

SING FOR JOY

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An Open Letter to the Sauder Family of Ohio and the Sukup Family of Iowa

Dear Sukups and Sauders,

Every week on *Sing For Joy*, I announce that our program is made possible by the Sauder Companies of Archbold, Ohio and the Sukup Manufacturing Company of Sheffield, Iowa. Your decision to support us so generously, year after year, allows us to broadcast the program around the United States and beyond.

Corporations and companies don't, however, make philanthropic decisions. People do. And because you are those people, this special thank-you letter is to you.

It has been a year now since Alvin Rueter handed the reins of *Sing For Joy* to John Ferguson, Marty Pelikan, Jeffrey O'Donnell and me. (Yes, it takes four people to replace Al!) On this first anniversary, we are glad to acknowledge and say *thank you* for your generous partnership in this venture. We say that from our own hearts and on behalf of all our listeners.

Sing For Joy listeners know how to express their thanks to those of us who produce the program each week. They send messages and contribute their own gifts to the cause. But how do they thank you? I know some can and do say *thank you* by purchasing and enjoying Sauder furniture and Sukup agricultural

equipment. But there are many more who are not in the market for those products.

So I hope you will understand that this thank-you letter comes from our listeners as well as from me. John, Jeff, Marty, Lynne Reeck, Jennifer Rowe — and all the rest of us on the production staff of *Sing For Joy* — are deeply grateful for your generous support.

You are so faithful with your support that, as we go about the work of putting each week's program together, we sometimes even forget you. Like the lights and chairs and studio sound-proofing, you are essential but always there. As in the rest of life, what we don't have to worry about we often don't even think about.

I'm sure it is that way for many *Sing For Joy* listeners, too. Your sponsorship of *Sing For Joy* has become part of the landscape. I want you to know, however, that behind our casual acceptance of your support, we have a strong and unshakeable gratitude. We are constantly thankful for you.

The Advent season is a time to reflect, once again, on the good news: God chooses to be Emmanuel — *God-with-us*. It is, therefore, a wonderful time for me (and the rest of us on the *Sing For Joy* team) to reflect, also, on the fact that you are with us in this scriptural and musical project. There is no better time to remember to say *thank you*. Thank you from me, from everyone who works on the program and from the thousands of listeners who appreciate — as we do — your faithfulness, generosity and partnership. May the season be a blessing to you.

Gratefully,

Bruce Benson

Listings

December 7

Scriptures for 2 Advent:

- (1R) Malachi 3:1-4
(PS) Luke 1:68-79
(2R) Philippians 1:3-11
(G) Luke 3:1-6

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (WINCHESTER NEW) – *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Arr. Philip Ledger (G) Choir of King's College, Cambridge / Philip Ledger. (CD) *Procession With Carols on Advent Sunday* / EMI / CDM 7 63181 2 © 1981 EMI Records, Ltd. Hayes, Middlesex, England

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (GENEVAN 42) – Genevan Psalter, Arr. John L. Bell (G) The Cathedral Singers / John L. Bell. (CD) *God Comes Tomorrow...* / GIA PUBLICATIONS / GIA CD-494 © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 South Mason Avenue, Chicago, IL 61638

“But Who May Abide” and “And He Shall Purify” from Messiah – Georg Frideric Handel (1R) Ingeborg Danz – Alto; Oregon Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra – Portland, Ore. / Helmuth Rilling. (CD) *Messiah* / HÄNSSLER CLASSICS / 2-CD 98.198 © 1997 Hänssler-Verlag, Postbox 12 20 D-73762 Neuhausen-Stuttgart

Benedictus, Op. 115, No. 2 – Charles Villiers Stanford (PS) Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge / Christopher Robinson. (CD) *Stanford: Anthems and Services* / NAXOS / 8.555794 © 2003 HNH International Ltd.

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1R-First Reading 2R-Second Reading PS-Psalms G-Gospel

December 14

Scriptures for 3 Advent:

- (1R) Zephania 3:14-20
(PS) Isaiah 12:2-6
(2R) Philippians 4:4-7
(G) Luke 3:7-18

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding (MERTON) – William Henry Monk, Arr. Richard R. Webster (1R) The Choirs of the Parish Church of Saint Luke; The Asbury Brass – Evanston, Ill. / Richard R. Webster. (CD) *Blow Ye the Trumpet in Zion* / PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LUKE © 1994 The Parish Church of Saint Luke, 939 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (HYFRYDOL) – Rowland H. Prichard, Arr. Jackson Berkey (G) Soli Deo Gloria Cantorum; Kathy Bundock Moore – Harp; Omaha, Neb. / Almeda Berkey. (CD) *Cantorum Christmas!* / SOLI DEO GLORIA / SDG CD981 © 1998 SDG Records, 3402 Woolworth Avenue, Omaha, NE 68105-1944

Behold, God Is My Salvation – Leo Sowerby (PS) The Girls' Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral – Buffalo, NY / Dale Adelman. (CD) *Ex Ore Innocentium* / PRO ORGANO / CD 7076 © 1995 The Zarex Corporation

Rejoice in the Lord Alway – Anonymous (2R) Voices of Ascension – New York, NY / Dennis Keene. (CD) *From Chant to Renaissance* / DELOS / DE 3174 © 1995 Delos International, Inc., Hollywood & Vine Plaza, 1645 North Vine Street, Suite 340, Hollywood, CA 90028

Hark, the Glad Sound (CHERSTERFIELD or RICHMOND) – Thomas Haweis, Arr. John Ferguson (1R, G) The St. Olaf Orchestra; Massed Choirs and Congregation / John Ferguson. (CD) *Risn' With Healing in His Wings* / ST. OLAF RECORDS / E-2564 © 2002 St. Olaf Records, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057

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December 21

Scriptures for 4 Advent:

- (1R) Micah 5:2-5a
(PS) Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 80 1:7
(2R) Hebrews 10:5-10
(G) Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

“Magnificat anima mea” from Magnificat in D Major, (BWV 243) – J.S. Bach (PS or G) Monteverdi Choir, English Baroque Soloists / John Eliot Gardiner. (CD) *J.S. Bach: Magnificat* / PHILIPS / 411 458-2 © 1984 PloyGram Records, Inc., New York, NY

Once in Royal David’s City (IRBY) – Henry Gauntlett, Arr. Stephen Cleobury (1R) Choir of King’s College, Cambridge / Stephen Cleobury. (CD) *A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols* / EMI CLASSICS / 7243 5 73693 2 9 © 1999 EMI Classics, 304 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010

Magnificat – René Clausen (PS or G) The Concordia Choir – Moorhead, MN / René Clausen. (CD) *The Choral Music of René Clausen: Volume I* / CONCORDIA RECORDINGS / E-2134. © Concordia Recordings, 901 8th Street South, Moorhead, MN 56562

O Little Town of Bethlehem (ST. LOUIS and FOREST GREEN) – Louis Redner & Traditional English, Arr. Brian Jones (1R) The Trinity Choir – Boston, Ma. / Brian Jones. (CD) *A Choral Christmas* / DORIAN RECORDINGS / DOR-93240 © 2001 The Dorian Group, Ltd., 8 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY 12180-3795

“Magnificat” from Evening Canticles in G Major – Charles Villiers Stanford (PS or G) Jeremy Budd – Treble; Choir of St. Paul’s Cathedral – London / John Scott. (CD) *Hear My Prayer* / HYPERION / CDA664394 Advent, © 1991 Hyperion Records, Limited, London, England

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December 28

Scriptures for the Feast of the Holy Innocents:

- (1R) Jeremiah 31:15-17
(PS) Psalm 124
(2R) 1 Peter 4:12-19
(G) Matthew 2:13-18

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (MENDELSSOHN) – Felix Mendelssohn, Arr. Sir David Willcocks (G) The Bach Choir – London, England / Sir David Willcocks. (CD) *Family Carols* / CHANDOS / CHAN 8973 © 1991 Chandos Records, Ltd., Essex, England.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (NOEL) – English Traditional, Arr. Andrew Watts (G) Maddy Prior – Vocals; The Carnival Band – England (CD) *A Tapestry of Carols* / SAYDISC RECORDS / CD-SDL 366 © 1987 Saydisc Records, Chiping Manor, The Chipping, Wotton-Under-Edge, Glos., GL12 7AD, England

Coventry Carol – English Traditional, Arr. Dale Warland (G) The Dale Warland Singers – Minneapolis, Minn. / Dale Warland. (CD) *A Rose in Winter* / D’NOTE CLASSICS / DSD 1022 © 1997 d’Note Entertainment

Unto Us Is Born a Son (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) – Piae Cantiones, Arr. Thomas Eastwood (G) The Elizabethan Singers / Louis Halsey. (CD) *Sir Cristemas* / BOSTON SKYLINE / BSD 124 © 1994 Boston Skyline Records, 825 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY, 10019

A Stable-Lamp Is Lighted – David Conte (2R) The Washington Men’s Camerata – Washington, D.C. / Frank Albinder. (CD) *Sing We Noel* / GOTHIC / G 49128 © 2001 Gothic Records Inc.

The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem (PROSPECT) – William Walker, Arr. Ralph Johnson (G) The St. Olaf Choir / Anton Armstrong. (CD) *He Comes to Us: The 2000 St. Olaf Christmas Festival* / ST. OLAF RECORDS / E-2388-9 © 2000 St. Olaf Records, 1520 St. Olaf Ave, Northfield, MN, 55057



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