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♪ GAYLORD COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA

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Gaylord Community Choir

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
7:00 PM
A. L. GORNICK AUDITORIUM

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PROGRAM

GAYLORD COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

A Festive Fanfare

Brian Balmages

Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24

O'Niell/Kinkel, arr. Phillips

O Magnum Mysterium

Morton Lauridsen, arr. Dackow

A Vaughan Williams Christmas

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Wagner

The Polar Express

Silvestri/Ballard, arr. Brubaker

HALFWAY NORTH BARBERSHOP QUARTET

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas (Hippo the Hero)

Words & Music by John Rox, arr. Manoj Padki

The Little Boy that Santa Forgot

Words & Music by T. Connor, J. Leach, & M. Carr;
arr. by Barbershop Harmony Society

GAYLORD COMMUNITY CHOIR

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. Leavitt

Joy to the World/For Unto Us

arr. Jamey Ray, accompanied by Rokko Jans

Hodie

Jacob Narverud, accompanied by Rokko Jans

Let There be Peace on Earth

arr. Craig Courtney, accompanied by Laurel Marshall

~ INTERMISSION ~

GAYLORD COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Christmas Rocks at the Pops

arr. Ralph Ford

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

arr. Jerry Brubaker

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson

HALFWAY NORTH BARBERSHOP QUARTET

White Christmas

Words & Music by Irving Berlin, arr. Tom Gentry

GAYLORD COMMUNITY CHOIR

Ose Shalom (a Hebrew prayer for peace)

John Leavitt

Accompanied by Laurel Marshall - piano,
Elizabeth Olson - clarinet, & Brian Peterson - cello

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

arr. John Rutter

Directed by Garrett Glass, Accompanied by Jan Johnson

GAYLORD COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA & CHOIR

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Dan Forrest

Christmas Carol-oke

arr. Larry Clark

Please use the song sheet in your program to sing along with us!

GAYLORD COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

JIM VAN EIZENGA, CONDUCTOR

Violin I

Eugenia Cho **
Joanna Van Eizenga
Claire Acheson
Lorna DeMeritt-Uber
JoLee Hurren
LaNae Hostetler

Violin II

Kaylah Parshall *
Cheryl Staats
Sandra Davies-Webster
Clare Heidtke
Carol Raznik
Sharon M. Peters
Sarah Peck

Viola

Lauren Williams*
Chase Dorko
Sara Craft
H. Sawyer Hamilton
Paige Baird
Stephen Jaquith
Sue Burk
Matthew Palmer

Cello

Cynthia Atkinson*
Lauren Tiffany
Brian Peterson
Claire Questad
Stephanie Kerwin

Double Bass

Sue McRae*
Clarke Scherer

Flute

Grace Olson*
Jane Ann Bahr
Cheryl Ogonowski

Oboe

Fay Wojtkowiak*
Katie Doud

Clarinet

Elizabeth Olson*
Carly Tyran

Bassoon

Drew Hinderer*
Jack Dwyer

Horn

Laura Hood*
Jenny Wagner
Tracy Texter
Daniel Dorrance

Trumpet

Richard R. Wagner*
Christopher S. Olson
Jake Bronson

Trombone

Edward R. Bahr*
Christina Warren
Aaron Hotelling

Tuba

Brandon Bruce*

Timpani

Jason Heering*

Percussion

Frank Haddas*
Liam Kieliszewski
Christopher Peterson
Hayden Smith
Justin Woolsey

Piano

Rokko Jans*

* Principal Player

** Guest Concertmaster

GAYLORD COMMUNITY CHOIR

JAN JOHNSON, DIRECTOR

SOPRANOS

Elizabeth Beauregard
DeeDee Berlin
Peggy Braden
Sue Fuelling
Sandy Mammoser
Kris Page
Sarah Peterson
Jackie Smith

ALTOS

Rebekah Brown
Joan Deweerd
Cindy Fitzgerald
Sally Hanes
Nancy Pike
Charlotte Rakich

TENORS

Paul Balliet
Ryan Gorman
Chuck Hughes
Rokko Jans
Josh Lochinski
Christopher S. Olson

BASSES

Roger Brummel
Garrett Glass
Dennis Loar
Theo Lovelace
Tom Mammoser
Gary Waldo

ACCOMPANISTS

Rokko Jans
Jan Johnson
Laurel Marshall

HALFWAY NORTH

BARBERSHOP QUARTET

Chuck Hughes, Tenor
Josh Lochinski, Lead
Garrett Glass, Baritone
Tom Mammoser, Bass

ALPINE BELLS

DAWN LEICHTNAM, DIRECTOR

Kami Knopp
Sandy Mammoser
Marie Miller
Barbara Rolinski
Larissa Waltman

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MEET THE DIRECTORS

JIM VAN EIZENGA, GAYLORD COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR

Our music director, Jim Van Eizenga, has been conducting the GCO since 2011. He has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Western Michigan University and a Master's degree from Michigan State University.



Jim is the Director of Orchestras at Novi High School and currently serves as President-Elect of the board of the Michigan chapter of the American String Teachers Association. Other Northern Michigan musical pursuits include directing the Alpena Symphony Orchestra and the orchestra pit for Gaylord Community Productions. As a violist, Jim performs regularly with local and regional symphonies.

JAN JOHNSON, GAYLORD COMMUNITY CHOIR DIRECTOR

Jan Johnson has been the organizer/director of the Gaylord Community Choir since 2010. The choir rehearses for a few weeks each summer for an outdoor patriotic concert with the Community Band, then again in November for this Christmas concert. She regards it as a privilege to work with these fine local musicians! Jan earned her music degree from Spring Arbor University in 1974, with continuing education through MSU. She began her career teaching vocal music in Grayling for three years, before taking time off to start her family. She returned to teaching here in Gaylord, teaching elementary music and secondary choirs until she retired in 2007. She enjoyed teaching her own daughters and hundreds of students, also singing and playing flute with music groups in the area.

As a member of the Michigan School Vocal Music Association, she toured Europe twice with choral groups of fellow directors. Jan spent several summers as music director for Gaylord Community Productions. Since retiring, she takes every opportunity to pursue her love of singing in choirs, as a member of Gaylord Methodist Church's choir and the Little Traverse Choral Society. She has been married for 26 years to Gary Johnson, also a retired teacher.



CHRISTMAS CAROL-OKE SING-ALONG

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O, CHRISTMAS TREE

O, Christmas tree, o, Christmas tree thy leaves are so unchanging
O, Christmas tree, o, Christmas tree thy leaves are so unchanging
Not only green when summer's here but also when it's cold and drear
O, Christmas tree, o, Christmas tree thy leaves are so unchanging

JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh
Over the hills we go, laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring, making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh.

DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls with boughs of holly Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la
'Tis the season to be jolly Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la
Don we now our gay apparel Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la, la, la
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

JOLLY OLD SAINT NICHOLAS

Jolly Old St. Nicholas, lean your ear this way.
Don't you tell a single soul what I'm going to say.
Christmas Eve is coming soon. Now you dear old man,
Whisper what you'll bring to me. Tell me if you can!

CHRISTMAS CAROL-OKE SING-ALONG

PAGE 2

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Glo----ria, In excelsis Deo. Glo----ria, In excelsis Deo

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night.
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep In heavenly peace.

UP ON THE HOUSETOP

Up on the housetop reindeer pause.
Out jumps dear old Santa Claus.
Down thru' the chimney with lots of toys,
all for the little ones' Christmas joy.
Ho, Ho, Ho! Who wouldn't go?
Ho, Ho, Ho! Who wouldn't go?
Up on the housetop, click, click, click,
Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!