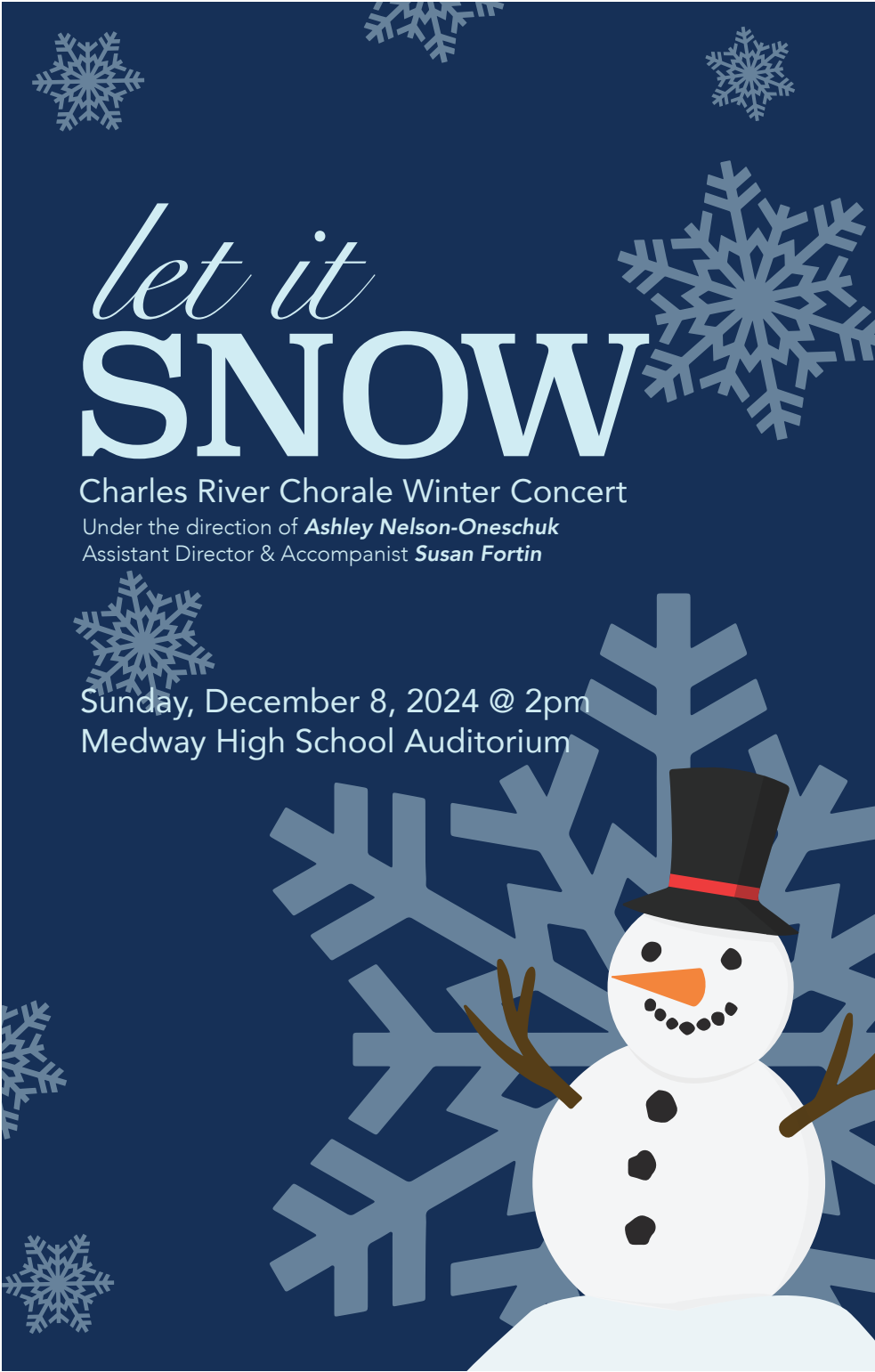




let it SNOW

Charles River Chorale Winter Concert

Under the direction of **Ashley Nelson-Oneschuk**
Assistant Director & Accompanist **Susan Fortin**

Sunday, December 8, 2024 @ 2pm
Medway High School Auditorium

Welcome

As we enter the holiday season, we are blessed with families, friends and hobbies. The Charles River Chorale is blessed to be entering our 40th season with record membership and a love of singing. From our family to yours, we are so happy that you are joining us as we celebrate our blessings.

Thank you to our sponsors, our Directors, the Charles River Children's Choir and you, our audience, for allowing us to share our joy with you at this special time of year.

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Chairperson, Charles River Chorale



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A Letter from the Director

Dear Audience,

Welcome to our music-filled quest for a magically snowy holiday season! I hope you will enjoy the whimsy and coziness as we enter a time of celebrating the things for which we are most grateful. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to have been directing this ensemble for the past 10 of its 40-year history. Thank you for your support of this ensemble and live music in our larger community.

Musically Yours,

Ashley F. Nelson-Oneschuk

Let It Snow

Charles River Chorale Part I

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| The White World of Winter | - Parish/
Carmichael,
Arr. Shaw |
| Leise rieselt der Schnee
German Folk | - Traditional
Arr. Dewagtere |
| Un Soir de Neige | - Poulenc |
| Japanese Snow Song (Yuki) | - Brownsey/Lantz |
| Snow by Morning
<i>Sopranos/Altos</i> | - Shank/Swenson |
| It Feels Like New
<i>Soloists</i>
<i>Cindy Bishop Kira Rutherford-Boese</i>
<i>Kathryn Quilop Meaghan Quilop</i> | - Pinkzebra |
| Frozen Heart
<i>Tenor/Basses</i> | - Lopez/Lopez |
| Glow | - Whitacre |

Let It Snow

Charles River Chorale Part I, cont.

Charles River Children's Choir

Walking in the Air

- Blake

Frosty The Snowman

- Rollins/Nelson

Intermission

Let It Snow

Charles River Chorale Part II

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy

– Tchaikovsky,
Ad. Kaplan/
Olusola/Bram,
Arr. Brymer

White Winter Hymnal

– Pecknold,
Arr. Billingsley

Ensemble

Soprano 1

Allison Andersen

Moriah Holmes

Jean Lynch

Joanna Wrona

Daria Yudina

Soprano 2

Elizabeth Colahan

Ashley Gaffney

Karen Gehm

Jenny Hauf

Kira Rutherford-Boese

Alto

Linda Cardell

Mary Diehl

Liz Forsythe

Cristina M Hedin

Renee Hersee

Amanda Scaramella

Jen Tower

Tenor

Bethany Gerry

Jennifer Guiod

Gloria Lee

Leah Lydon

Andy Pal

Greg Quilop

Meaghan Quilop

Bass

Eric Hoover

Tim Treacy

Derrick Xu

Amid the Falling Snow

– Ryan/Enya,
Arr. Snyder

Soloist

Moriah Holmes

Let It Snow

Charles River Chorale Part II, cont.

Winter Song

- Michaelson/
Bareilles

Duet

Cynthia Bishop
Bethany Gerry

Sleigh Ride

- Anderson/Parish,
Arr. Brymer

Winter Wonderland

- Smith/Bernard,
Arr. Shaw

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

- Cahn/Styne,
Arr. Hayes

(Encore) Look At the World

*All alumni members are invited up to
the stage to sing with us.*

- Rutter

The Charles River Chorale

2024-2025 Season

Director

Ashley Nelson-Oneschuk

Assistant Music Director, Accompanist

Susan Fortin

Sopranos

Anne Ablondi, Allison Andersen, Cynthia Bishop,
Hannah Burke, Jessica Busch, Chris Cleverdon, Elizabeth
Colahan, Mary Diehl, Marissa Duncan, Sherry Fiust,
Ashley Gaffney, Karen Gehm*, Leslie Heffernan,
Moriah Holmes, Diana Jud, Heather Kelley,
Sue Kinnear, Jean Lynch*,
Kerri McDonald, Erin Metayer, Colleen Muse,
Ann Natalizia, Megan Neale, Mary Jo Nispel,
Barbara Olmsted, Elizabeth Perez, Komal Prem,
Kathryn Quilop, Barbie Rice, Eileen Rubalcaba,
Kira Rutherford-Boese**, Jeanne Seyfarth,
Emily Spiller, Louise Tucker,
Desiree Twardowski, Joanna Wrona*,
Daria Yudina, Gay Zervos

Altos(part 1)

Laura Bradley, Alison Bro, Pam Bro, Linda Cardell,
Kimberly Chambers, Anne Czarnowski,
Isabella de Barros, Shawn Fisher, Laura Flannery, Liz
Forsythe, Bethany Gerry*,
Bernadette Gleeson, Tomiko Gore, Joanne Grant,
Jennifer Guiod, Brianne Gutzke, Jenny Hauf,

Altos(Part 2)

Cristina M. Hedin, Renee Hersee**, Susan Johanson,
Avtar Khalsa, Connie Lawson, Gloria Lee,
Mb Lincoln, Leah Lydon, Karen Maloney, Ruth Maston,
Anne McKee, Kathy McKenna, Tricia Perry,
Meaghan Quilop*, Yvonne Racine, Elizabeth Sandoval,
Amanda Scaramella, Gayle Stevenson, Jen Tower

Tenors

Adam Calvert, Phillip Cheetham, Tom Cleverdon,
Ari Gilman, Jeanne Johnson, Brian Kuhn, Susan
Leist, Arindam Pal, Greg Quilop* **, Stanley
Shura, Derrick Xu* **

Bass

Bob Archibald*, Robert Gehm, Jim Herget, Eric Hoover,
Mel Kinnear, Evan Landry, Tim Loff, Zach Phillips,
Matthew Pool, Leo Racine, Mark Shura, Tim Treacy**

Featured Instrumentalists

Bass: Phil Fortin

Violin and Cello: Katherine O'Toole

Percussion: Ryan Loud

* Section Coordinator ** Section Leader

Charles River Children's Choir

Director

Lelia Tenreyro Viana

Accompanist

Tim Treacy

Student Assistant

Kathryn Quilop

Singers

Julia Gerasimova, Emery Greer, Lena Hotchkiss, Juliana
Kelley, Daniel Kuhn, Noah Kuhn,
Kai Mathews, Anna McDaniel, Hugh Treacy,
Rose Underhill, Vincent Xu, Marsha Yezhova, Vickey
Yezhova

Thank You

The Charles River Chorale thanks all of its volunteers handling the ticket tables and other duties.

Especially our new front of house manager Adrienne Montiero. They are constantly showing up for us to help create a welcoming and easy experience. We are so thankful.

Our Mission Statement

The intent of the Charles River Chorale is to bring engaging, enriching and enjoyable choral music to the regional community. This welcoming chorus, under professional direction, learns and performs a variety of repertoire and meets once a week for two hours, preparing for two concerts per year.



The Charles River Chorale is proud to sponsor the Charles River Children's Choir through its outreach funding. This funding is supported in part through your purchase of raffle tickets. Please buy a few "chances" to give small people a big lesson in music.

*Director - Lelia Tenreyro Viana
Accompanist - Tim Treacy*

Our Directors



**Ashley F. Nelson-
Oneschuk**

Director

Charles River Chorale

Ashley F. Nelson-Oneschuk is delighted to be in her 10th year with Charles River Chorale. Ashley holds a master's degree in music education from Boston University's College of Fine Arts and has always taken an active part in MA music education and choral festival organizations, serving on various boards and providing clinics and adjudications around the state. She is currently also the choral director for Medway High School and is a composer and arranger of choral works, several published by Santa Barbara Music Publishing, Inc. She lives in Holliston with her husband, Joe and daughters, Cadence and Skylar.

Our Directors



Susan Fortin

**Assistant Director &
Accompanist**

Susan Fortin has been with the Chorale since 2014 as Accompanist and Assistant Director. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Choral/General Music Education from Iowa State University and a Master's degree in Piano Performance/ Accompanying and Chamber Music from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

Susan is an active musician as accompanist, teacher, director and performer in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. She is also Music Director at St. Aidan-St. Patrick Parish in Cumberland, RI. She and her husband, Phil, have produced three CD's of sacred contemporary and acoustic music and some of their compositions are published under Simply Liturgical Music.

Notes & Translations

Leise rieselt der Schnee Softly Falls the Snow

Softly falls the snow,
Quiet and frozen rests the lake.
Christmas-like sparkles the forest:
Rejoice! The Christ Child will soon be here.

In our hearts it's warm,
Silent are sorrow and grief,
Life's worries fade away:
Rejoice! The Christ Child will soon be here.

Soon it's Christmas Eve,
Choir of angels awakes,
Just hear how lovely it sounds:
Rejoice! The Christ Child will soon be here.

Un Soir de Neige Night of Snow

As great drifts of snow are blowing,
Our feet wander through the fields,
With harsh and bitter lamenting,
Winter holds us in its grasp.

Each tree has its special place.
Ev'ry rock knows why it stands there.
Each stream knows where it is flowing.

We've no fire.
We are cold and have no fire.
Have no fire.

Notes & Translations

Japanese Snow Song

Snow is falling, kon, kon,
Hail is falling, kon, kon,
The more it falls, the more it
lies.

Snow is falling, kon, kon,
Hail is falling, kon, kon,
Little snow flowers bloom on
the tree.

Snow is falling,
Falling gently,
Gently it will grow.

Snow is whirling, swirling,
twirling,
All 'round Hokkaido.

Snow is falling, kon, kon,
Hail is falling, kon, kon,
The more it falls, the more it
lies.

Snow is falling, kon, kon,
Hail is falling, kon, kon,
Little snow flowers bloom on
the tree.

Hills are wearing white,
White cotton blankets,
Snowy blankets in the night.

Trees bear silver buds,
Buds that blossom,
Blossom flow'rs of white.

Snow is falling, kon, kon,
Hail is falling, kon, kon,
The more it falls, the more it
lies.

Snow is falling, kon, kon,
Hail is falling, kon, kon,
Little snow flowers bloom on
the tree.

Snow is falling,
Falling gently.
Snow.

NOTE: The phrase kon, kon is a
Japanese expression for the
falling motion of snow.

Notes & Translations

Snow by Morning

By Joshua Shank

Snow by Morning is based on a poem by 20th century poet and playwright May Swenson. It evokes the feeling of a coming snow which will blanket the earth. Told in a magical, whimsical manner, the words draw you into the beautiful sights and fun of a new snow, reminding us all of our childhood.

Combined with the beautiful, playful score composed by a highly imaginative new composer, Joshua Shank, we can't help but be drawn in by the feeling of falling snowflakes accumulating for the first time in winter. It's magical!

Glow

By Eric Whitacre

Eric Whitacre is an American composer and conductor. Born in Reno, Nevada, he relocated to Los Angeles, CA after earning a master's degree in composition at the Juilliard School of Music. His album "Light & Gold" won a Grammy Award in 2012 for Best Choral Performance.

"Glow" was written in collaboration with Disney especially for Disney's World of Color – Winter Dreams show. The song premiered in 2013 at Disneyland in California. It included over 1400 singers, representing all 50 states. Each member submitted a video recording, and the piece was performed in a virtual choir format.



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