

## News Release

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# Master Chorale holiday concert includes new work by young Raleigh composer

GUEST ENSEMBLE ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR ALSO SET TO PERFORM

### *For Immediate Release*

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RALEIGH— The North Carolina Master Chorale will present their annual holiday program, *Joy of the Season*, on Tuesday, December 8 in Meymandi Concert Hall, Raleigh. The 7:30PM concert features both the 170- voice symphonic chorus and the 22- voice professional chamber choir of the Master Chorale, under the direction of Music Director Alfred Sturgis. The Master Chorale ensembles will be accompanied by chamber orchestra and piano. The Enloe High School Chamber Choir will perform several selections on the program and join the Master Chorale ensembles for “Joy to the World.”

The concert program includes works from old to new, including classical excerpts, new and familiar carol arrangements, and *A Charlie Brown Christmas* suite. The NCMC Chamber Choir will premiere a new carol by Raleigh native Shane Dittmar, “Annunciation to the Shepherds.” Dittmar, a graduate of Sanderson High School, is a 21-year-old composer of choral and other vocal music, including art song as well as songs in musical theatre and commercial styles. He is currently studying music education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His music is shaped by his unique view of the world; Shane is legally blind, and so he strives to create, in his musical endeavors, sincere and affective expressions of landscapes, stories, and emotions you don’t need sight to experience.

To order tickets, call the North Carolina Master Chorale office at (919) 856-9700 or TicketMaster at (800) 745-3000. For more information, call the NCMC office or visit [www.ncmasterchorale.org](http://www.ncmasterchorale.org).

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### Calendar Listing

**Who:** North Carolina Master Chorale Alfred E. Sturgis, Music Director

**What:** Joy of the Season  
**When:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM  
**Where:** Meymandi Concert Hall, Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, Raleigh  
**Cost:** **Reserved seats:** \$27-\$38, Discounts available for youths/students, senior citizens, military personnel, and groups of 8 or more.  
**Tickets:** (919) 856-9700; [www.ncmasterchorale.org](http://www.ncmasterchorale.org)

### The North Carolina Master Chorale

One of the major choral organizations of the Southeast, the North Carolina Master Chorale has been performing choral-orchestral masterworks for more than 70 years. Under the direction of Alfred E. Sturgis since 1993, the Master Chorale presents a diverse repertoire from the Renaissance to Contemporary with ensembles ranging from 16-voices to 170-voices. Our singers, selected by audition, bring a collective wealth of training and experience. The Master Chorale regularly collaborates with symphony orchestras, opera companies, ballet and touring productions. Music Director and conductor Sturgis holds multiple degrees in music and performed with Robert Shaw in the U.S. and Europe. In addition to the Master Chorale, Maestro Sturgis serves as Music Director for the Carolina Ballet and the Tar River Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2015, the Master Chorale was named Resident Chorus of the North Carolina Symphony. Founded as the Raleigh Oratorio Society in 1942, Master Chorale has evolved into a major regional performing arts group that works with over 250 artist-musicians each season, reaching an annual audience of over 10,000 choral arts enthusiasts.

## North Carolina Master Chorale Joy of the Season

### Program

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O Come All Ye Faithful	arr. Dan Forrest
Hodie	Giovani Gabrieli (1555-1612)
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine	arr. Barlow Bradford
Gloria from "Heiligmesse"	Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
The Chorale	
Annunciation to the Shepherds	Shane Dittmar (b. 1994)
Midnight Clear	Matthew Nielsen (b. 1984)
He is Born	arr. Forrest
NCMC Chamber Choir	
Masters In This Hall	arr. Mark Hayes
Was Not Christ Our Savior	Barlow Bradford
Weihnachten ( <i>Christmas</i> )	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
A Lullaby	Ryan Murphy (b. 1971)

The Chorale

INTERMISSION

Selections by the Enloe High School Chamber Choir, Ann Huff - Director

Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Hayes

The Christmas Song arr. Hayes

Symphonic Choir

A Charlie Brown Christmas arr. Steve Zegree

The World For Christmas Anders Edenroth (b. 1963)

I Love the Winter Weather arr. Mac Huff

Chamber Choir

A Holiday Sing-Along arr. Audrey Snyder & John Moss

Joy to the World arr. John Rutter

Combined Choirs