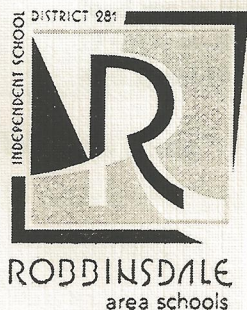The Luther College Doepartment of Music

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Sunday, 12 January 1997
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Part One

"Resonet in laudibus"

Jacob Handl
(1550-1591)

setting by Z. Randall Stroope
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Translation:
Let Zion resound in praises with the joyful acclaim of the faithful.

"Sing unto God" (*Judas Maccabaeus*)

George Frederic Handel
(1685-1750)

"Universi, qui te expectant"

Johann Ernst Eberlin
(1702-1762)

edited by David Stein
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Translation:
All the faithful, whose hope is in thee, shall not be put to shame.
Show me thy ways, teach me thy paths,
lead me in thy truth and teach me. Alleluia.
O show us thy unfailing love and steadfast mercy toward us,
and grant to us thy gracious salvation. Alleluia.

"Wassail Song"

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

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"Los Reyes Magos" *(Navidad Nuestra)*   Ariel Ramirez
                                                                  (b. 1921)

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Translation:
Three Kings come riding from afar:
Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar.
They bring a poncho white and warm,
They bring him honey and cakes Christmas morn.
See how sweetly Baby Jesus sleeps,
Before Melchoir, Gaspar, and Balthazar,
See the weary kings who traveled far,
Bringing their gifts and following the star.
Good cakes they bring and honey sweet besides,
Then Jesus wakes and laughter lights his eyes.
The Infant wakes and then he smiles,
And when he smiles see the sun light the skies.

"Fum, Fum, Fum"   *Catalonian Carol,*
                                                    arr. Mack Wilberg

Andrew French & Paul E. Oakley, pianists
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"A la Nanita nana"   *Spanish Carol,*
                                                   arr. Norman Luboff

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Translation:
Sleep, sleep, my little Jesus. May peace attend thee.
Lord God, who watches o'er thee, Sweet dreams will send thee.
To the world, little child, New hope thou art bringing.
All the world thy praises singing. God's angels hov'ring o'er thee sing Alleluia.

"De Mornin' Come"   *West Indian Christmas Song*
                                                   arr. Wendall Whalum

Tyler Brandt, tenor
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Part Three

"Ya Ba Bom"
Israeli Folk Song,
arr. Maurice Goldman
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"Go, Tell it On the Mountain"
African-American Spiritual,
arr. Harold M. Best
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"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"
Ralph Blane,
arr. David Maddux
Jonathan Lasch, baritone
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"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"
arr. Jerry Rubino
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The Robbinsdale-Armstrong Chamber Singers

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Sandra Shallcross

Nancy Singer

Jessica Timman

Dennis Jewett is the Choral Director and vocal music instructor at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School in Plymouth, MN; moving from a similar position at Eagan High School in Eagan, MN a year ago.

Mr. Jewett became the Associate Music Director, and Bass Section Leader for the Bach Society of Minnesota in 1987. In addition, he sings in the Sebastian Singers and appears frequently with the Society as both a soloist and conductor.

Mr. Jewett is frequently a workshop leader on the changing voice and appropriate choral literature for middle school choirs. He has conducted the North Central ACDA Junior High Honor Choir in Lincoln, Nebraska, the North Carolina Junior High All-State Choir, the Wisconsin Junior High All-State Choir, the Kenai District Festival in Soldatna, Alaska, the Huntsville All-City Choir, and the Dekalb County All-District Choir in Decatur, Georgia. He is actively involved in the American Choral Director's Association and the Minnesota Music Educators Association. Mr. Jewett is the Music Director for Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Edina, MN.

The Chamber Singers of Robbinsdale-Armstrong High School is a highly select group of singers drawn from a choral program of 425 students. The group is largely comprised of Juniors and Seniors (with one Sophomore in this year's ensemble), and they meet twice weekly for rehearsal. The students all participate in one of the larger choral ensembles (Select Choir or Concert Choir.)

They have just returned from Washington D.C. where they performed at the White House, on Capitol Hill, and at the National Cathedral. In addition the holiday repertoire heard on tonight's concert was performed at the Governor's Mansion for a KARE-11 television Morning Show. They performed as guest artists on the Holiday Classic concerts of the Bach Society of Minnesota. Last year they toured to Boston, Massachusetts with the Select Choir of Armstrong High School. The Chamber Singers have received Superior ratings at Region Contests since the founding of the ensemble in 1970.

Paul E. Oakley is the Music Director and Conductor of the Bach Society of Minnesota, and the Northstar Choral Festival. He is the Minister of Worship for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Edina, and frequently appears playing keyboards for the Minnesota Orchestra.

Mr. Oakley is in increasing demand as a choral and orchestral conductor, concert organist, lecturer, writer, and adjudicator. He frequently conducts festival choirs, honor choirs, and All-State Choruses (including the 1996-97 Minnesota All-State Mixed Chorus). His concert career has led him throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Continental Europe, Australia, and the Caribbean. Under his baton the choruses of the Bach Society of Minnesota have performed at two national and two regional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association.