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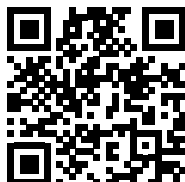
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The Christmas Story *Heinrich Schütz* *Gordon Jacob* The New-Born King

The Elsinore Theatre • Salem

Sunday, November 23, 2025 • 4:00pm

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The Christmas Story (Christmas Oratorio)

by Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Nicole Peldyak, soprano | Les Green, tenor | Brett Peldyak, baritone

The charming Schütz Christmas oratorio titled “The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ” (“Die Geburt unsers Herren Jesu Christi”) was first performed in 1660, and features beautifully defined solos from a group of characters in the Christmas story. One is the angel who urges Joseph to rouse himself and take Mary to Bethlehem for safety. Another is the evil king Herod, who claims that he wants to find the child king so he can worship him. In reality, Herod has far more evil plans. The shepherds are excited to go to Bethlehem to see the wonderous thing they have heard. The three wise men also take a bow, and sing a lively trio that asks, “Where is the newborn King of the Jews?” And the final chorus, “Now give we all thanks to God” is a masterpiece in its own right.

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| 1. Hear the Birth of the Son of God | 10. Evangelist |
| 2. Evangelist, Les Green | 11. High Priests and Scribes |
| 3. The Angel to the Shepherds in the Field, Nicole Peldyak | 12. Evangelist |
| 4. Evangelist | 13. Herod, Brett Peldyak |
| 5. Angel Chorus | 14. Evangelist |
| 6. Evangelist | 15. The Angel to Joseph |
| 7. The Shepherds in the Field | 16. Evangelist |
| 8. Evangelist | 17. The Angel to Joseph |
| 9. The Wise Men from the East | 18. Evangelist |
| | 19. Now Let Us All Thank Thee God |

So Gracious is the Time

text by William Shakespeare, from Hamlet, Act I Scene 1

Music by William Beckstrand (2002)

Katie Gerlicher, Harpist

The New-Born King

by Gordon Percival Septimus Jacob CBE (1895-1984)

Nicole Peldyak, soprano | Les Green, tenor

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| 1. But at the coming of the King of Heaven | 7. Christmas Bells (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow) |
| 2. Arioso (W. Shakespeare), Les Green | 8. Joy Wat, Les Green and Nicole Peldyak |
| 3. Chanticleer | 9. Dormi, Jesu, Nicole Peldyak (Samuel Taylor Coleridge) |
| 4. Pastoral Hymn | 10. O My Dear Heart |
| 5. Recitative and Chorus, Les Green | 11. O World Invisible, Les Green |
| 6. Adam lay i-bounden, Les Green | 12. Gloria in excelsis |

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Anita Blanchard
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William Vélez
Rebekah Wozniak-Gelzer ♫ ✱

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Clare Griffith

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