mail a check payable to Brecksville-Broadview Heights Community Chorus to:

Brecksville-Broadview Heights Community Chorus  
PO Box 31753  
Independence, OH 44131

We appreciate whatever you are able to give, and thank you for helping us continue to bring music to our community!

## Lyrics

### “Jazz Gloria,” by Natalie Sleeth

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria alleluia!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Christ the Lord is born!

Lo, now he comes, the awaited Messiah  
The babe who is born in a poor cattle stall.  
There ‘mid the wisemen and shepherds adoring,  
He lies sweetly sleeping, the Savior of all.

Tell the news through all the earth; tidings of the holy birth.  
Sent from God with man to dwell; Jesus our Immanuel.

### “Glow,” by Eric Whitacre, lyrics by Edward Esch

Softly falls the winter snow,  
Whispers to the sleeping world below: “Wintertide awakes,”  
Morning breaks and sets the earth aglow.  
In gentle tones of warmest white, proclaim the glory of Aurora’s light.  
Sparrow sings in a clear, clean voice a sweet, silver carol for the season born.  
Radiant wings as the skies rejoice, arise and illuminate the morn.  
Softly falls the morning snow, whispers to the sleeping world below:  
“Glow like the softly falling snow. Glow.”

### “Ding-a-Ding-a-Ding” by Greg Gilpin

Ding dong ding, ding-a-ding dong!  
Merrily on high, hear the bells ring, merrily the heavens sing.  
Merrily on high, hear the bells ring. O’er the earth, they ding dong ding.

### “Up on the Housetop” by Benjamin Hanby

Up on the housetop reindeer pause  
Out jumps good old Santa Claus.  
Down through the chimney, with lots of toys  
All for the little ones’ Christmas joys.

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn’t go.  
Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn’t go,  
Up on the housetop, click, click, click;  
Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick.

“The Spaces in Between Us” by Garrett, Martin, & Asmann

If I could give one gift to you, as solid as the morning dew,  
A window pane the light shines through; the spaces in between us.  
A gift for you my heart would bring, the sweet release of ev’rything.  
The breath I take before I sing; the spaces in between us.

Trusting in what might arise without a thought preceding,  
As simple as a baby’s sigh, resting and receiving.  
It’s not what keeps our souls apart, but what connects and dreams us,  
The vast potential of the heart; the spaces in between us.

I offer what my heart has found, the silent love that’s all around,  
A symphony without a sound, the spaces in between us.  
If I could give you more than this, let it be Forever’s kiss.  
Mindful of my mindlessness; the spaces in between us.

“A Hope Carol” by David Dickau, poem by Christina Rossetti

A night was near, a day was near;  
Between a day and night I heard sweet voices calling clear, calling me:  
I heard a whirl of wing on wing, but could not see the sight;  
I long to see my birds that sing, — I long to see.

Below the stars, beyond the moon, between the night and day,  
I heard a rising falling tune calling me:  
I long to see the pipes and strings whereon such minstrels play;  
I long to see each face that sings, — I long to see.

To-day or maybe not to-day, to-night or not to-night;  
All voices that command or pray, calling me,  
Shall kindle in my soul such fire, and in my eyes such light,  
That I shall see that heart’s desire, — I long to see.

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas,” traditional English carol

We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
And a happy New Year!

Good tidings we bring, to you and your kin,  
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!

“Fum Fum Fantasy,” traditional Catalonian Carol, arranged by Audrey Snyder

On December five-and-twenty, fum fum fum,

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We celebrate this holiday with glad and joyful tune.

The Christmas bells are ringing and the carolers are singing: fum fum fum.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fum fum fum,

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We raise a glass of wassail as we warm our hearts anew;

A toast in jubilation to our festive celebration, fum fum fum.

‘Tis the season to be jolly, fum fum fum,

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Throw a log upon the fire, fum fum fum,

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The wind may blow and snow may fall, but we are safe and warm.

We celebrate together, we’re heedless of the weather,

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