

**The Salt Lake Symphonic Choir** among the largest independent Choirs in America. In its nearly 60 years of performing, the Choir has toured in excess of 200,000 miles and presented more than 900 concerts throughout the United States, Canada, Russia and Armenia, performing for civic music series, cultural organizations, colleges, universities and community groups.

**Michael D. Huff, D.M.A., Director:** We are proud to introduce Dr. Michael D. Huff as our new Music Director. Michael holds music degrees from the University of Utah and Arizona State University. A freelance musician he is in steady demand as a pianist, conductor, arranger, and event producer. He spent over a decade as Associate Conductor and Principal Accompanist for the Utah Symphony Chorus, and was Conductor of the South Davis Civic Chorale and Orchestra. He has led choirs for the LDS Church's Worldwide General Conference on several occasions, and is presently working on a workshop series designed to assist Utah's vast community of LDS Church choir directors. Michael and his wife, Susan, are parents of six children.

**Christmas Homily: Emma Lou Thyne:** has written fourteen books of poetry, fiction, essays, and travel stories. She has been widely anthologized and has published internationally on kinship and peace among people and nations. She has been active in encouraging public attention to the mental health, spiritually, and the advancement of women. Her words to the hymn, "Where Can I Turn for Peace?" have been translated into dozens of languages as has her chap book of poems about war and the environment, *How Much for the Earth?* (1983). Emma Lou taught English and Poetry and was the women's tennis coach at the University of Utah, where she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2000. She was awarded the same from Salt Lake Community College in 2003. The Emma Lou Thyne Community Service Center is a source of great joy as it provides students and faculty at the Salt Lake Community College with broad opportunities to serve. Emma Lou has been married to Mel Thyne for 58 years and has 5 daughters and sons-in-law, 18 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

### Looking Ahead:

- \* Don't miss our next Concerts on June 6-7, 2008 • Libby Gardner Hall at the U. • Commemorating D-Day • Requiem by John Rutter; Testament of Freedom by Randall Thompson • featuring the 23rd Army Band.
- \* We will soon announce our 2008/2009 season, which will include performances of The Creation to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Franz Josef Haydn's death.
- \* "Symphonic" will tour Italy in Fall, 2009. Contact Greg Bettinson (801) 278-1944 to see how you can be part of the excitement.
- \* We rely on our donor's generosity to fund this great choir. Please contact Phil Maestas (801) 718-6851 to see how you can be a Patron of the Arts!
- \* Join us! We have openings for Tenors and Basses, starting in January. Contact Jan Marsh (801) 446-9987.



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THE INTERNATIONALLY  
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# SALT LAKE SYMPHONIC CHOIR



**Dr. Michael D. Huff – Director**  
Armont Willardsen – Founding Director  
George A. Welch – Director Emeritus  
Natalie Campbell, Accompanist  
Eric Chaffey, Organist

*Presents*



## *The Story of Christmas*

in Sacred Word & Music

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.



*For thirty-four years, the Story of Christmas in Sacred Word,  
and Song has drawn audiences to its warm and ambient celebration....  
Proclaiming the miracle of "Emmanuel".*



### Call to Worship **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*F. Oakley, W.T. Brooke/J.F. Wade • Arranged by John Rutter*

*Choir and Congregation:*

*1. 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:*

*2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest:  
Chorus*

**Chorus:** *O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning  
Jesu, to thee be all glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:  
Chorus*

### Welcome and Opening Prayer, Mike McIntire **This Christmastide (Jessye's Carol)**

*Donald Fraser*

Isaiah 40:1-5 – David Pendell

### **Summer In Winter Carol**

*Kenneth Jennings • Text by Richard Crashaw (c. 1613-1649)*

Isaiah 40:10-11 – Cyndie Manning

### **Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd**

*Michael Huff (b. 1962) • Text by Mary B. Wingate (b. 1899)*

Matthew 1: 18-25 – Julie McCarthy

### **When Joseph Went to Bethlehem**

*Words: Bessie Saunders (b. 1898) • Music: I. Reed Payne (b. 1930) • Arranged by Michael Huff*

Luke 2: 1-7 – Janie Tyler

### **Away In a Manger**

*Traditional • Arranged by Lowell Durham*

Isaiah 9:2, 6 – George Danielson

### **Come, Thou Long Expected Savior**

*Words: Charles Wesley & A.T. Gurney • Music: John Wyeth (1770-1858) • Arranged by Mack Wilberg*

Christmas Homily – Emma Lou Thayne

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

*Charles Wesley/Felix Mendelssohn • Arranged by John Rutter*

*Choir and Congregation:*

*1. 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 th'angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*

*2. Hail the heav'nborn 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.*

### **Where Shepherds Lately Knelt**

*Carl Schalk*

Luke 2: 8-14 – Carolyn Tinsch

### **Glory to God in the Highest**

*Randall Thompson*

Luke 2:15-20 – David Gray

### **Lullabye**

*Frederick Keel • Arr.anged Bernell W. Hales*

### **Lux Arumque**

*Eric Whitacre*

Matthew 2: 3-12; John 3:16 – Alan Done

### **The First Nowell**

*Traditional • Arranged by John Rutter*

*Choir and Congregation:*

*1. The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!  
Verse 2 (Choir only)*

*4. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!*

Closing Prayer, George Welch

### **Silent Night**

*Words: Josef Mohr (1792-1848) • Translated by John F. Young (1820-1885) • Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863) • Arranged by Michael Huff*