Symphonic Organ Christmas Spectacular

with

Rodney Barbour At the Harrah Symphonic Organ

I. Overture

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing...arr. Dan Miller

II. Thanksgiving Leftovers

Now Thank We All our God
Fanfare...arr Paul Manz
Sing: Now Thank We All our God

- 1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed; And guard us through all ills in this world, till the next!

Improvisation ... arr. S. Karg-Elert

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing...arr. Joel Raney
We Thank Thee O God...J.S. Bach
Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart...arr. J. LeDoux Brown

III. The Story of Christmas

Christmas Celebration...arr. Don Phillips

Prophecy

O Come, O Come Emmanuel...arr. Susan Caudill (sing: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel)

Birth

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly...arr. Jeanette Keyser

*He is Born...*arr. Albin Whitworth

O Little Town of Bethlehem...Lewis H. Redner (sing: O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light, the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.)

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella...Keith Chapman <u>Visitors</u>

To Bethlehem We Go...Helmut Walcha

Fanfare: Angels from the Realms of Glory...arr. Susan Caudill (sing: Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.)

Kings of Orient...arr. Fred Bock

<u>Fulfillment</u>

Joy to the World...arr. Virgil Fox

(sing: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, no thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.)

What Child is This?...arr. Richard Purvis

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen...arr. Myron Roberts

Intermission

IV. We Celebrate Christmas

We Need a Little Christmas/O Christmas Tree..arr. Barbour

The Twelve Days of Christmas...arr. Barbour (sing: On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me: a partridge in a pear tree two turtle doves three French hens

four calling birds
five golden rings
six geese a-laying
seven swans a-swimming
eight maids a-milking
nine ladies dancing
ten lords a-leaping
eleven pipers piping
twelve drummers drumming)

The Twelve Days After Christmas... Frederick Silver

Silent Night ... arr. Barbour

(sing: Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.)

Festive Encore: We Wish You a Merry Christmas...arr Dan Miller

A reception will follow in the Narthex

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