

## "Into the Holidays!"

NEC Chamber Singers Erica J. Washburn, conductor

NEC Prep Chamber Chorus Laura Nevitt, conductor

Navy Band Northeast Lt. Antonio Garcia, USN, director

NEC Symphonic Winds William Drury, conductor

Monday, December 8, 2025 7:30 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall

#### **PROGRAM**

William Drury, Lt. Antonio Garcia, and Erica J. Washburn, conductors

Edward Pola/George Wyle

arr. Tim McMillen

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

John Wasson

(b. 1956)

Festival Fanfare for Christmas

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Leroy Anderson

(1908–1975)

Clarinet Candy

Mykola Leontovich

(1877–1921)

arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Carol of the Bells

Felix Bernard

(1897–1944) arr. Paul Ayres Winter Wonderland

Lou Baxter/Johnny Moore

arr. MU2 Mike Brehm

Merry Christmas Baby

MUSN Tamra Martinez, vocals
Rhode Island Sound Rock Band

Vince Guaraldi

(1928–1976)

arr. MU1(SW) Ian Charleton

Christmas Time is Here

Nicholas Myers

(b. 1987)

The Winter's Night

**James Lord Pierpont** 

(1822–1893) arr. Tom Kubis Jingle Bells

MU2 Will Sloan, bass trombone

Joan Javits/Philip Springer

arr. MU1 Matt Gagliardo

Santa Baby

MUSN Tamra Martinez, vocals

arr. Tim McMillen

#### **Carol Sing-along**

Deck the Halls Jingle Bells

Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer

White Christmas Silent Night

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

with NEC Prep Chamber Chorus

\*Please join us in the singing of these songs. Texts are in your program and the text sheet.

Adam Schlesinger/David Javerbaum

arr. SrA Bradley Kerr Green

Text Me Merry Christmas

MUSN Tamra Martinez, vocals

Kristen Anderson-Lopez/Robert Lopez

arr. Roger Emerson

Let it Go from Frozen

Chuck Berry

(1926–2017) arr. MU2 Mike Brehm Run, Run, Rudolph

MUSN Tamra Martinez, vocals Rhode Island Sound Rock Band

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra** 

arr. MU2 Justin Laukat

Wizards in Winter

Glen Ballard/Alan Silvestri

arr. MU1 Tim Hill

*Believe* from *The Polar Express* 

Ogechi Victoria Okoye '28, soprano

Sy Miller, Jill Jackson

arr. TSgt. Larry MacTaggart

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Gia Cellucci '27, soprano Valentine Umeh '27, tenor

#### We would like to thank:

Bob Winters, Catherine Cooper and the NEC stage crew – for everything, every day; Lisa Nigris and the NEC Recording and Performance Technology Services staff for their patience and expertise.

#### May you all enjoy a very happy holiday season!

**Program Texts** (NEC Chamber Singers)

#### It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

It's the most wonderful time of the year With the kids jingle belling and everyone telling you "be of good cheer!" It's the most wonderful time of the year.

It's the hap-happiest season of all. With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings when friends come to call, It's the hap-happiest season of all.

There'll be parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting, and caroling out in the snow. There'll be scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago.

It's the most wonderful time of the year. There'll be much mistletoeing and hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near. It's the most wonderful time of the year.

#### Carol of the Bells

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells, All seem to say, "throw cares away."
Christmas is here bringing good cheer, To young and old, meek and the bold.
Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song, With joyful ring, all carolling.
One seems to hear words of good cheer From ev'rywhere, filling the air.
Oh, how they pound, raising the sound, O'er hill and dale, telling their tale.
Gaily they ring, while people sing, songs of good cheer. Christmas is here!

Merry, merry, merry Christmas! On, on they send, on without end, Their joyful tone to every home.

#### Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you list'ning? In the lane snow is glist'ning. A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight, Walking in a winter wonderland.

Gone away is the bluebird, Here to stay is a new bird, He sings a love song as we go along. Walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snow man (with a carrot for a nose),
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown (he's the curate, don't you know?)
He'll say, "Are you married?" We'll say, "No, man,
But you can do the job when you're in town!" (oh Parson Brown, don't let us down)

Later on we'll conspire,
As we dream by the fire,
To face unafraid the plans that we made,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

#### The Winter's Night

Deep in the night, quiet and still, while all the world's asleep,
Dreaming of what they will,
Out from the warmth, out in the cold, snowflakes are falling, covering the earth,
Telling the world winter has come.
Making the earth turn to new from old,
Tapping the window, brushing the ground,
Soft as a dream, sweet as a dream,
Dreams pure as white, white as the snow.

Nicholas Myers

# PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SINGING OF THESE SONGS (Carol Singalong)

#### DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls 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. 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.

#### **JINGLE BELLS**

Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way Bells on bob tails ring making spirits bright What fun it is to laugh and sing a sleighing song tonight. Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh. Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh.

#### RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer had a very shiny nose, And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows. All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names. They wouldn't let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say: "Rudolph, with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee: "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, you'll go down in history!"

#### WHITE CHRISTMAS

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
Just like the ones I used to know.
Where the tree tops glisten and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, With every Christmas card I write: "May your days be merry and bright, And may all your Christmases be white."

#### SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

#### WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding, oh, bring us a figgy pudding, oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer.

We won't go until we get some, we won't go until we get some, we won't go until we get some so bring some out here.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### Let it Go

The snow glows white on the mountain tonight; not a footprint to be seen. A kingdom of isolation, and it looks like I'm the queen. The wind is howling like this swirling storm inside. Couldn't keep it in, heaven knows I tried. Don't let them in, don't let them see; be the good girl you always have to be. Conceal, don't feel, don't let them know... Well, now they know, now they know.

Let it go, let it go, can't hold it back anymore. Let it go, let it go, turn away and slam the door. I don't care what they're going to say; let the storm rage on. The cold never bothered me anyway.

It's funny how some distance makes ev'rything seem small; and the fears that once controlled me can't get to me at all. It's time to see what I can do. to test the limits and break through. No right, no wrong, no rules for me, I'm free!

Let it go, let it go; I am one with the wind and sky. Let it go, let it go; you'll never see me cry. Here I stand, and here I stay; let the storm rage on.

My power flurries through the air into the ground. My soul is spiraling in frozen fractals all around. And one thought crystallizes like an icy blast; I'm never going back; the past is in the past!

Let it go, let it go, and I'll rise like the break of dawn. Let it go, let it go; that perfect girl is gone. Here I stand in the light of day; let the storm rage on. The cold never bothered me anyway.

#### Believe

Children sleeping, snow is softly falling. Dreams are calling like bells in the distance. We were dreamers, not so long ago, but one by one, we all had to grow up. When it seems the magic slipped away, we find it all again on Christmas Day.

Believe in what your heart is saying, hear the melody that's playing.

There's no time to waste, there's so much to celebrate.

Believe in what you feel inside and give your dreams the wings to fly.

You have ev'rything you need if you just believe.

Trains move quickly to their journey's end. Destinations are where we begin again. Ships go sailing far across the sea, trusting starlight to get where they need to be. When it seems that we have lost our way, we find ourselves again on Christmas Day.

Believe in what your heart is saying ...

#### Let There be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Amen.

Established in 1974 and based on board Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, **Navy Band Northeast** is one of 11 official U.S. Navy bands worldwide. Under the operational command of the President, U.S. Naval War College, Navy Band Northeast inspires patriotism, elevates esprit de corps, enhances Navy awareness and public relations, supports recruiting and retention efforts, preserves the nation's musical heritage, and projects a positive image of the Navy.

The band accomplishes its mission by providing musical support for official functions, military ceremonies, community outreach initiatives, recruiting and retention efforts, and public performances throughout a 10-state Area of Responsibility. Navy Band Northeast's primary musical ensembles include marching and ceremonial bands, the Pops Ensemble concert band, Rhode Island Sound popular music group, Jack Tar Brass Band, Trident Brass and Crosswinds Woodwind chamber quintets, and various protocol ensembles. Ensembles perform a wide range of music including patriotic, classical, big band swing, and top-40 hits.

Lt. Antonio Garcia, a native of Austin, Texas, first enlisted as a trombonist in the U.S. Navy in 2010. Prior to commissioning through the Limited Duty Officer program, he completed enlisted tours with Navy fleet bands in Jacksonville, FL, Naples, Italy, and Norfolk, Virginia. Since then, he has served in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Washington, D.C. Garcia holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts from Rutgers University, degrees from the University of Memphis and Harding University, and now proudly serves as the Director of Navy Band Northeast in Newport, Rhode Island.

#### Navy Band Northeast

Saxophone

Flute/Piccolo

#### Lt. Antonio Garcia, conductor

Trombone

MU2 Maria Mandico	MUC Marc Heskett *	MU1 Michael Miragliotta
		MU1 Patrick Reynolds
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NEC Symphonic Winds performs woodwind, brass, and percussion repertoire from the Renaissance through the present day for octet to full wind ensemble. Important works that are sometimes neglected because of unusual instrumentation form an integral part of four annual Jordan Hall concerts. Symphonic Winds also reads standard orchestral repertoire that serves to improve members' ensemble skills.

William Drury was formerly NEC's Associate Conductor of Wind Ensembles and directed the NEC Symphonic Winds. Drury was also conductor of the 567th ANG Band of Cape Cod and played saxophone with the Jimmy Capone Big Band. Drury was named chairman of the Massachusetts Chapter of the College Band Directors National Association in 2002.

As a conductor, Drury has premiered works by composers such as Bell, Pinkham, Fletcher, Popkin, and Zorn; conducted orchestras at Harvard, Brown, and Brandeis universities and numerous Air Force bands throughout the nation; and has previously been MIT's Assistant Conductor of Orchestras, conductor of the Boston Conservatory's Wind Ensemble, assistant conductor of the Civic Orchestra of Boston, and conductor of the Auros Chamber Orchestra. As a jazz saxophonist, Drury has performed with Natalie Cole, the Coasters, Dave Stewart and MFB, and played lead tenor sax with the Bob Curnow Big Band. Before entering undergraduate studies, he worked for five years as a track laborer for the Burlington Northern Railroad.

#### Members of NEC Symphonic Winds

William Drury, conductor

Flute Bassoon Trumpet Rylan Collins Keer Zhou Lily Clark

Richard Taylor

Oboe Saxophone Anry Ramirez-Garcia

Annie Jung Ben Myers

Sarah Cho

Eugene Jung

Trombone

French horn Clarinet **Quinton Krull** 

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The NEC Chamber Singers is an auditioned ensemble, open to all majors at NEC, of 24-28 musicians who perform challenging works from all style periods, with a particular emphasis on 19th-21st century a cappella works. The choir rehearses three times a week and experiences choral music-making in an intimate ensemble setting, typically in the round. Each NEC Chamber Singer is a musician seeking to understand the principles and nuance of superior choral artistry so that they may be prepared for professional opportunities and expectations outside of the Conservatory. The choristers diligently prepare their music outside of scheduled rehearsals which makes the brief time spent together musically invaluable. The ensemble typically performs eight to ten times each academic year: on campus in the Conservatory's Jordan Hall and at off campus venues in and around greater Boston.

Conductor and mezzo-soprano Erica J. Washburn has been Director of Choral Activities at New England Conservatory since 2009. Known for her student-centric approach to classroom and rehearsal instruction, and commitment to the performance of new music, she is the recipient of several outstanding alumni awards, including the distinguished honor of induction to the Westminster Choir College Music Education Hall of Fame, and the 2025 recipient of the New England Conservatory Louis and Adrienne Krasner Teaching Excellence Award.

As a conductor, Washburn has worked with Kansas City, MO based Cardinalis, the Yale Schola Cantorum, the East Carolina University Women's Chorale, the Eastman Women's Chorus. and the Cornell University Cornell Chorus. She is a sought-after guest clinician who frequently leads state and regional festival choruses, and spent five summers as a conductor and voice faculty member for the New York State Summer School of the Arts School of Choral Studies. Under her direction the NEC choirs have been featured on several live and pre-recorded broadcasts, including the North Carolina based station WCPE Great Sacred Music, WICN Public Radio, and WGBH Boston. The choirs can also be heard in collaboration with the Boston Modern Orchestra Project on the BMOP/Sound recording *Paul Moravec: The Blizzard Voices* and, most recently, with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and the Boston Symphony Orchestra on their Deutsche Grammophon recording of Shostakovich Symphony No. 13.

Washburn's stage credits include appearances as Madame Lidoine in Francis Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, Rebecca Nurse in Robert Ward's *The Crucible*, Mother/Allison in the premiere of Lee Hoiby's *This is the Rill Speaking* and others. Her recital and orchestral solo credits are numerous, and her live premiere from Jordan Hall of the late Richard Toensing's *Night Songs and Evening Prayers* with the New England Conservatory Symphonic Winds can be heard on Albany Records.

#### **New England Conservatory Choruses**

Erica J. Washburn, Director of Choral Activities Estel Haejin Park, Noah Scecina-White,and Louis Shriber, graduate conductors Sally Millar, administrator

Hyojeong Ham, Rafe Lei Schaberg, and Ashly Zhang, rehearsal pianists

#### **NEC Chamber Singers**

Grace Navarro	Louis Shriber
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Andrea Kalyn President



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