



Teddy Bear Concert

December 16, 2023

7 p.m.



Birchman Baptist Church

9100 N. Normandale St., Fort Worth



Teddy Bear Concert

Fort Worth Civic Orchestra

Kurt Sprenger, Music Director

Tim Swanger, Assistant Conductor

Jack Johnson, Host

Texas Boys Choir

Todd Prickett, Artistic Director

Christmas at the Movies arr. by Bob Krogstad

Miracle on 34th Street Overture, The Polar Express,
Somewhere in My Memory from *Home Alone*, Making
Christmas from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, Where Are
You Christmas from *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

The Christmas Song by Mel Torme and Robert Wells
arr. by Bob Lowden

Christmas Eve/Sarajevo by Paul O'Neill & Robert Kinkel
arr. by Bob Phillips
Sonny Tyler, guitar

**Have Yourself a Merry
Little Christmas** by Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane
arr. by John Whitney

White Christmas by Irving Berlin
arr. by Bruce Chase

**Blow, Blow, Thou Winter
Wind** by John Rutter

Glow by Eric Whitacre and Edward Esch

**A Musicological Journey Through the
Twelve Days of Christmas** by Craig Courtney

Chinese Holiday by Mary Ming & Siena Teague
arr. by Tim C. Swanger

Winter Traditions

by Emma Reyna & Sophia Molina
arr. by Tim C. Swanger

Bugler's Holiday

by Leroy Anderson
Keith Beckham, Cara Pollard, John Morgan, Trumpets

Sleigh Ride

by Leroy Anderson

FWCO Carol Contest

FWCO's annual Carol Contest for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students offers young songwriters the chance to compose a seasonal carol, have it professionally scored for voice and orchestra and hear it performed in concert at the Orchestra's holiday Teddy Bear concert.

This year's first and second prizewinners come from H.F. Stevens Middle School and Trinity Valley School. We're very pleased to perform both carols, which have been scored for chorus and orchestra by FWCO's resident orchestrator, Tim Swanger.

Thanks to all the young songwriters who submitted carols to our contest. Your creativity is an inspiration.

2023 FWCO Carol Contest Winning Songs

1st Prize: *Winter Traditions* by Emma Reyna & Sophia Molina

H.F. Stevens Middle School

Teacher: Beverly J. Heather

2nd Prize: *Chinese Holiday* by Mary Ming & Siena Teague

Trinity Valley School

Teacher: Grace Kimbrough Moreno

FWCO Teddy Bear Concert

Since 2002, the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra's annual holiday concert for children has collected stuffed toys for young children in crisis. Our partners, the Fort Worth Police Department and the Alliance for Children, hand them out to distressed children in domestic disturbance situations, which can be frightening to a young child. A stuffed toy can calm a distressed boy or girl caught in a moment of fearful confusion.



Fort Worth Civic Orchestra, Fort Worth Police Department and Alliance for Children thank you for your stuffed animal donations at tonight's concert.

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William Bellamy

Tom Burlin

Daniel Cox

Ryan Cox

James Diggs

Clinton Hill

Shepherd Hughes

Ethan Ikeda

Grey Jones

Garrett Keith

Joel Kim

Wesley Kim

Casyn LaPenna

Immanuel Lee

Seth Lee

Hudson Nichols

Ethan Prickett

Jaxon Roby

Daniel Salls Jr.

Emory Silveus

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Elijah Sones

Liam Sones

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James Stoner

David Swindle

Tyler Webster

Logan Woodall

Todd Prickett



Todd Prickett is Artistic Director of the Texas Boys Choir and Minister of Music and Choirmaster at University Christian Church in Fort Worth. He has conducted Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Gjeilo's *Sunrise Mass*, Duruflé's *Requiem*, Bach's *St. John Passion*, Mozart's *Requiem*, Poulenc's *Gloria*, Handel's *Messiah* as well as the first performances of *Titanic Requiem* by Donald Patriquin and Ola Gjeilo's

The Tyger & The Lamb. He sang in the Oregon Bach Festival Chorus under Helmuth Rilling from 2001-2008 and recorded Haydn's "Heiligmesse" for Hänssler Records and world premieres of works by Felix Mendelssohn and Tan Dun. Dr. Prickett received his doctorate in conducting from Michigan State University and degrees in music education and choral conducting from TCU under Ronald L. Shirey.

Jack Johnson



Jack Johnson studies voice with Corey Trahan at Texas Christian University.

Kurt Sprenger, Music Director



Kurt Sprenger has served for 21 years as music director of the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra. In that time, he has built an orchestra of dedicated amateur players into an ambitious performing ensemble to survey music by contemporary and local composers as well as the standard symphonic literature. In recent seasons, he has guided FWCO through major works by Mahler, Rachmaninoff, Nielsen and Saint-Saëns. He has also championed works of important contemporary composers: Michael Daugherty, Einojuhani Rautavaara, Mason Bates, and Joan Tower. Dr. Springer is principal violin of the Dallas Chamber Orchestra, the Brazos Chamber Orchestra and is an active studio violinist in the Metroplex. He was artist-in-residence at the National Conservatory of Italy, where he led opera performances throughout the country. He has also conducted and recorded with the Warsaw National Philharmonic. Dr. Sprenger has held faculty positions at universities in Texas, Wisconsin and California, and he is active as an educator with All-Region and All-State orchestras throughout the country. A native of Hawaii, Kurt Sprenger received his Doctor of Music degree at the University of Southern California. He and his wife, pianist Jill Sprenger, live in Fort Worth.

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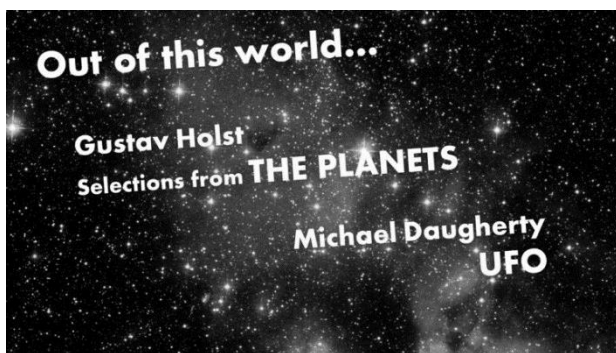
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Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival
January 6-7 at University Christian Church



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Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

