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Tribulation*

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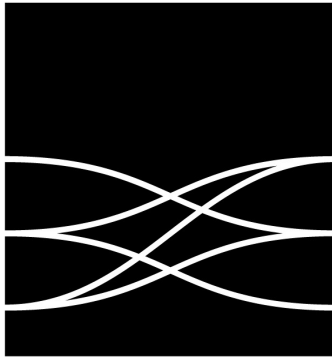
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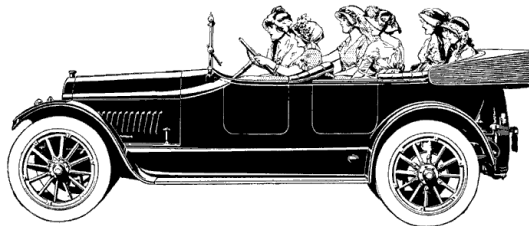
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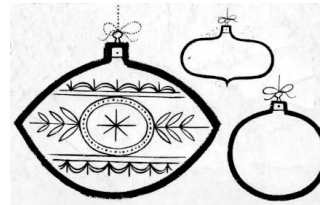
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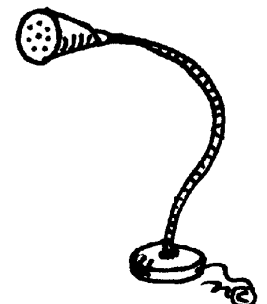
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## About the Cumberland Singers

The Cumberland Singers are a non-auditioned community choir, performing each Christmas and spring season in varied musical styles, including classical, popular, Broadway, jazz, folk, multi-cultural and holiday. We have been enjoying and celebrating music for over thirty years—our original 25 singers first performed on June 19, 1976.

We welcome all singers of any range and ability. The only requirements for joining us are a love of singing, willingness to practice and learn parts, and a time commitment to weekly rehearsals and seasonal concerts. The ability to read music is desirable but not necessary.

The choir rehearses for the holiday concerts from September to December and for the spring concerts from January to April. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:15 PM at the Mechanicsburg Middle School.

To help cover our music and staffing expenses, Cumberland Singers members pay dues at the beginning of each season. Members are also asked to participate in fundraising activities throughout the season.

We welcome your participation in the Cumberland Singers as a singer, volunteer, or board member. Speak with one of us today for more information, or contact the director any time at 367-8030 or [imamezzo@aol.com](mailto:imamezzo@aol.com).

For more information, including rehearsal and concert dates, visit our website at [www.CumberlandSingers.org](http://www.CumberlandSingers.org).



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## About the Director

Alissa Plant is conducting her 10th season with the Cumberland Singers. Her other musical adventures include directing and singing with the women's a cappella ensemble **Marmalade** and teaching private voice and piano lessons in her home studio.



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 Nate Crowther  
 Terry Shope

## Soprano

Amy Braun  
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 CJ Longenecker  
 Cris Cramer  
 Erin Walters  
 Jenna Raniowski  
 Judy Wiley  
 Karen Vittone  
 Karen Volles  
 Kim Hollich  
 Lennie Nyman  
 Mandy Marcozzi  
 Marian Willauer  
 Marla Peters  
 Steph Hoot  
 Susan Johnson

## Tenor

Bill Davis  
 Bob Fake  
 Don Allan  
 Frank Fisher  
 Russ Matthews  
 Tom Longenecker

## Alto

Amber Mauldin  
 Barb Ward  
 Becky Noll  
 Beth Seal  
 Christine Burhans  
 Connie Shover  
 Dawn Plant  
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 Kaila Sikes  
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 Lisa Lyons—Carol of the Bells  
 Lindy Mack—The Bells of Christmas

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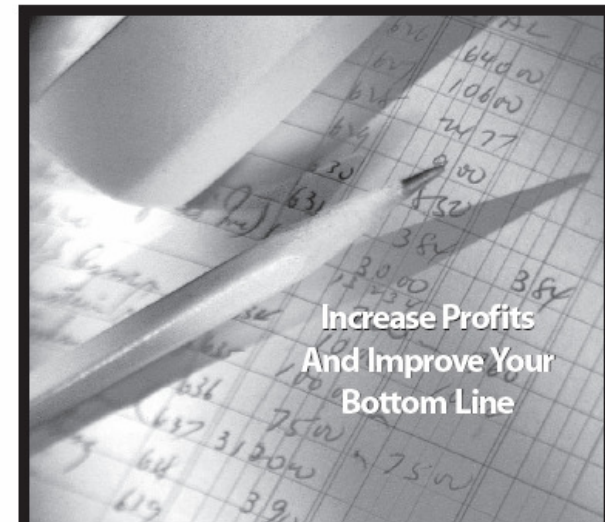


### About the Accompanist

Lindy Mack has been providing the accompaniment for the Cumberland Singers since 2001. He has played piano since the age of five and has been recording and performing professionally since 1975.

He has a degree in Piano Performance from the California State University, East Bay, and his experiences have taken him to various parts of the U.S. and internationally. He has performed and recorded with California groups The Magic Flute, the Jeannine Carol Project, Jupiter II, Memorabilia and Ally.

In addition to playing piano, he plays drums with the Singer Band of Mechanicsburg, where he occasionally conducts and plays the alto sax. He is also a keyboardist and vocalist for the local folk music trio, We3.



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## About the Pinkham Christmas Cantata



Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata is a work in three movements, written for SATB choir and two brass choirs; for this performance we use the organ in lieu of a second brass choir. This is the first major choral work the Cumberland Singers has performed in almost 20 years; this season's rehearsals were challenging and exciting!

Daniel Pinkham was an accomplished composer, conductor and teacher. He passed away in December of 2006. From his website:

*Pinkham was a prolific and versatile composer whose catalog includes four symphonies and other works for large ensembles; cantatas and oratorios; concertos and other works for solo instrument and orchestra for piano, piccolo, trumpet, violin, harp and three organ concertos; theatre works and chamber operas; chamber music; electronic music; and twenty documentary television film scores.*

His own words regarding the Cantata: "I composed my Christmas Cantata in 1957 for the Chorus and Alumni Chorus of the New England Conservatory of Music. My debt to the Venetian composer Giovanni Gabrieli is enormous. His numerous works for chorus and instruments (Sinfonie Sacre) have served as models. The present work also at once reflects my enthusiasm for mediaeval plainsong, as can be heard in the opening of the second movement, and for Renaissance dance meters, as can be heard in the finale."

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### **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plain  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

O Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above

Glory to God in the highest

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

### **Thank you**

for attending the Cumberland Singers *Lullabies and Jubilation* concert today. We truly appreciate and enjoy our audience! Please join us after the concert for a reception.

## Sing along with us

### **The First Noel**

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

### **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark, the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn king  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark, the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn king

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Son of righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild he lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark, the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

### Notes...

Sorry we missed the show this year! Sing Gloria!

~Jen and Jason

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Best wishes from all of us to Miriam, Lisa and Bruce. We missed you.

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Miguel de Cervantes.

**Daniel Pinkham's**

**Christmas Cantata**

**Presented**

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## PROGRAM

### **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Gregorian Chant, Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

### **Christmas Cantata (Sinfonia Sacra)**

Daniel Pinkham

Translation:

*I. Whom do you see? Shepherds, tell us! Proclaim to us: who has appeared on the earth? We saw the newborn child and choirs of angels praising the Lord.*

*II. Oh, great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord lying in their manger. Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*III. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those of good will. Oh be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be sure that the Lord is God; it is He that has made us and not we ourselves. Alleluia.*

### **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

16th Century Melody, Harmonized by Michael Praetorius

English version by Dr. Theodore Baker

*Ensemble: Amy Braun, Jenna Raniowski, Cris Cramer, Paulette Matthews, Tina Moyer, Kim Hollich, Bob Fake, Russ Matthews, Tom Longenecker, Jim Morris, Ed Bittner*

### **What Sweeter Music**

John Rutter, Text by Robert Herrick

*Soloists: Bob Fake, Ed Bittner*

### **Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella**

Traditional French Carol

English translation by E.C. Nunn, Arr. John Rutter

*Ensemble: Anmarie Jezorski, Cris Cramer, Paulette Matthews, Tina Moyer, Kim Hollich*

### **Carol of the Bells**

Music by Mykola Leontovich

Lyrics and arrangement by Peter J. Wilhousky

## PROGRAM

### **Lullaby**

John Ness Beck

*Ensemble: Karen Volles, Stephanie Hoot, Amy Braun, Susan Johnson, Becky Noll, Sharon Heiner, Kaila Sikes, Kathie Kline, Bob Fake, Tom Longenecker, Don Allan, Jim Nagy*

### **What Child is This**

16th Century English Folk Song

Text by William Dix, Arr. Donald McCullough

## INTERMISSION

### **Joy to the World**

Music by Kirby Shaw, Text by Isaac Watts

### **The Bells of Christmas**

Music by Edward Thomas, Lyrics by Anne Croswell

Arr. Lindy Mack, Soloist: Susan Johnson

### **Cumberland Carols**

Adapted and arranged by A. Harold Plant

This is a Christmas extravaganza, including as many of our favorite carols as we could fit. Please sing along! (Turn the page for lyrics.)

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

*The Holly and the Ivy*

***The First Noel (audience sing along)***

***Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (audience sing along)***

*Coventry Carol*

*Away in a Manger*

***Angels We Have Heard on High (audience sing along)***

***O Come, All Ye Faithful (audience sing along)***

### **The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

John Rutter