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We gratefully appreciate the dedication of the Newport Navy Choristers and their honoring of this concert to the work of the Society in preserving Portsmouth history.

We, also, have great appreciation for the many sponsors who are listed in this program.

The Portsmouth Historical Society, established in 1939, is a volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Portsmouth, Rhode Island's history.

Our long term vision is to protect and promote Portsmouth's cultural heritage by creating a secure and sustainable facility, where, in conjunction with other local organizations, we can store, maintain and display our collection of historic artifacts, offer lectures and research assistance to the public, and stimulate the study of our town's history for future generations. We strongly believe that the uniqueness of Portsmouth today is defined by our past.

The Society fulfills its mission by:

1. Maintaining and providing tours of its historical buildings.
 - a. The Christian Union Church (1865)
 - b. The Southernmost School (1725)
 - c. The Old Town Hall (c. 1850)
2. Collecting, conserving and interpreting historical documents and objects linked to historical sites, and families of Portsmouth.
3. Providing direction and resources to assist genealogical and scholarly research related to Portsmouth's history.
4. Arranging exhibitions which use historical materials to enrich the public's understanding and appreciation of Portsmouth's rich history.
5. Presenting programs on topics that build enthusiasm for preserving and supporting our local history.

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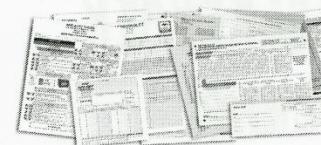
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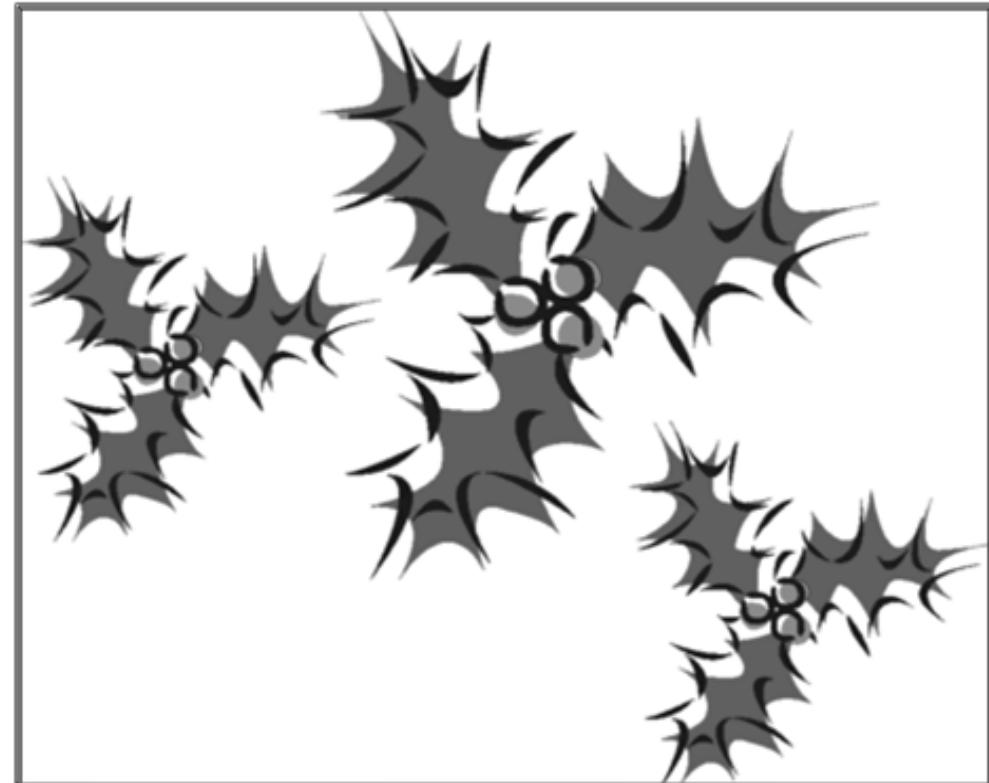
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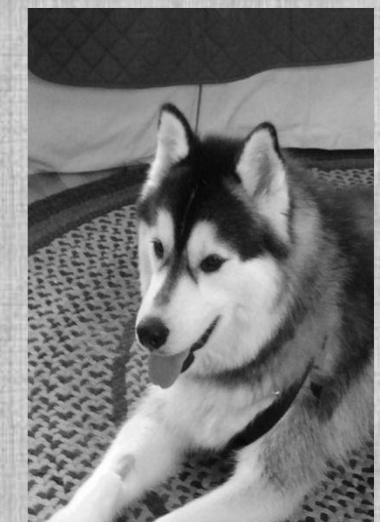
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Thank you to the Choristers' Board of Directors and chorus members, who give so generously of their time and talent in order to make concerts such as this one possible

Special thanks to harpist Arilyn Mitchell for sharing her time and talent with us at this concert!

The Newport Navy Choristers is a nonprofit organization, and proceeds from Chorister concerts benefit local civic and charitable organizations. Since 1953 Chorister concerts have raised over \$400,000 to benefit our community. Nonprofit organizations wishing to partner with the Newport Navy Choristers in order to benefit from a Chorister concert should contact the Choristers at info@newportnavychoristers.org.

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“Christmas In Song”

The Star-Spangled Banner

F. S. Key/J. S. Smith, arr. F. Asper

~ Poem written in 1814 during the Battle of Baltimore (War of 1812) ~
~ Recognized for official use by the U.S. Navy in 1889, and made the National Anthem in 1931 ~

Angels' Carol

Arllyn Mitchell – Harp

~ Commissioned in connection with the 1988 BET Choirboy of the Year (England) award ~ Rutter formed the Cambridge Singers in 1979 and is a Fellow of the Westminster Choir College, Princeton, UK, and a Fellow of the Guild of Church Musicians ~

Candlelight Canon

Andy Beck

~ A musical reflection on the candle as a symbol of peace ~

Mary Did You Know

M. Lowry/B. Green, arr. J. Schrader

~ Mark Lowry is best known as a comedian/singer for the Gaither Vocal Band ~ Written in 1991, this popular song has been recorded by over 30 artists ~

Born 'Neath a Star

Cynthia Gray

~ Ms. Gray is a music educator from Ohio, who composes many octavos for secondary education and adult choirs ~

I Wonder as I Wander

J. Niles, arr. Rutter

Rich Talipsky, Baritone

~ 'Discovered' in 1933 in Murphy, North Carolina, the song is an Appalachian folk song expanded upon by Niles ~

O Holy Night (with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring")

J. Dwight/A. Adam/J.S. Bach, arr. K. Christopher

~ J.S. Bach wrote "Jesu" in 1723, one of over 200 cantatas completed in Weiner, Germany ~ *Cantique de Noël* was written in 1847 by Adolphe Adam, who also composed 14 ballets and 39 operas ~

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart, arr. P. Liebergen

~ One of Mozart's most beautiful and beloved works, this was composed in June 1791, six months before his death ~

The Bells

Edgar Allan Poe/L. Berry

~ Written in 1848 and sold for \$15, Poe's poem was not published until after his death in 1849 ~ Poe coined "Tintinnabulation" as the sound of bells ~ The Latin word for "bell" is "tintinnabulum" ~

A Charlie Brown Christmas

arr. S. Zegree

~ *A Charlie Brown Christmas* was first broadcast in 1965 with music by Vince Guaraldi ~ The TV special was voted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2007 ~

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

French tune, words by G. R. Woodward, arr. Williamson

~ Originally a secular dance tune from the 1500's, Christmas words were added in 1924 ~

White Christmas

I. Berlin, arr. M. Huff

~ Bing Crosby's recording holds the title as World's Best-selling Single, with over 100 million copies sold ~ *White Christmas* won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in "Holiday Inn" in 1942 ~

I'll Be Home for Christmas

K. Gannon & W. Kent, arr. P. Langford

Chorister Men

~ Bing Crosby's WWII era recording of this song reached the Top Ten when it was released in 1943 ~ The BBC banned the song because they were afraid it would lower morale among British troops ~

~ INTERMISSION ~

Battle Hymn of the Republic

J.W. Howe & W. Steffe, arr. R. Ringwald

Happy Holiday (with "The Holiday Season")

I. Berlin, K. Thompson, arr. M. Brymer

~ "Happy Holiday" was written for the New Years Eve scene in the movie "Holiday Inn" ~ This medley was popularized by Andy Williams, who was discovered and mentored by Kay Thompson ~

The following songs will be performed after
"Happy Holiday" on Page 21

Jingle, Bells

J. Pierpoint, arr. L. Temme

~ It was the first song broadcast from space - from Gemini VI in Dec 1965 ~ Medford, Massachusetts claims to be the place where Pierpoint wrote the song ~

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

S. Cahn/J. Styne, arr. A. Freed

~ Written in 1945 during a heat wave in California ~ Reached #1 on the Billboard in 1945 (Vaughn Munroe) and #7 in 1946 (Woody Herman Band with Sonny Berman on trumpet) ~

Sleigh Bells

Ukrainian Folk Tune. Arr. E. Rentz

~ Choral Music Educator Earlene Rentz set original words to this familiar Ukrainian folk tune. ~ After incorporating her student's suggestions for improving the piece, it became her best-seller ~

Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer

J. Marks, arr. H. Wilson

Chorister Women

~ Rudolph was written for the Montgomery Ward Company in 1939 by Marks' brother-in-law ~ In 1949 the song sold 1.75 million records and reached #1 U.S. charts, eventually selling over 12.5 million records ~ Cover versions have sold over 150 million records, making it second only to "White Christmas" ~

Gettin' in the Mood (for Christmas)

J. Garland (music)/

M. Himmelstein/B. Setzer (words), arr. L. Shackley

Trish Culver, Alto

~ "In the Mood" (1939) was adapted from trumpeter Wingy Manone's "Tar Paper Stomp" (1930) ~ Brian Setzer released this version on his 2005 album 'Dig That Crazy Christmas' ~

Sleigh Ride

M. Parish/L. Anderson, arr. H. Ades

~Arthur Fiedler & the Boston Pops recorded the #1 song in 1949 on a 78 rpm record issued on red vinyl ~ The Andrew Sisters recorded the first vocal recording in 1950 ~

The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)

M. Torme/R. Wells, arr. A. Snyder

Nautical Notes

~Nat King Cole first recorded this in 1946, and then again in 1953; however his 1961 recording is the one which is regarded as the definitive recording ~ Torme was known as the 'Velvet Fog' during his heyday ~

A Holly Jolly Christmas

J. Marks, arr. G. Gilpin

Nautical Notes

~Marks, though Jewish, wrote 12 hit Christmas songs including 'Rudolph', 'Rockin' 'Round the Christmas Tree', and 'When Santa Claus Gets Your Letter', as well as all the songs for the TV special "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" ~

*Please join us in singing the following.
The lyrics are on the next page.*

The 12 Days of Christmas

Frederic Austin

~Dec. 25 - Jan. 5 are the 12 days of Christmas ~Originally published in 1780 as a chant and thought to be of French origin ~ Austin arranged the current tune in 1909 ~ 'Calling' birds was first published 'Colly' (black) birds ~ PNC Bank estimates that the cost of these gifts today would be \$34,353.49 due to a shortage of turtle doves and increased wages for drummers and pipers ~

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

W. Whiting/J.B. Dykes

~ Written in 1860-1861, adopted as the Navy Hymn in 1879, it is also used by the British Royal Navy ~ There are over 101 verses representing almost every job in the Armed Forces ~

For Eternal Father, former Navy Choristers are invited to join us at the altar

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THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

A partridge in a pear tree

Two turtle doves

Three French hens

Four calling birds

Five gold rings

Six geese a-laying

Seven swans a-swimming

Eight maids a-milking

Nine ladies dancing

Ten lords a-leaping

Eleven pipers piping

Twelve drummers drumming

ETERNAL FATHER (NAVY HYMN)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,

Who biddest the mighty ocean deep

Its own appointed limits keep;

Oh hear us when we cry to Thee

For those in peril on the sea!

O gracious God of love and power,
Our people's shield in danger's hour.

From fear and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them where-so'er they go.

Thus ever more shall rise to Thee,

Glad praise from air and land and sea! Amen.

Julia Ward Howe and the Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe was a resident of Portsmouth at her summer house on Union Street. She frequented the Christian Union Church at the corner of East Main Road and Union Street, which now is the home of the Portsmouth Historical Society. On November 18, 1861, she attended a review of Union troops near Washington, D.C. As she rode back to the Willard Hotel, she and her companions made their way through crowds of marching soldiers. Among the songs they started singing was an old Union marching tune called "John Brown's Body". As they sung the chorus, "Glory, Glory Halleluiah, his soul is marching on" her companions mentioned that she might write some more inspiring words to the tune.

She recalled, as she slept at the Willard Hotel, she awakened suddenly and, with a stump of a pencil, jotted some words on a scrap of paper. When she awoke the next morning, she could not remember the words that had come to her earlier in the night, but there on the back of a piece of stationary were the six stanzas waiting in a neat, uneven, hand, starting with, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord". It went on to compare the sacrifices of Union soldiers on the battlefield, with a quest for the sake of preserving the Union *and* abolishing slavery, to the crucifixion of Christ: "As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free". The poem appeared much as it was originally written, when published in the *Atlantic Monthly* two-and-a-half months later as the "Battle Hymn of the Republic".



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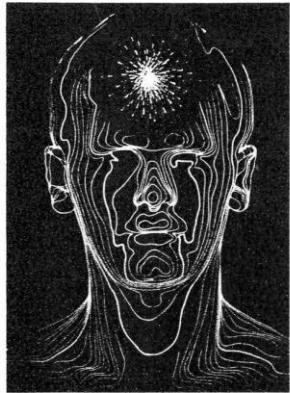
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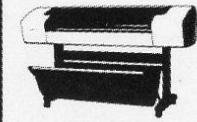
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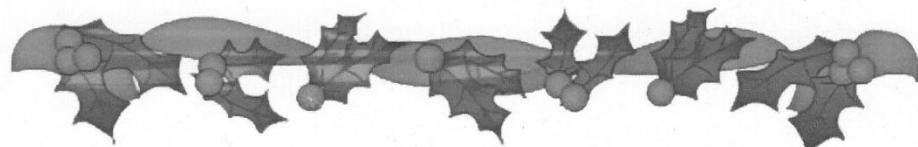
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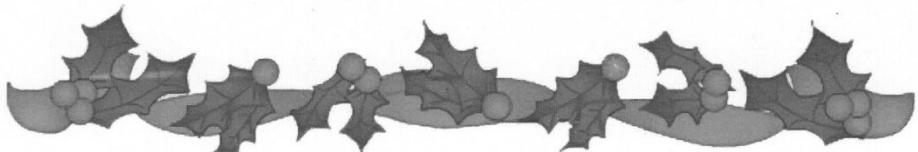
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