

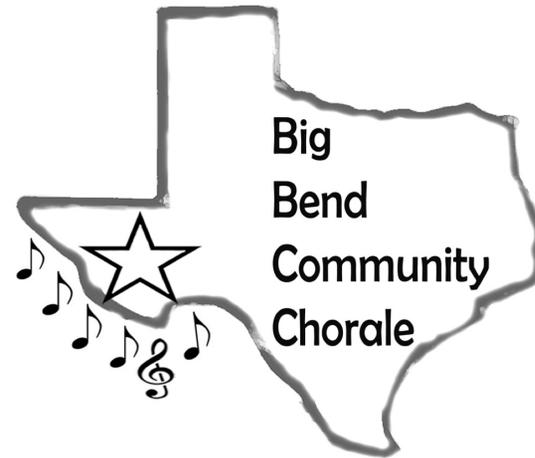


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## Big Bend Community Chorus Holiday Concert

# “Fruitcake”



Andrew D. Alegría, *conductor*  
Nico Westerlink, *assistant conductor*  
Noëlle Karleen, *student conductor*  
Beth Kerzee, *piano*

Friday, December 2, 2022 | 7:30pm | FUMC - Alpine, TX  
Sunday, December 4, 2022 | 3:00pm | FPC - Marfa, TX

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**PROGRAM**



*Masters in This Hall*

Traditional French Carol  
arr. by Mark Hayes  
(b. 1953)

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (sing-a-long)*

John F. Wade  
(1711–1786)

**Verse 1: (All)**

**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!**

**Verse 2: (Choir)**

Adeste, fideles,  
Laeti triumphantes;  
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.  
Natum videte,  
Regem Angelorum.

**Refrain: (All)**

**O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**Refrain: (Choir)**

Venite adoremus,  
Venite adoremus,  
Venite adoremus,  
Dominum!

**Verse 3: (All)**

**Sing, choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation**

**O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
"Glory to God, all Glory In the highest!" (Refrain)**

*Jesus Child*

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

*Candles Long Ago*

Mark Saltzman/Glen Roven  
(NDF)/(1957–2018)  
arr. Ed Lojeski  
(d. 2020)

Jose Flores, *clarinet*

*Noël Nouvelet*

Traditional French Carol  
arr. Donna Schultz  
(NDF)

Noëlle Karleen, *student conductor*  
Andrew Alegría, *oboe*  
Acey Elliott, *percussion*

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Our expenses include:

- Purchase of choral music
- Performance venue costs
- Honorariums for guest instrumentalists
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**ARTISTS**

**Noëlle Karleen** is a student at Sul Ross State University and plans to graduate in December 2022 with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance. She is a pianist, private lesson instructor and aspiring choral director. Ms. Karleen has played the piano for many years, having studied under her father, Dr. Benjamin Karleen, and under Dr. Karrin Ford at Sul Ross State University. More recently, she has studied choral conducting with Dr. Andrew Alegria, Director of Choral Activities at Sul Ross State University. Her interest in music has pushed her to share it with others by teaching them about music. This has led her, along with fellow music student Ember Rutledge, to help re-start the Big Bend Children's Chorus under the guidance of Dr. Alegria. She hopes to continue to gain experience as a conductor. Ms. Karleen's goal as a music teacher is to help people to experience music as a joy and not a duty, so that they will have the motivation to learn more and more about music.



**Ember Rutledge** is an accomplished musician and teacher. She worked from a young age with children. When she was younger, she taught the music section for her Vacation Bible School every summer, and would frequently take jobs teaching younger musicians in her public school career. Currently, Ms. Rutledge is in her third year at Sul Ross State University, working on a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. During her time at Sul Ross State University, she and her peer, Noelle Karleen, work together to teach the Big Bend Children's Chorus. She plans to graduate from Sul Ross in the Fall of 2023. After graduation, Ms. Rutledge plans to teach children's music at an American International School abroad.

**PROGRAM**

*Deck the Hall (sing-a-long)*

Thomas Oliphant  
(1799–1873)

**Verse 1: (All)**

**Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!**

**'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!**

**Don we now our gay apparel, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!**

**Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!**

**Verse 2: (Choir)**

See the blazing Yule before us, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!

Strike the harp and join the chorus. Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!

Follow me in merry measure, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!

**Verse 3: (All)**

**Fast away the old year passes, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!**

**Hail the new, ye lads and lasses! Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!**

**Sing we joyous all together, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!**

**Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!**

*Bells of December*

Joseph M. Martin  
(b. 1959)

Ember Rutledge, *conductor*

Noëlle Karleen, *piano*

Acey Elliott, *flute*

Big Bend Children's Chorus

*Let It Be Christmas*

Alan Jackson  
(b. 1958)

Noëlle Karleen, *conductor*

Ember Rutledge, *piano*

Big Bend Children's Chorus

Let it be Christmas  
everywhere

Let heavenly music  
fill the air

Let every heart sing  
Let every bell ring

The story of hope  
and joy and peace

And let it be Christmas  
everywhere

Let heavenly music  
fill the air

Let anger and fear  
and hate disappear

Let there be love that lasts through the year  
And let it be Christmas everywhere

**PROGRAM***I Wonder as I Wander*John Jacob Niles  
(1892–1980)  
arr. Noelle Karleen

Big Bend Youth Chorus

*Angels We Have Heard on High (sing-a-long)*Austin C. Lovelace  
(1919–2010)**Verse 1: (All)****Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly swinging o'er the plains  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains****Verse 2: (Choir)**Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?**Refrain: (All)****Gloria In Excelsis Deo****Refrain: (Choir)**

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

**Verse 3: (All)****Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)***The Sound of Winter*Jay Althouse  
(b. 1951)*Fruitcake*Philip Hegemann/ Penny Leka  
(b. 1932)/ (NDF)*Pat-a-Pan*Traditional Burgundian Carol  
arr. Doug Denisen  
(NDF)Nico Westerlink, *assistant conductor*  
Acey Elliott, *flute*  
Ember Rutledge, *percussion***ARTISTS**

**Beth Bumpas Kerzee** has been a Music Teacher, Choir Director, Musical Theatre Director, Orchestra Conductor, and the former Head of Music at Yew Chung International School, China. Having earned a B. M. in music education (Dallas Baptist University) with a double concentration in piano and voice, a M. Ed. from SRSU and completing in December 2022 a M.M. with a concentration in Choral Conducting (UTEP) has allowed Ms. Kerzee to teach music to two-year-old children up to senior citizens. Serving as Region 20 TMEA officer for several years, Beth accompanied many Region Honor Choirs. Recently retired after 23 years of teaching in Texas and 12 years in China, Beth has served as a church musician and music minister in many churches throughout Texas, New Mexico, Hawaii, and China. Ms. Kerzee is presently serving as Music Director/organist at First Presbyterian Church, Marfa and organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Marfa.



**Mr. Nico Westerlink**, graduated from Sul Ross State University with a Bachelor of Music in Instrumental Performance (Guitar) in 2018. Nico has participated in numerous ensembles at SRSU, including the Guitar Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Mariachi, Lobo Pep Band, Big Bend Community Band, Pit Orchestra for SRSU Musical Theater Productions (Spring Awakening, Cabaret, Man of La Mancha) and Concert Choir, interchangeably since 2016. He has also participated in the Big Bend Community Choir since 2021, where he began to assist in conducting and direction in 2022. Nico plans to continue his education in pursuit of a Master of Music degree, and eventually a doctorate for the goal of becoming a Music Professor.

## ARTISTS



**Andrew Alegría** is an accomplished musician, choral director, soloist, and teacher. In 1998, he was accepted to Baylor University, where he furthered his music education. Dr. Alegría graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Music in Church Music. After graduation, he moved to Houston, Texas, where he taught private music lessons, sang with the Houston Grand Opera, and was the Director of Music Ministry at Westminster United Methodist Church.

His passion for music took him to New Mexico, where he studied under Prof. Bradley Ellingboe at the University of New Mexico. In 2012, he graduated with a Master of Music with distinction. While in New Mexico he stepped in during Professor Ellingboe's 2013 sabbatical as a Lecturer of Music and conducted the University Chorus and UNM Opera Chorus. While teaching at the university, he conducted several professional choral ensembles including Coro de Cámara in Santa Fe, New Mexico; a children's chorus affiliated with the New Mexico Philharmonic Orchestra; and several musical theater companies in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Alegría also had the pleasure of conducting the Prague Orchestra and University of New Mexico Chorus at Dvořák Hall in Prague, Czech Republic.

Dr. Alegría completed his Doctorate of Musical Arts at Louisiana State University under Dr. John Dickson. His dissertation is on Ariel Ramírez's *Misa por La Paz y la Justicia*. While in Louisiana, he was the Director of Music Ministry at First United Methodist Church and Music Director at Ascension Community Theatre in Gonzales, Louisiana. Prior to moving to Alpine, he was an Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa. While at Clarke University, he conducted the Collegiate Singers, Cantabile, Melos, and the Clarke Chamber Orchestra. He also taught voice lessons and lectured on American music history.

Currently, Dr. Alegría is the Director of Choral Activities and Vocal Studies at Sul Ross. At SRSU, he conducts the Concert Choir and Musical Theatre Ensemble, teaches private voice, and lectures on vocal technique. He is also the artistic director of the Big Bend Community Chorale.

## PROGRAM



*Jingle Bells (sing-a-long)*

James Pierpont  
(1822–1893)

**Verse 1: (All)**  
**Dashing through the snow**  
**In a one horse open sleigh,**  
**O'er the fields we go,**  
**Laughing all the way;**  
**Bells on bob tail ring,**  
**making spirits bright,**  
**What fun it is to laugh and sing**  
**A sleighing song tonight!**

**Verse 2: (Choir)**  
A day or two ago  
I thought I'd take a ride,  
And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side;  
The horse was lean and lank,  
Misfortune seem'd his lot,  
We got into a drifted bank,  
And we, we got upsot. (Refrain)

**Refrain: (All)**  
**Jingle bells, jingle bells**  
**Jingle all the way**  
**Oh, what fun it is to ride**  
**In a one horse open sleigh**

**Verse 3: (All)**  
**Now the ground is white,**  
**Go it while you're young,**  
**Take the girls tonight,**  
**And sing this sleighing song;**  
**Just get a bob tailed nag,**  
**two-forty for his speed,**  
**Then hitch him to an open sleigh,**  
**And crack! you'll take the lead (R)**

*Where Are You, Christmas?*

Jennings/Horner/Carey  
arr. Mac Huff  
(NDF)

Big Bend Community Chorale, Children's Chorus, and Youth Chorus

## TRANSLATION



*Noël Nouvelet*  
Noël nouvelet chansons ici  
Dévotes gens, crions à Dieu merci.  
Chantons Noël pour le Roi nouvelet.  
Noel nouvelet chansons ici

Here we sing of Christmas  
Devoted people, say thanks to God  
Sing Christmas songs for the new King.  
Here we sing of Christmas



**Big Bend Community Chorale**

Andrew D. Alegría, *conductor*  
Beth Kerzee, *accompanist*

**soprano**

Sadie Cardwell  
Katie Daley  
Nancy Foxworthy  
Noëlle Karleen  
Martha MacLeod  
Harriet Monsell  
Anita Shaul  
Marci Tuck  
Tehra Vaughn  
Dafne Westerlink

**alto**

Linda Bone  
Martha Bumpas  
Sara Griffing  
Linda Hedges  
Nancy Huston  
Joan Oesper  
Kim Posadas  
Barbara Richerson  
Katie Tetreault  
Melissa Wesney

**tenor**

Jan Moeller  
Nelson Sager  
Marina Azar  
Kris Jorgenson  
Carrie Karleen

**bass**

Jimmy Case  
Denis Foley  
Hugh Garrett  
Allen Gilchrist  
Nico Westerlink



**Big Bend Youth Chorale**

Noëlle Karleen and Ember Rutledge, *conductors*

**soprano**

Joanna Dilts  
Nora Hubbard  
Isla Velasco

**alto**

Sadie Cardwell  
Melodie Karleen



**Big Bend Children's Chorale**

Noëlle Karleen and Ember Rutledge, *conductors*

**Part I**

Joseph Chen  
Emma Del Colle  
Violet Del Colle  
Auden Hubbard  
Lindley Lutz  
Joanna Reno  
Cason Sargent  
Kelby Sargent  
Liam Smith  
Isla Velasco

**Part II**

Lisa Averyt  
Kaela Baize  
Micah Baize  
Whitley Burbach  
Max Cramer  
Joanna Dilts  
Judah Dilts  
Sephora Karleen  
Liam Lattimore