

# Fa-la-la-la-lots

of **holiday concerts** coming your way!

The Plano Civic Chorus will perform Handel's *Messiah* this holiday season.



Artistic Director **Ralph Frederick Stannard** conducts the chorus.  
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## **Messiah**

Long cherished as a favorite of the Christmas season, George Frideric Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*, will be performed by the **Plano Civic Chorus** on Saturday, December 19. The chorus will be accompanied by the Dallas Chamber Orchestra and will feature four soloists: soprano Jennifer Chung, contralto Emily Hoskin, tenor Jonathan Yarrington, and bass Chung-Han Yi.

"Attending a performance of *Messiah* is not only a wonderful listening experience, it is a deeply moving, spiritual experience as well,"

says **Ralph Frederick Stannard**, Artistic Director and conductor of the chorus.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano. Tickets are \$20; \$25 at the door. Student tickets are free due to a generous sponsorship by Target. Call 972.606.5220 or visit [planocivicchorus.org](http://planocivicchorus.org).

## Choral music abounds this Christmas, so enjoy these sounds of the season

### **Holiday Unity Concert**

Three hundred student voices from Plano's three senior high schools will unite in a **Holiday Unity Concert** on Thursday, December 10. The choirs will perform *Gloria* by John Rutter, and will be accompanied by members of the Dallas Wind Symphony. The concert will be held at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 online or \$10 at the door. Call 469.752.9841 or visit [planounitychoir.com](http://planounitychoir.com).

### **Let it Snow!**

According to the **Rich-Tones**, they're not your grandma's barbershop. They're a five-time internationally recognized chorus comprised of highly trained and talented arrangers,

choreographers, and singers. The Rich-Tones presents **Let is Snow!** on Saturday, December 12 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Eisemann Center. Call 972.744.4650 or visit [richtones.org](http://richtones.org).



## Madrigal Dinner

A turreted stone bridge over an entrance moat will lead into the Great Hall of a medieval castle as the **Plano Senior High School Choral Department** presents its festive fundraising event, **Madrigal Dinner**, December 4–5 in the school's cafeteria. Guests will be treated to a holiday feast and be entertained by jesters, singers, dancers, and Merlin the Magician. Highlighting the festivities will be the **Chamber Singers** performing a repertoire of holiday madrigals from the Renaissance era. *Madrigal Dinner* begins at 7 p.m., and tickets are available at [pshschoir.com](http://pshschoir.com).

## Younger Generation Chorus

The **Younger Generation Chorus**, a children's chorus with boys and girls in fourth through eighth grades, presents a free concert on Friday, December 11 called **Dance, Love, Sing, Live**.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys will benefit the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Reformed Church in Plano. A reception follows. Call 972.596.9620 or visit [youngergeneration.org](http://youngergeneration.org).

## My Spirit Rejoices: A Celebration of Advent and the Christmas Season

Together with the chancel choir of **Northway Christian Church, The Texas Voices**, directed by Alan Dyer, will celebrate Advent with a splendid array of holiday music on Sunday, December 6. The concert will feature *Magnificat*, a joyous cantata by Debra Scroggins. The Texas Voices' holiday silent auction will be part of the festivities. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Northway Christian Church in Dallas. Call 214.384.6336 or visit [thetexasvoices.org](http://thetexasvoices.org).

## Winter Lights... A Twinkle, A Flicker, A Glow

Light up your evening Monday, December 14 as the Children's Chorus of Collin County presents its annual holiday concert. **Winter Lights...A Twinkle, A Flicker, A Glow** is at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano and will feature **The Davidson Brothers**. Tickets are \$8 for adults; free for children. Call 972.941.9600 or visit [childrenschorusofcollincounty.org](http://childrenschorusofcollincounty.org).

## Do you hear what I hear?

Join the **Allen Symphony Chorus** and the **Allen District Honor Choir** for an evening filled with your holiday favorites. *Joy to the World* by John Rutter and *Home Alone: Three Holiday Songs* by John Williams are on the program. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Friday, December 18 at Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church. Call 972.359.0656 or visit [allenphilharmonic.org](http://allenphilharmonic.org).

## Plano Children's Christmas Parade

It's the most wonderful time of the year...for a Christmas parade! Drill teams will shimmer in their uniforms to the beats of the marching bands. Colorful floats will carry Scouts and YMCA Guides and Princesses. Dignitaries will wave from their classic cars, and Santa will no doubt chuckle a hearty "ho-ho-ho" when he rides through Plano.

"Our parade is bringing the magic of Christmas to Plano!" said **Ken Gleason**, secretary of the **Plano Early Lions Club**.

Themed "It's a Magical Christmas," the **Plano Children's Christmas Parade** is Saturday, December 12 at 9 a.m. The route begins at Plano Senior High School and moves north to Spring Creek Parkway, ending at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. It is sponsored by NBC 5 and the City of Plano.

Before the parade, enjoy an "all you can eat" **Pancake Feed** at the school's cafeteria. From 6:30–11 a.m., the **First United Methodist Men** will be cooking stacks of hot pancakes and sausage for \$5 (\$4 for children). Proceeds benefit Plano food pantries. Call 972.985.8260 or visit [planotxchristmasparade.com](http://planotxchristmasparade.com)



Children join Santa for a Pancake Feed before the parade. Profile photo/Mike Newman