

1990

AT THE SHEA THEATER, TURNERS FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS

DECEMBER 14 & 15 AT 8:00 P.M. DECEMBER 16 AT 2:00 P.M.



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# PERFORMERS IN ORDER OF THEIR APPEARANCE

The Musicians

Douglas Feeney - guitar, mandolin

Van Kaynor - fiddle Stuart Kenney - bass Eveline MacDougall - fiddle
Al McIntyre - melodeons
David de la Barre - penny whistle

The Royal Quartet

Gillian Bohrer Emily Bouthillier Rachel Mackintosh Trevor Woodard

Jinny Mason

Casev Mason

Alan McArdle

Steve Morgan

Andrea K.O. Rogers

Geoffrey A. Rogers

Fileen Semon-Almeida

Christine Jean Chambers

Clog Dance Musician

Devon Mason McArdle

Lester C. Scafidi

Rose Sheehan

**Travis Boland** 

Doug Creighton

Anna Brady

Jan Morris

**Adult Chorus** 

Betsy Abert Rick Bingham

Carolyn E. Boardman
Ed Boland

Helen Boland
Jay Closser
David de la Barre

Douglas Feeney Charles Goldensher Sally Kleinfeldt

Leslie Taylor

The Children

Ingrid Bauer Katrina Bauer Aaron Bingham Nathan Boland

English Clogger Meg Ryan

Storyteller Rochelle Wildfong

That Long Tall Sword

Marge Bruchac
Doug Creighton
Cliff Daniels
Craig Hollingsworth
Steve Howe

Justin Kennec Lynn Manring John Ridgway Ijod Schroeder Leslie Roberts

Piper
David de la Barre

### **PRODUCTION STAFF**

Artistic Director Rose Sheehan Chorus Director Eveline MacDougall

Music Director Douglas Feeney **Lighting Designer**William Morris Davis

Stage Manager Thomas W. Hutcheson Business Manager Sally Kleinfeldt

Props
Jeanne Weintraub

Costumes Leslie Taylor

Staging Consultant Bev Boykan Children's Coach

Sally Shaw

**Set/Lighting Technicians**Steve Morgan, William Morris Davis, Al McIntyre

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#### PART I

Overture - Musicians

Coventry Carol - The Royal Quartet

The Praise of Christmas - Betsy, Rose, David, Doug, Chorus, Band

Christmas Is Coming - The Children

The Shortest Day - Steve M.

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Yule Log Procession - a combination of the Furry Carol, a spring processional, with some verses by Robert Herrick. (Touch the Yule Log with a holly leaf and make a wish for the New Year!)

**Petronella** - Leslie, Lester, Andrea, Geoff, Sally, Steve H., Carolyn, Jay

Lancashire Clog-Hornpipe - Meg Choreographed by Pat Tracey

Green Grow the Rushes -O -Steve M., Chorus

How Henry Hagglyhoagly Played the Guitar With His Mittens On - Rochelle

Written by Carl Sandburg, from the Rootabaga Stories

I Saw Three Ships - Al and the Children

The Holly and the Ivy - Jay, Chorus (These evergreens are symbolic of eternal life)

Mummer's Play - That Long Tall Sword (Mumming is an ancient English tradition marking the triumph of life over death.)

Gloucestershire Wassail - ("Wassail" is a salutation to "be whole." In this version, we toast a succession of horses and cows.)

### **PART II**

Midwinter - The Royal Quartet, Chorus Lyrics by Christina Rosetti, music by Gustav Holst

Abbots Bromley Horn Dance - That Long Tall Sword A dance from an English village where dancers use horns carbon dated to the 12th century.

Here's to Thee Old Apple Tree - Lester, Chorus (In English villages, it was customary for the young boys, known as "howlers" to rise early on New Year's morning, go to the orchards and, circling each tree, beat it with rods of willow while they chanted in chorus a song similar to this one.)

Julian of Norwich - Chorus and Children Lyrics by Sydney Carter. (In the 14th century, Julian shared with many her vision of hope.)

Mary's Tune/Piper Through the Meadow Straying -David Scottish Smallpipe

**Sim Sim** - The Children, Rose, Eileen, Jan, and Casey Arranged by Peter Amidon (Hebrew round: "Give us peace, goodness, and blessing")

This Longest Night - Leslie, Chorus, Van, Doug, Eveline Written by Lorraine Lee

A Letter from Santa Claus - Rochelle Written by Eleanor Estes

Lord of the Dance - traditional Shaker tune, lyrics by Sydney Carter. (This song traces the birth/death/rebirth cycle of a king.) Rose and the Chorus

The King - Chorus

(The king in this song is actually the wren, the king of all birds. In several parts of the British Isles, the wren is hunted and killed on St. Stephen's Day, December 26. The sacrifice of a king was an important part of the rituals surrounding the death/rebirth cycle of the winter solstice.)

## Green Grow the Rushes-O

I'll sing you one-o

Green grow the rushes-o,

What is your one-o

One is one and all alone and evermore shall be so

I'll sing you two-o

Green grow the rushes -o

What is your two-o

Two, two the lily white boys, clothed all in green-o

Ones is one, etc.

Three, three the rivals

Four for the gospel makers

Five for the cymbals at your door

Six for the six proud walkers

Seven for the seven stars in the sky

Eight for the April rainers

Nine for the nine bright shiners

Ten for the ten commandments

Eleven for the eleven who went to heaven

Twelve for the twelve apostles

# Lord of the Dance (Chorus)

Dance, dance wherever you may be
For I am the lord of the dance said he
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
I will lead you all in the dance said he.

## A note from the artistic director:

In the dwindling light of the old year's final days, we feel the pressure of the long dark night closing in around us, bidding us to face the demise of another year. And yet, humankind has learned not to despair, but to rejoice at the year's turning. We have cultivated rituals, philosophies and religions, all quite varied, yet not so different in their intent to provide continuity with our past and with our future.

Welcome Yule is a celebration in which we let go of the year past and turn our hearts and minds to the year ahead.

This celebration has been a very giving project on the part of all involved in its production. It is my hope that you each will be able to receive from us a piece of the yule "fire" and blaze into your new year with hope and cheer.

Wassail!





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