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Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra presents...

'TIS THE SEASON

A Traditional Christmas

A colorful illustration of a winter village scene. In the foreground, there are several houses with snow on their roofs and lit windows. A red church with a white steeple is prominent. There are evergreen trees and a small house with a chimney. The background shows a dark blue night sky with stars and a line of white evergreen trees on a snowy hill.

White Christmas • The Christmas Song • O Holy Night • Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24
Christmas Sing-A-Long • and many more traditional favourites

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Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 3:00pm
Salvation Army Church, 46420 Brooks Avenue, Chilliwack

A circular portrait of a woman with short dark hair, smiling broadly. She is wearing a blue top and a necklace. The portrait is set against a light background and is framed by a thin red border.

Featuring special guests:
Singer Crystal Hicks & Guitarist Stanley Tsang

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Now in his ninth season as Artistic Director of the Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra, **Gregory Douglas Johnson** continues to be in demand among top conductors in the Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley region, having recently been appointed conductor of the Vancouver Pops Orchestra. Renowned for his

innovative and thoughtful programming, audiences are quick to respond to his welcoming manner and nimble wit. Born and raised in the Fraser Valley, his conducting pursuits have taken him across the country and into Europe. He has had the opportunity to work with esteemed conductors such as Larry Rachleff, Gustav Meier, Kirk Trevor, and Jonathan Girard. During his orchestral conducting training in Winnipeg, he had the rare opportunity to conduct the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the St. John's Chamber Orchestra, in addition to his work with the University Orchestra and Wind Ensemble.

Maestro Johnson is equally at home in choral and wind ensemble conducting. He recently completed his 10th season as Music Director of the Fraser Valley Community Winds, an ensemble dedicated to community outreach and collaboration. He also maintains an award-winning choir, recorder group, and marimba ensemble at Woodward Hill Elementary in Surrey. He has worked with students of all ages, having held concurrent flute instructor posts at Trinity Western University and the Langley Community Music School. His family of two irrepressible young children, Gabriel and Josephine, and his wife Jacqueline, love to spend time together out in nature, particularly by the ocean.



Don't miss the CMO's March 26 2023 Spring concert!

Who can forget those CD titles promising, with ever-expanding superlatives, the best classical music, the most relaxing classical music, the most epic classical music in the history of the world?! The Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra intends to settle the answer once and for all with our own version: Classical Music's All-Time Greatest Hits... EVER! 3:00 p.m. Same venue.

Canada Helps

As a chartered BC Society and registered Canadian charity, the Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra depends upon donations to continue and develop its operations.

Canada Helps assists charities by offering patrons the opportunity to donate online.

Please consider a gift to the Orchestra by following this link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/chilliwack-metropolitan-orchestra/>

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I would like to become a:

_____ Community Member (\$50)

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Please make cheques payable to the Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra, and return to the Box Office or by post to the CMO, PO Box 2076, Stn Main, Chilliwack, BC V2R 1A5. For e-transfer, contact wbhick@telus.net.

'Tis the Season: A Traditional Christmas

Programme

<i>A Christmas Festival</i>	Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)
<i>Swingin' On The Housetop</i>	Traditional (arr. Ralph Ford)
<i>Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas</i>	Hugh Martin/ Ralph Blane
<i>White Christmas</i>	Irving Berlin (arr. John Moss)
Crystal Hicks, Vocalist	
<i>Sleigh Ride</i>	Frederick Delius (1862 – 1934)
<i>Sleigh Ride</i>	Leroy Anderson
Shannon Goldsmith, Associate Conductor	
<i>Wizards in Winter</i>	Paul O'Neill/ Robert Kinkel
<i>Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24</i>	(arr. Bob Phillips)
Stanley Tsang, Guitar	

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<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adolphe Adam (1803-1856) (arr. Custer)
<i>The Christmas Song</i>	Mel Torme/Robert Wells (arr. Bob Lowden)
<i>I'll Be Home For Christmas</i>	Kim Gannon/Walter Kent
Crystal Hicks, Vocalist	

<i>A Holst Christmas</i>	Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
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SING-ALONG!

! Deck the Halls	Traditional
! Christmas Sing-Along	arr. B. Cerulli
! God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen	Traditional
! We Wish You a Merry Christmas	English Carol



Personnel List

Violin 1

Rick Barker*
Suzanne Gresham
Virginia Voth

Violin 2

Anne Fleming*
Claire Anderton
Lydia Foulds
Cathy Maycock
Linda Ragan
Earle Davies

Viola

Lucasz Wiczorek*

Cello

Emily Heeryeong Hwang*
Amanda Desjardins
Herb Voth
Wendy Atkinson

Bass

Greg Cross*

Flute

Bernard Blary*
Vince Curran

Oboe

Margaret Smiley*
Ivan Pettigrew

Clarinet

Sandra Bower*
Debbie Dorombozi

Bassoon

Lewis Friesen*

French Horn

Shannon Goldsmith*
Mary Eggen
Paula Quick
Heather Lennie

Trumpet

Ken Kimberley*
Ben Nessim

Trombone

Sunshine Snowden*
Andrew Radtke

Tuba

Dave Ford*

Percussion

Jillana Rathjen*
Gary Gale

Piano/Keyboards

Jessica Jou*

Bass Clarinet

Debbie Dorombozi*

** denotes principal
player*



Today's Soloists



Crystal Hicks is originally from the Bahamas. She came to Canada in 1978 to attend college, first in Moncton, NB, and then to Langley, BC, where she attended Trinity Western University. Upon graduation, she married her greatest supporter and best friend, Kirk. They have two sons, Kyle and Kent. Other things that occupy her time are her work as office manager at Henderson's Fraser Valley Funeral Home, singing opportunities as a soloist and with various groups, and the occasional speaking engagement, mainly with Christian Women's groups.



Stanley Tsang is a musician based in Vancouver, B.C. He has a Bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies from Capilano University as well as a Bachelor of Education from UBC. He is a BC certified teacher with experience in both elementary and secondary classrooms. Stanley is a guitarist as well as a bass player, often performing in musical theatre as well as various bands. Stanley plays a wide variety of instruments and is fluent in many musical styles including rock, jazz, classical, metal and gospel.