

# Easter meets Christmas

## The Programme

House Announcement  
Opening Prayer  
A word of welcome  
Concert Introduction

### Easter

Selah (a Hebrew word meaning to raise up or to ascend)

Composer: **Ray Holman**, Soloist – **Fidel Guerra**  
Dance Soloist: **Anisa Lewis**: Choreography by **Adele Bynoe**

Theme from Schindler's List

Music by John Williams: violin Soloist – **Ellen Klodozá**  
Dance Soloist: **Anisa Lewis**: Choreography by **Adele Bynoe**

Stay with Me

Words and Music by **Heather Sorenson**

Hear My Prayer

Words and Music by **Moses Hogan**

Down to the river to pray.

Arranger: **Mary McDonald**: Words and Music by **Ken Medema**

The Lamb is crucified.

Words and Music by **Michael E. Showalter** (ASCP)

I know that my Redeemer Liveth

Soloist: **Edward Cumberbatch**: From "The Messiah" by **George Handel**

I Can See (On the Emmaus Road)

Soloist: **Edward Cumberbatch**: Lyrics – **Gloria Gather**: Composer **David Meece**

Psalms 23 (A Psalm of Hope)

Words and Music by **Heather Sorenson**: Based on Psalm 23

Lean On Me with We shall overcome.

Arranger: **Mark Hayes**

### Christmas

Los Sonidos

Band Leader **Joseph Bertrand**

Three Christmas carols

Ascension Male Quartet: **Kerry Shepard, Fidel Guerra, Gary Wilson, Andre Alexander**

A New Noel

Music by **Travis L. Boyd**

Christmas is Coming

Words and Music by **Joel Raney**

A Christmas Blessing with Silent Night

Words by **Pamela Stewart** (BMI): Music by **Lloyd Larson** (ASCAP)

Selah

Composer: **Ray Holman**, Soloist – **Fidel Guerra**

We wish you a Merry Christmas

English Traditional Carol Arranged by **John Rutter**

This programme is dedicated to the life of **Donna-Marie Bertrand**

## ABOUT THE CONCERT:

As the title implies, this choral presentation brings together the passion of the Christian Easter season with the absolute joy of Christmas time. The events have been chronologically reversed so that death precedes birth. The first half of the show is devoted to songs which we believe chronicle the events of Easter from the Garden of Gethsemane to the resurrection and subsequent ascension of Jesus Christ at Pentecost. Of course, there will be gaps in the sequence of events for example Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin and His journey to Mount Calvary among others. But this is a work in progress and as the years go by, the story develops and draws closer and closer to completion until, like *The Mousetrap* of London's West End, we run for seventy years and more!

Christmas, like Easter, is a story with a beginning, a middle and an ending. However, unlike our Easter presentation, we have chosen to minimise the sequential aspect of the story and instead take a more general approach which includes both local and international musical items. The second half begins with parang, ends with a Christmas wish to the audience, and is filled in the middle with traditional carols, a couple of local items, and one or two contemporary Christmas songs. We welcome our guest performers **Los Sonidos** to share the stage with us and look forward to future good artistic relations with them. The Christmas segment is indeed a joyous one.



## ASCENSION MEMBERS:

### Soprano

Lorraine Granderson  
Lyris Hodge-Christian  
Josanne Bethelmy  
Colette Harford

### CONCERT CREW:

**Stage Manager:** Asha Stewart

**Assistant Stage Manager:** Kristy-Anne Stephens

**House Manager/Makeup:** Camille Coker

### Contralto

Elaine Thompson  
Diane Renaud  
Adele Bynoe  
Sharon Alexis  
Reita Toussaint

### Tenor

Gary Wilson  
Andre Alexander  
Jamel Williams

### Bass

Kerry Shephard  
Fidel Guerra  
Keanu Francis

## MUSICIANS:

**Keyboard:** Myrtle Cumberbatch

**Keyboard:** John Jacob

**Woodwinds:** Sheldon McShine

**Percussion:** Reita Toussaint

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Ms. Lorraine Granderson  
Mr. Kerry Shephard  
Ms. Adele Bynoe  
Ms. Anisa Lewis  
Dr. Edward Cumberbatch  
Ms. Glenis Yearwood  
Ms. Beverley Hinds  
Ms. Anjanie Seejoor  
Ms. Myrtle Cumberbatch  
Mr. John Jacob  
Ms. Glenda DeSilver